

I. Call to Order & Invocation

The April 13th 2014 vestry meeting was called to order at 11:50am with an invocation by Deacon Janis Hansen. Present were David & Janis Hansen, Frank Ford, Debra McNeil, Don Snyder, Nick & Ashley Pairitz.

II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

*Don Snyder made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes as emailed to all vestry members prior to today's meeting

*Ashley Pairitz seconded

Motion was unanimously passed

III. Reports

a. Clergy Report

Deacon Report (Deacon Janis Hansen)

- Continued work on Legacy project
- Pastoral Care –visited Catherine Doornbos
- Coordinated with Methodists to host at Christ Church
- Conducted Morning Prayer/Eucharist with Fr. Harry
- Preached at 3 services
- Coordinated bulletin with Cody
- Attended prayer retreat lead by Jerry & Fr. Bruce at Lutheran Bible Camp
- Lenten Breakfasts
- Lenten soup & sharing
- Attended Game Night

-No updates on Pastor Ben Nardi's condition. The Methodists have been welcomed to joint services with Christ Church as they wish

b. Senior Warden(Mr. Frank Ford) report will be covered later in the meeting under New Business

c. Junior Warden (Mr. Don Snyder) report

- Updated insurance cards have been placed in the wood bank truck
- There is just short of one full cord of wood in the lot currently
- Wood orders will be filled from the Dillon wood bank for the remainder of the season

-The Assistant Junior Warden (Mr. David Hansen) brought up the question of potentially purchasing wood for use by the Christ Church branch of the wood bank ministry; a safer alternative to felling trees in the forest.

Nick Pairitz then made the vestry aware of a local miller who sells his scrap rounds for \$50/cord and could be potentially purchased from the individual. The miller's interest in donating scrap will be explored. Don said he would contact that individual regarding this.

It was made known to the Jr. Warden that Luke & Christina Cordingley and David Delisi (local community members) have expressed interest in donating labor to the Wood Bank Ministry Ruby Valley branch

The Junior Warden put together a spread sheet (found as Christ Church 2014 Projects on last page of minutes) of Church, Rectory and Parish Hall projects which need done in 2014. The Sr. Warden suggested moving quickly on beginning the projects needing to be performed by contractors, as local contractors are coming into their busy season and will become increasingly difficult to book.

d. Treasures' Report (Ms. Debra McNeil)

- Feb. and March statements from NW energy never came so April's statement will be large as it will include 3 months
- Deb received the annual bill from Trinity for the shared Episcopal Services ad in the Madisonian. The bill also included a share of a special ad for Christmas services. Deb would like to get a copy of the Christmas services ad because she never saw it. She will decline sharing ad space for Christmas services this year as we will have our own color ad again.
- Full Treasurer's Report can be viewed in the Vestry Minute notebook, stored in the Parish Hall office and on the web page

IV. Old Business

a. Outreach Programs

- Youth Ministry, (specifically Children's Chapel) goals include Ashley having a draft of a postcard, which will be mailed to parishioners' and target community members whom may have an interest in Children's Chapel at Christ Church, available for vestry review next meeting as well as more information on materials needed with direction from the Deacon
- July 12th 2014 was proposed for the date of the Community Hike coordinated by Christ Church
- August 23rd 2014 was proposed for the date of Sprinklerama
- Jackson Garden ecumenical service will take place August 3rd 2014
- Jerry Aaker has been approached to potentially coordinate more collaboration with churches in the valley and may lead a prayer retreat in our valley. He has training in this and said he will give it prayerful consideration
- Another potential Game Night was proposed for May and Deb and Ashley will consider and discuss this
- Youth from St. Bartholomew will most likely be coming in 2015 for wood bank volunteering
 - An Episcopal Priest in Missoula may have volunteers interested for wood bank work in 2014

b. Parish Hall Cleaning Agreement

- The current arrangement with Cheri has been going well and she has been doing a good job

- It has been observed that the bathroom in the Parish Hall, however, needs weekly cleaning attention. Cheri has agreed to do this for a minimal extra cost.

*Ashley proposed that Ms. Cheri Lewis be paid to do once weekly bathroom only cleaning, in addition to her current arrangement of once monthly entire parish hall cleanings (and \$30/ cleaning after special events held at hall) at the amount of \$50 total/ month (up from \$45/mth) as suggested by Cheri.

*Don seconded

Motion carried unanimously

c. Safeguard Training Status

- Frank urged completion of online Safeguarding training through the Episcopal Church as required for vestry member.
- Some members have completed all or most while others still must begin or complete this important requirement

V. New Business

a. Mother's Day

- The Senior Warden would like the men of Christ Church coordinate a breakfast at coffee hour for Mother's Day, May 11th
- The men will meet, regarding this, at next week's coffee hour

b. Christ Church Clergy Opportunity

- Our church has been happy with and blessed with our current supply priest arrangement as well as the Deacon's and Father Harry Neely's leadership however, it is the feeling of the vestry and parishioner's that we truly need a full time priest at Christ Church
- The Bishop is receptive to our Deacon, Janis Hansen, becoming a priest based on her current qualifications without attending seminary
- Janis is interested in pursuing priesthood
- The Deacon is willing to change around her personal schedule in order to offer 40 full Eucharist Services/year

Frank pointed out to the Vestry that 2 things must occur for this to happen

- 1.) Deacon Janis must be deemed a suitable candidate for priesthood by the vestry
- 2.) She must be deemed a suitable spiritual leader for Christ Episcopal Church

A letter to this effect, drawn up by the Senior Warden as well as signed paperwork by the vestry stating her suitability as priestly candidate and spiritual leader would need to be presented by the Bishop at the Commission on Ministry meeting. This meeting takes place in May and another in the fall. We would like to have this ready ASAP for the May meeting of the Commission on Ministry.

After the Commission on Ministry meeting, if Deacon Janis is determined as a suitable priestly candidate, with the title of Priest in Charge, our Senior Warden explained that the following will occur

- A mentor for consulting a new priest may be assigned by the Bishop to Janis
- A letter of agreement spelling out duties and compensation for our new priest will be discussed, drawn up, and approved by the vestry
- \$4,000-\$5,000 is estimated amount needed for compensation, C.E. & expenses
- Church insurance needs contacted
- A background check is required for priests and there might be an expense to have this done however the Deacon has recently had a background check and that may fulfill this requirement
- There may be additional expenses incurred by Christ Church in relation to Janis' ordination and joining us as priest-in-charge.
 - One might be the cost of a background check but that has all still to be determined as she recently has had a background check performed in Oregon. This probably wouldn't take place (if needed) until her initial appearance before the COM or perhaps even later
- A provision in Christ Church's agreement with our new priest will allow for an annual review where the priest sits down with the vestry

The Senior Warden notes he believes the demands of the diocese on both she and Christ Church will become apparent as they evaluate Deacon Janis and the situation as Frank sees as a dynamic one.

Discussion with the vestry and Janis and David Hansen took place. They assured commitment and dedication to our church.

Janis and David were excused at 1:25pm in order that the vestry could further discuss this opportunity. Although the general feeling of the vestry members was highly supportive, it was decided by Frank that we should give the matter serious prayerful thought and consideration in regards to Christ Church's benefit from a priest in charge agreement and therefore hold a special meeting on Wednesday April 16th, 2014 at 4:00pm in the parish hall to discuss.

Don motioned to adjourn the vestry meeting at 2:50pm. Next regular vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 11th after coffee hour.

****PLEASE SEE NOTES FROM FRANK ON THE CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY OPPURTUNITY TOPIC AND THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S 2014 PROJECT LIST INCLUDED BELOW THESE VESTRY MINUTES***

*** SITUATIONAL SUMMARY FROM FRANK**

Background to Date

Our Twofold Job is to determine:

1. Suitable candidate for Priesthood that we can/should/will recommend to Bishop
2. Suitable candidate for spiritual leader of Christ Church and under what conditions

Note: We are allegedly pretty free to draw up own terms of LOA

Then:

- Vestry Endorsement (signed by each mbr)
- Diocesan Action: Council of Ministry, etc
- Develop detailed LOA
- Ordination

Priesthood Considerations

- Based on our past experiences, etc. We know her.

Christ Church Considerations

- Availability
 - Janis' proposed personal sked change...short times away w/ two longer "vacations"
 - About 40 full HE services with her here and about 12 MP or Supply Priests
- Duties and Responsibilities of Priest-In Charge
 - "...full authority and responsibility for the conduct of worship and spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish..."
 - No "temporalities"...church revenues and related matters
 - May have assigned Mentor for a while
 - Spell out in detail LOA but basically similar to current situation as far as secular affairs of the church
- Financial Considerations (Currently budget \$6600/yr for clergy)
 - Stipend @ \$100 x 40 = \$4000/yr
 - Expenses= Same as currently budgeted
 - Continuing Educ = \$300/yr
 - Insurance = TBD
 - Background check cost = ??
- Annual Mutual Ministry Review

Christ Church 2014 Projects

<i>Project</i>	<i>Est. Cost</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Sub Category</i>				
Church Building				
Chimney Flashing				
Fly Issue				
External Entry Lights				
HWY Project				
Signage	\$ 800.00	September	October	Upon Completion of HWY by State
Lawn	\$ 350.00	September	October	
Front Plantings	\$ 350.00	September	October	
Landscape Yard				
Sprinklers				Funded by donation of parishioner
Trees Prune/Remove				
Plant New Trees				
Yard Maintenance				
Parish Hall				
Flooring				Require Tech. Advice on Asbestos
Interior Painting				Easier to touch up than clean up!
Exit Sign	\$ -	April	April	
Windows Repair/replace				
Lower to appropriate high				

Relocate Bookcases
Remove Shelving
Replace Curtins
Exterior Paint/Repair
Exterior Ground Fault \$ 100.00 July July David will do this electrical work

Kitchen

Repair/replace vents
Build/install center island
Repair sink Water
Paint

Rectory

Roof/Eaves Paint/repair
Railing back porch
Water service
Garage status
Interior walk through

After Tenant leaves in June