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E-Notices September 17, 2008

This Saturday at Christ Church, September 20, 2008

Saturday Bible Study resumes on Saturday, September 20 at 8:45 am. This class is led by Deacon DeLaney Armstead. The class will be studying the Book of Genesis.

This Sunday at Christ Church, September 21st Fr. Rand Frew Preaching

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00pm

Come join us! Share in worship, renewal, fellowship and song.

Music by Jim Geffert and friends

8:00 am the Holy Eucharist

9:15 am Christian Education for All Ages

Adults in the Guild Room with Fr. Belmore & Jack Guinn, Organist

Youth classes in Room #3, by age groups

Sunday School leaders will be:

Linda Barnes, & Shawn Hayes, grades k-2

Mark Reinert, & Graci Vargas, grades 3-4

Zandra Richardson, & Skip Yarema, grades 5-7

David Martin leader of children's chapel.

10:30 am the Parish Eucharist

September Vestry briefs...

The Vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on Monday September 15. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. The business of the parish was dispatched in an orderly and timely manner. All decisions were reached by consensus and unanimous votes. Actions included the following:

Financial Management and Security

The Parish has opened an account with Fidelity Investments. We are now in a position to sell gifts of stocks and securities on the day that they are

given to the church. If you wish to use appreciated stock assets to pay either your capital or regular pledge, please contact Annie Seay, Parish Administrator.

As previously instructed, the Treasurer and Parish Administrator have deposited in several accounts our cash assets. The Bank of Nevada, on our behalf, has open accounts in 4 different institutions. All cash is now FDIC insured. (Prior to this time all cash assets were with one institution and only the first \$100,000.00 was insured.)

Construction of the new loft to support the Great Organ

The Parish Architect has informed us that the soil testing results were wonderful. We will not have to do extensive foundation work to support the loft. The engineers and architects will submit simultaneously to Christ Church and city/county next week plans for review and approval. Since there are no exterior changes to the property, approval could be a matter of weeks. Once the necessary approvals are received, we will begin the process of interviewing general contractors.

The Epicenter Shade Structure

The vendor of the shade structure has been delayed in construction because of issues with the alley on the west side of the property. Clark County School District has never granted an easement on the alley. CCSD has agreed to provide Christ Church a letter of comfort. This may help us obtain a building permit.

Continuing the Greening of Christ Church

The Rector reported that CCE has entered into a new agreement with Republic Waste Management. We will recycle into one container all paper, plastic, card board, and metals (no glass) thus reducing at least 12 cubic yards into the landfill weekly. Christ Church will not only reduce the landfill waste but the Parish will have an annual reduction on our waste bill of \$2,244.24.

New Business

The Vestry approved a request from Treasure House to disburse to Grace in the Desert, Epiphany and Christ Church \$2,000.00 each for general church purposes from the Treasure House accounts.

The Vestry instructed the Rector to hire an additional nursery worker so that two adults are with the children when the nursery is opened.

In a related manner, to assure that we are “Safe Guarding God’s Children”, the vestry will require background checks through our insurance carrier for all volunteers that work with youth and cost to be paid by the Vestry.

The Vestry asked that realized gains from the McDermott’s Youth Fund limited to \$7,000 be deposited with the Parish Treasurer for the benefit of the youth of Christ Church.

The Vestry approved a rate increase for Columbarium spaces. Effective January 1, 2009 the following changes will be made:

- i. Single Niches now \$300 increase to \$600;
- ii. Double Niches now \$400 increase to \$800 and
- iii. Double Window Niches now \$750 increase to \$1000.
- iv. Urns are sold at replacement cost currently \$300.

All Columbarium sales through December 2008 will be applied to Christ Church’s debt to the Diocese of Nevada.

Bonnie Todd can help you make selections. Call Bonnie at the parish office, 702.735.7655.

Announcements:

Frank Cornett gave a report on the **29th Annual National Acolyte Festival** to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11th in the Washington National Cathedral. We have 13 acolytes and 7 adults going to D.C. In addition to the Festival, Frank has arranged a private tour of the capital and other various sites.

Senior Warden, Linda Barnes, gave a report on Bill Leonard’s preliminary proposal to improve our existing kitchen.

The Rector gave an update from Schantz Organ.

The meeting concludes at 7:47 pm

A Son of the Parish is Back

Christ Church's own Rand Frew is back. Fr. Frew has just returned from the Philippines where through AIDS Action International, he conducts seminars on HIV/AIDS prevention and related topics, and sponsors college students – with one in Thailand. Fr. Frew will be in Las Vegas for a month, and he'll preach today and on Sunday, 12 October. You can reach Fr. Rand through the parish office at 735.7655



Saturday, October 4th, 5:00pm in the Courtyard The Blessing of the Animals

In remembrance of St Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Please come and join us in the courtyard to have your animals blessed. There will be a procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals".

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

