St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Bishop Committee Minutes

March 10, 2016

Call to order with prayer at 6:35 pm

Present: Sarah Rogers, Mark Westin, Jim Foley, Charles Smith, Penny Whitney, Loretta McGinley, Bill Demmon, Bill Fulton, Vicar and Gail Campbell-Ferguson, Clerk.

Absent: Beth Rohlfing and Liz Haney.

Corrections to the February 20, 2016 minutes:

* There will be no Long Range Planning Commissioner for 2016. John Stockwell will continue to chair the building committee and will report periodically to the Bishop’s Committee.
* The title of the minutes was changed from Bishop Committee Meeting Notes to Bishop Committee Meeting Minutes.

These corrections were moved, seconded and passed.

Sign up sheets were passed around for Bishop Person of the Day and suggestions for programs to be presented.

Bible Study:

* Luke 22:7-13 was discussed

Treasurer’s report:

Budget Performance

YEAR TO DATE

$37,026.69

$34,728.24

$ 2,298.45

FEBRUARY 2016

Operating Income $15,384.24

Operating Expenses $16,730.40

Net $(1,346.16)

Jim Foley mentioned the high electric bill. The cost of the exterior lighting on the barn was discussed. It was suggested that Beth Rohlfing investigate various options that may reduce the electric bill.

It was moved, seconded and passed that St. Antony’s will pay the construction bills for the new church directly rather than present them to the diocese for payment. Bill Fulton discussed this option with the diocese and they recommended it.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

The 2015 goals were reviewed. They were:

1. Design a new building. *Completed*
2. Increase attendance by 5%. *There was no increase in attendance.*
3. Post and publish the Bishop’s Committee job descriptions. *Completed.*
4. Develop and distribute a list of congregational offerings, especially pastoral care with responsible person to call. *Partially completed.*
5. Plan and implement congregational retreat. *Plan developed but not implemented.*
6. Hold a mid-year Bishop’s Committee retreat. *Did not occur.*
7. Recruit and train 2 Lay Eucharistic Visitors. *There are now 5 LEVs.*

2016 Goals:

The main goal for 2016 is to make a successful transition to our new church. To accomplish this goal it was suggested that:

* The congregation be kept well informed and that feedback be solicited as construction continues and we transition into the new church building. It was recommended that the process be chronicled.
* Each commission develop a transition plan by July 8, 2016. This would include sorting through extraneous items in our current church and setting them aside to sell at the Barn Sale.
* A new vision for our church in our new building be crafted with the congregation. One method of accomplishing this would be to hold a circle meeting where each person has an opportunity to speak.

Building Report

Father Bill reported that New Fellowship Church has signed the sales agreement to purchase St. Antony’s existing building. The contract has been sent to the diocese. It will be approved and signed on March 17. It is expected that the sale will be finalized by the end of March.

The application for a bridge loan for $285,000 to cover construction expenses until all pledges are fulfilled will be presented to the Diocesan Board of Directors on March 17. John Stockwell and Bill Fulton will meet with the Board at their April meeting to seek their final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Smith discussed the 2016 Mutual Ministry Review. July was suggested as a time for the Vicar and the Bishop’s Committee to conduct this assessment. This would be an opportunity to review the past and future goals for St. Antony’s and evaluate how well they have been and are being accomplished. Various models and criteria for this assessment are listed online. Bill Fulton and Charles Smith will research this.

A $215 scholarship for Christina Escue to attend the Buckaroo session at Camp Houston was moved, seconded and passed.

VICAR’S REPORT

The 2015 Parochial Report was approved.

BISHOP’S WARDEN

For the spring and summer Penny Whitney will be focusing on the preparations for the Barn Sale.

PEOPLE’S WARDEN

See discussion of 2016 Mutual Ministry Review under New Business.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Jim Foley, Treasurer, recommended that the money being spent on advertising in the Kitsap Sun be used to advertise St. Antony’s on Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor.

It was suggested that flyers advertising the Easter Services be distributed in the community. Bill Demmon, Communications Chair, will see that they are handed out. Bill Demmon also mentioned the importance of keeping the sign up sheets in the Narthex orderly.

Loretta McGinley, Parish Life Chair, announced that there will be a renewal of marriage vows ceremony for all who are interested on Saturday April 30. The ceremony will be followed by a dinner at a local restaurant.

All present were reminded to keep Katy Fulton, whose mother passed away, and Beth Rohlfing, whose mother is in the hospital, in our prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Campbell-Ferguson

Clerk