

BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS

December 8, 2016

VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

Stewardship

About 35 pledge cards have been returned, out of about 60 that we hope to get eventually. We need to remind people to return their pledge cards. At our BC meeting we'll divide up the names and write brief thank you notes to those who have pledged so far.

Water problems

1. The day before Thanksgiving, Silverdale Water informed us we had a high-volume leak in our plumbing. I shut off the water and David Sorrell called Robison Plumbing. They came the following Monday and put a new water line between the nave and the basement of the house. The bill came to \$1,637. Do we need to negotiate this with New Fellowship Church? Jim Foley has applied to Silverdale Water to get relief for the very high water bill in November.
2. On Thanksgiving Day, I checked the sump pump outside the north door of the nave and found that it had failed. My son Guy and I bailed it out and got it working again, but the water had already flooded the north end of the nave and soaked the carpet for a radius of about 12 feet. I rented a carpet cleaner and vacuumed up the excess water from the carpet, then we moved the furniture, pulled the carpet back and put blowers on it. On Wednesday of the following week we were able to put the carpet back in place, using a carpet stretcher to get rid of wrinkles. The total cost was about \$70. My thanks to Guy Fulton, Dave Peterson, Beth and Jim Rohlfing, Kristin Robuck, and Charles Smith for their help.

Building delay

The County Department of Community Development has returned our permit application for corrections, including remediation of soil contaminated by diesel fuel from the old farm that used to be on the property. Our engineering firm is working to respond to the County. This will delay the completion of the building until late next year. We'll have to negotiate with New Fellowship Church for more time in our current building, and we may have to pay rent to them.

Housing Allowance

Because clergy do not pay federal income tax on their housing allowance, the housing allowance must be approved by the BC. This year it comes to \$26,131.

Bill Demmon resignation

Because Bill is having heart surgery in 2017 in addition to the press of duties with his new company, he has reluctantly submitted his resignation from the BC. Many thanks to Bill for his dedicated service to the BC.

Nominations

We will need to nominate four persons for Bishop's Committee because of Bill Demmon's resignation.

Deacon in training internship

Gen Grewell, the Archdeacon of the Diocese, asked me if we would be willing to sponsor Bill Thaete as a Deacon-in-Training. Bill is a candidate for the diaconate and will be ordained a permanent deacon at Convention next October.

Thanksgiving dinner

Fifteen people gathered in the parish hall for Thanksgiving dinner. I think everyone enjoyed it very much and I was glad that we provided an opportunity for those who live alone or in retirement facilities to have a homemade dinner with friends.

New members

I met with John and Jane Teller at Starbucks to get to know them, and I met with Emori Moore in my office for a get-to-know-you chat.

2018 Sabbatical

Nothing new to report on the Sabbatical planning. I will take this up again in January.

Child Care

The one person who responded to my last ad didn't follow through so I will advertise again. Kirstin Lamont continues as our regular nursery care provider.

Security System

I haven't been able to get Tri-Tech to check our security system. I will keep trying.

Christmas schedule

We'll have Christmas Eve services at 5 pm and 10:30 pm and one service on Christmas Day at 10 am with music.

Epiphany Eucharist

Declan Jarry and David Wilkinson have offered their home for the Epiphany service and potluck, combined with a house blessing for their house. Because house blessings are traditional during Epiphany, I think this would be a lovely way to celebrate Epiphany.

Vacation December 27-29

I would like to use the last few days of my vacation time during the week after Christmas.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – Penny Whitney

No report.

PEOPLES' WARDEN – Charles Smith

Wow, what a busy November we had. Many things to be thankful for and some to be thankful that we endured such as the water leak and separate but co-event of water in the sanctuary. Both could have been much worse but, by the grace of God, we were notified about the leak and could shut it off until it could be repaired. Also by God's grace, Fr. Bill checked on the sump pump and could make temporary repairs to the out-flow hose before more water entered the building. No programs were canceled, not even the Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Antony's which occurred in the middle of it all.

Is God's grace watching over us or is it something more? I wonder if God is saying, pay attention to Advent and how I am preparing you during this season of preparation?

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP –Jim Foley

No report.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – Sarah Rogers

See Building Committee report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – John Stockwell

The Building Committee met as scheduled December 1, 2016

Meeting opened with a prayer provided by Fr. Bill

Architect and Design Committee

Progress has been made toward resolving issues raised in the DCD "Red Line" comments. I met with MAP Ltd. and was shown that they had received the "Red Line" drawings back from DCD. The major item to be addressed was the area of soil where it appears that diesel or heating oil had been spilled on the ground. Action has been taken to discover the exact area of potential contamination and requirements for remediation. A complete report is available for review. I have authorized Resolve Environmental & Geotechnical Services to move forward with the remediation. Another item was the ability of a standard garbage truck to access the proposed 6-yard size dumpster (not on wheels). Mike Wright of RFM contacted me regarding a smaller size dumpster. I told him a 3-yard dumpster (on wheels) will be sufficient as we are currently using 3 garbage cans. Mike has contacted Waste Management to have them write the necessary letter to be sent to DCD. Other items are being addressed in order to meet DCD time of response commitment.

Capital Campaign Committee

As the end of the year approaches the committee expects pledge payments and gifts to increase for tax purposes. As of last report the total pledged remains \$462,227 and \$272,254 has been received. The remaining balance is \$189,973.

Sales Committee

The new tarps to cover the barn have been delivered and will soon be placed over the roof to protect the barn and lumber inside

Transition Committee – No report

Next meetings: January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION – Charles Smith

Vicar Bible Study: continues to meet

Book Studies: none at this time

Sunday school: The discernment group met in November to further our discussion on primary aged lesson plans for 2017-18 and beyond. The group is reviewing its notes before meeting to decide.

The current Sunday school is already underway. This includes a week night group lead by Beth Roling and Fr. Bill for our youth that are approximately 13 years old. They are utilizing several of the options provided in the Rite 13 program.

Vacation Bible School: Already completed for 2016; planning for 2017 has not begun.

J2A (Journey to Adulthood): J2A is the middle of a 3-program set. We were using this at the beginning of 2016. This class has wrapped up. Currently we are using the first program in the 3-program set, Rite 13, see Sunday school above.

Centering Prayer: Centering Prayer is being offered Sunday afternoons at 5 PM in Advent.

Nursery: Nothing to report.

Wednesday night program: watch for the artwork this program will produce and discuss as its Advent program.

Spiritual Direction: Nothing to report.

Discernment: Two separate groups are meeting. One is discerning about what St. Antony's Sunday school will look like in the future (see above). The other is a discernment group for ordination.

Little Sisters of St. Clare: Nothing to report

Come and See: The next Come and See...Go and Tell weekend will be in spring 2017.

Kairos: Charles has been invited to be part of the team for Kairos 60 in Monroe, April 27-30, 2017.

EfM: Education for Ministry (EfM) is well into their program year; however, they are always eager to answer questions. Kathy & Larry Little are participating this year. Please see Kathy Little for more information.

ST. ANTONY'S YOUTH – Charles Smith

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant began in November. The final rehearsal will be this Sunday, the 11th of December. The Pageant is scheduled for the 18 December, 2016.

The youth group has been shopping for two youth, one boy and one girl as part of the Christmas Angel program.

The next youth Sunday will be the 29th of January. Many youth have already signed up and the list has been forwarded to Linda to aid her efforts as she prepares the January schedule.

The youth group will meet tomorrow, the 9th of December to bake cookies prior to the second annual Advent Cookie Exchange. We will also continue our discussion and proceed to elect a youth member to the 2017 Bishop's Committee. It is understood that this youth's name will appear on the annual meeting ballot for full parish ratification of the youth's election of a youth delegate to the Bishop's Committee.

We have scheduled the Spaghetti Dinner, youth group fundraiser, for Saturday, 11 February 2017.

WELCOME COMMITTEE – Sarah Rogers

We are excited to offer the first Episcopal 101 class this Sunday. We have decided to take a wait and see approach before offering the second part of the class. We hope to offer this class at least twice a year going forward. We have almost completed an update to the St. Antony's brochure.

I will not be in attendance at this meeting due to Luke's Christmas recital.

PARISH LIFE – Loretta McGinley

No report.

MUSIC, LITURGY AND WORSHIP – Mark Westin

No report.

ENVIRONMENT – Beth Rohlfing

No report.

OUTREACH – Liz Haney

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Bill Demmon

No report.