

BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 2017

VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

Special Meeting on Sunday, February 19

I want to thank you for attending the special meeting of the BC on Sunday, February 19. I think we made an honest assessment of the difficulties associated with our proposed move to the rental house on the new property, and we made a good decision to remain in our current facility. It's difficult to change course once a decision has been made, but sometimes it's necessary.

Meeting with New Fellowship Church

Charles Smith, John Stockwell, David Sorrell and I met with the leadership of New Fellowship Church on March 2 and went over the details of our rental agreement with them. The biggest change is that they're asking us to pay \$1,200 a month in rent, \$200 more than we had anticipated. I've listed all the changes in a separate document that I'll send you.

New Worship Times of 7:30 am and 9:00 am

As we planned, On Sunday, March 1, I announced to the congregation the changes in worship times. I was pleasantly surprised with the positive reactions I got. People said, "We can make this work." I also sent an email to the congregation and asked Linda to send a paper letter by snail mail to those who have no email.

How to shorten the 9:00 Eucharist

I want to make sure we end the 9:00 Eucharist in time for New Fellowship to start at 10:30. Often the 10:00 Eucharist ends at 11:15 or 11:20. I think we need to shoot for a service that goes about an hour and five minutes. At our meeting, let's discuss how we might accomplish that.

Reschedule April BC Meeting

Gail reminded me that our next meeting falls on April 13, Maundy Thursday, when we have a Eucharist scheduled. I suggest we move the meeting to the next Thursday, April 20.

Moved Office

As part of our agreement with New Fellowship Church, I have moved my office downstairs. It's a little small, but luckily my office computer is able to use the internet and to print.

Godly Play workshop

On Saturday, March 4, Mary Zabinski, Aina Zabinski and I attended a training workshop for Godly Play teachers at St. Thomas, Medina. I was a delightful session and I learned a

lot.

Scholarship request for Christina Escue

Every year we offer our children a one-third scholarship to Camp Huston. A third is paid by the diocese, and the family pays a third. This year Christina Escue has requested a scholarship for the horse camp July 30 to August 5. One-third of the cost comes out to \$225.

Parochial Report

Linda, Jim Foley and I are working on the annual parochial report that is sent to the national church and the diocese. We should have this for you to approve at our meeting this Thursday.

Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday

My thanks to Peter Stockwell for organizing the Pancake Supper and leading the cooking and cleanup. We had 17 people at the noon Ash Wednesday service, and 30 people at the evening service.

Wednesday discussion on Diocesan lawsuit

On Wednesday, February 15, we held a circle discussion about the lawsuit the Diocese has joined against the federal government's ban on travelers from seven mostly Muslim nations. I set up this discussion because there were some strong feelings in the parish about the lawsuit. I think the discussion was helpful. Two people wrote to Bishop Rickel with their concerns and he replied to each of them extensively, copying me with his replies.

Liturgy Workshop for EMs and Readers

On March 18, there will be a workshop for Eucharistic Minister, Readers, and Preachers at Emmanuel, Mercer Island. I plan to attend along with several others.

Vacation plans

I'll be on vacation March 25-31 to visit my son, Chad, and his wife, Brittany, in Washington, D.C. Fr. Dick Scott has agreed to cover in my absence.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – Charles Smith

Transition - This particular goal is shaping up to be one of my theme's, probably for the entire year. I have been welcomed back to the re-constituted transition sub-committee of the building committee. Preparations have been made for the first round changes in our building usage (see Building Committee report). I also was invited to a meeting with New Fellowship Church where we discussed lease agreements (see Vicar's report) and what changes need to be made when the lease takes effect (April 1) and what changes can already be anticipated but don't need to happen this month. This gradual change is

a blessing, we can focus on a few things at a time, and a challenge, we will be constantly in transition and we know how much people don't like change.

Speaking of change - be sure to update your Daytimer / calendar / wherever you keep your appointments to note the new service times that were announced last Sunday. They (7:30 AM and 9:00 AM) take effect April 1. This month (March) the BC will meet in the parish hall; next month we will migrate to the modular.

Bibles - Last year the faith formation commission had a discernment group regarding how we envision Sunday school. Most of this year, 2017, will be the same as we have seen in previous years. The differences are: the older class is linking their program with Rite 13 this school year, and next school year (fall of 2017) we will transition to Godly Play as the curriculum for the younger grades. The teacher for our older class mentioned the Bible work they are doing and challenged the discernment group to select a Bible to be given to each person in the older class / Rite 13 program so they could study, make notes, and generally make it their own. A Bible was selected and a case (12) of Bibles has been ordered. During the BC meeting we will be circulating a thank you note for all of us to sign.

Lord's Neighborhood Diner (LND) - St. Antony's has been involved with LND for many years now. Of all the programs our Outreach commission supports, this is the one that qualifies for support from the Marilyn Brandenburg fund in our Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF). The financial aspect of this support will need consideration by the BC.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN – Heather Carnocki

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Foley

The final version of January's report and the preliminary version of February's report are complete. Giving slowed down a little more than expected after our fast start, so we lost a little more than expected on the month (-\$2,901.22), but are still well in the black YTD (+\$7,857.18).

I have also revised the budget given the changes in rent and reduction in utilities with New Fellowship taking those responsibilities over next month. It shows us being in the red at year's end, but by \$900 less than previously expected.

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

The New Facilities Committee met as scheduled March 2, 2017

Meeting opened with a prayer provided by Fr. Bill

Architect and Design Committee

As of Monday Feb. 27 I was notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology has accepted and approved our environmental report for the remediation work completed at the new site. On March 1 I received confirmation that the Site Development Activity Permit-SDAP has been approved by the DCD. Several bonding requirements are necessary to actually receive the SDAP permit. MAP Ltd. has sent the required Right of Way easement for Storm Water Control to the diocesan office for their signatures and notary. A meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 with Mr. Jeff Rowe-Deputy Director of DCD. The purpose of this meeting is to resolve the occupancy load calculation conflict that has been put forward by DCD against the 250 head count occupancy designated in the CUP and all noted documents provided to DCD by Rice Fergus Miller and MAP Ltd.

Capital Campaign Committee

The generous people of St. Antony's continue their pledges toward the new church building. At this time, 75% of the \$462,227.00 pledged money is in hand.

Sales Committee

Nothing new to report

Transition Committee

A meeting was held with New Fellowship Church leaders to discuss the desired changes now that the 12-month grace period is elapsing. The requested changes, adjustments and removal of some interior decoration have been passed on the Transition Committee Chair-Peter Stockwell. A work project has been scheduled for March 11 to begin the changes. New Fellowship has requested that they begin their worship service at 10:30 AM. This requires St. Antony services to worship at 7:30 and 9:00 A.M.. The service time change was announced at both the 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. services. Fr. Bill has also sent an email to the congregation. Many changes will continue in the months ahead. The congregation will surely begin to notice that activity is beginning toward moving to the new facility.

Next meeting of New Facilities Committee: April 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. In the modular building

COMMUNICATIONS – Tovi Andrews

Since the NFC is allowing us to have one bulletin board remain up after April 1st, (that is currently in our Fellowship Room...kitchen), I have removed the CC bulletin Board from the Narthex and will store it for the new church. We will not be having tables in the Narthex to the extent we have them now, so we should consider a new designated "sign up" area. Perhaps Linda's office could be used to re hang that one bulletin board to display the usual BC Minutes, plus any sign-up sheets for current needs. On March 11th

our Transition crew will be moving out most of our St. A's things into the barn or to one room in the basement. Fr. Bill's office is already moved downstairs. Sacristy stays as-is. NFC will be redecorating the building. For BPOD March 5th, Olivia and I will be sharing the job together.

PARISH LIFE – Loretta McGinley

- Care cards: There was a discussion about care cards at the 18 February Pastoral Care Team meeting, with a suggestion made to shift responsibility to this team. Decision was made to keep this pastoral care activity with the Bishop's Committee.

The Bishop's Committee will continue to sign care cards for parishioners at our monthly meetings.

Please let Loretta know of any parishioner who may benefit from receiving a card this month.

- Caregiving Presentation: Gail Ferguson has coordinated a Caregiving presentation on Sunday 26 March at 11:45 am. In addition to St. Antony's, invitations have been extended to members of other congregations. Mari Van Court and Jennifer Calvin-Meyers from Kitsap County Department of Human Services: Division of Aging and Long Term Care will talk about the stress of caregiving, provide suggestions on how to support caregivers, and discuss recommendations on how to plan ahead for your own possible need for caregiving in the future.

- Lay Eucharistic Visitors: There have been more requests for Eucharist visits this month. Hopefully church members are more familiar with this ministry and comfortable with requesting a visit. Father Bill is looking into purchase of a third Eucharist kit to allow for greater ease of multiple visits.

The April-June LEV schedule is being developed. In response to more requests for visits, two LEV's will be scheduled each month; one will be primary, and the second, backup as needed.

- Blessing for Married Couples: A service for a blessing of marital vows is being planned for next month - tentative date is 30 April at 5 p.m. This will be an opportunity for couples to reflect on the sacrament of marriage, and to renew continued loving commitment to one another. Following a short service, there will be dinner out at a local restaurant.

WELCOMING – Sarah Rogers

The Welcoming committee continues to meet monthly. We met in March and discussed goals for 2017. With the transition process in mind the committee will condense their materials so they can continue to provide new members information.

ENVIRONMENT – Beth Rohlfing

No report.

OUTREACH – Olivia Stalter

No report

YOUTH – Aina Zabinski

I have two items for the Youth Commission BC report.

First, the next youth Sunday will be May 7th, so youth (well, actually their parents) should mark it on the calendar. :)

Also, preparations for the Easter Egg hunt are underway! We will be coordinating with New Fellowship Church again this year. This coming Sunday, the youth will meet again to finalize the decisions on the age groups (i.e. how many and what ages in each group), to set a date for filling the eggs, and looking at publicity (announcements and newsletter articles).