

BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS
December 2017

VICAR'S REPORT – Rev. Bill Fulton

Child Care needed

Linda is helping me by advertising for nursery care workers. We've had several responses to the Craigslist ad, and Linda sent them all the application to fill out and return. None of them returned the application, so Linda is calling them to set up an interview.

Construction progress

Steady progress is being made. The foundation is almost filled with gravel, and drain pipes and other conduits are in place under the gravel. This week they'll pour the concrete pilings for the courtyard and for the events shelter. Hopefully they'll pour the slab by next week.

New Fellowship Meeting

David Sorrel, Charles Smith, and I met with New Fellowship leaders. We resolved the St. Francis Day situation. NFC would like to have the carpets cleaned and would like us to help move furniture when that happens. They are looking into getting a gate installed at the bottom of the drive, although this raises a number of problems such as access for fire, emergency and utilities, keys, permits, etc. They are also considering adding corrugated sheathing to the barn to make it less vulnerable to vandals. We may need to remove our stored items while they work on the barn. We'll have another meeting soon.

Memorial Committee

We continue to meet to set priorities for the use of the Memorial Fund for the new building. The goal is to have a report with recommendations by the January BC meeting. The exception is for buying new sections of the columbarium. There's a 16-week lead time on orders, so we need to make our order very soon. The Memorial Committee voted to recommend to the BC that we order from Armento Liturgical Arts two new sections of the columbarium identical to the current one, at a cost of \$14,976 plus shipping.

Episcopal Relief and Development rep

Maggie Scott has volunteered to be our representative for ERD, and we'll vote to approve her as our rep at our BC meeting.

2018 Housing Allowance

My housing allowance for 2018 will be \$28,624, as calculated on the Diocese's worksheet that I'll have at BC meeting for approval.

BC Retreat

We need to set a date for our BC Retreat next year. Usually we have this on a Saturday in February. Perhaps Saturday, February 10 would work.

Christmas gifts for employees

Every year I make an appeal for a Christmas cash gift for our employees to let them know that we appreciate them. I'll be doing that again this year.

Puerto Rico donations

This year we're not participating in the Christmas Angels program, but Fr. Dick Scott is asking for donations to be sent to Puerto Rico with his neighbor who will be visiting his family in Puerto Rico around New Year's Day.

Lilly Grant (Sabbatical) Application

We have been making steady progress on the application form for the Lilly Grant, and we'll present a report at our BC meeting.

Kitsap Bank accounts

Thanks to a continuing effort on the part of Jim Foley and many others, we finally opened our new accounts at Kitsap Bank. This means our counters can take the deposit directly to Kitsap Bank, and I no longer have to take the deposits to Union Bank in Bainbridge Island.

Godly Play

The Godly Play program is thriving, as we've had two young families join us this fall, adding six young children to the Godly Play group. Aina and Benjamin have written and directed the Christmas pageant, and it will be presented this Sunday.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Katy and I hosted a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at the church which was attended by 13 people. We all enjoyed a great meal and good conversation.

Lunch with Fr. Dick and Deacon Bill

The three of us had a productive lunch together and we plan to meet every first Monday for lunch. Deacon Bill will preach at the 9:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, December 24. On Christmas Eve, Fr. Dick will celebrate at both Eucharists and I will preach. On Sunday, December 31, Fr. Dick will celebrate and preach.

Clergy Lunches

I continue to meet with the Vicars and Rectors of Episcopal churches in our region every other month. I'm the convener of this group. I find it helpful to stay in touch with my fellow clergy.

BISHOP WARDEN – Charles Smith

Lilly Grant

The small committee to help Fr. Bill with the Lilly Grant has continued to meet. We have stopped counting our drafts, focusing our attention instead on what we want to say and how we might say it better. We anticipate having the first (and biggest) section written and

reviewed this week, before the BC meeting. There are two more sections to work on and we would welcome support. The goal is to:

- Gain congregation buy-in at the annual meeting
- Have a complete rough draft by the end of February
- Submit a polished copy by the end of March (i.e. before Easter)

Kairos

I am in the process of wrapping up my tenure on the Kairos Monroe Advisory Council where I have served as secretary for the last six years. There are some changes that just came out from Kairos international that I will need to handle, and I will be “on call” whenever my successor has a question. Other than these details, my time commitment for Kairos should reduce in 2018.

Nominations

The St. Antony’s 2018 nominating committee continues its work. It looks like we will have both ratifications and elections at the annual meeting. The committee is putting the final touches on a minimum slate for the BC (which can be added to by nominations from the pews during the annual meeting). If there are no changes to the slate, we will be looking for someone to make a motion to approve the slate as presented (ratify it).

Diocesan convention is a different picture. Last year we were short here (no alternates). This year the status will depend upon our annual parish report to the diocese. We are anticipating our membership numbers will grow but not enough to cross into the next size parish. Last year’s numbers have us 17 people short of the threshold that would qualify us for 4 delegates and 4 alternates. Assuming we get closer but do not yet achieve that mark, we will be electing 2 delegates and 2 alternates. We currently have 6 nominees for these 4 positions. Get out the ballots.

New Building

I continue to join a small group who walk the perimeter of the new building and pray over the new building. Come join us, just minutes after 12 noon each Sunday at the new property.

Suggestion

I received a suggestion from a parishioner, she mentioned that in her previous parish there were pocket sized packets of tissues here and there in the pews for those who might be moved to tears (funeral) or need to stifle a sneeze (anytime). She asked that we consider doing this when we move into the new building.

Paperwork

Newsletters and annual reports are coming up. I know some people like putting these things off until the last moment. The last moment is during Christmas! Personally, the only paperwork I want to do during the Christmas season has to deal with wrapping paper.

- January newsletter, articles due **December 26** before 10 AM – while your annual report may give you some ideas, remember this is NOT your last article.

- February newsletter, articles due **January 23** – while the annual meeting will have occurred, the BC retreat will still be in the future, so the current commissioners need to write these articles
- Annual reports, due the 11th day of Christmas (**January 4th**, 10 AM).

Linda tells me she is happy to receive articles and annual reports early as this reduces her stress (fewer things to do when the deadline arrives). Let's give Linda a Christmas present and turn in our articles and reports early.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN – Heather Carnocki

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Foley

See separate document.

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

The New Facilities Committee met as scheduled Thursday evening December 7 at 7:00.

Foundation construction is complete and foam insulation has been installed on the interior face of the foundation. Crushed rock and pea gravel have been placed to raise the interior subgrade to the level for the final concrete slab. There are still a few column bases to be poured for the church building and the Event Shelter. The rough-in of the plumbing for the restrooms and kitchen area has been completed. Krazan Engineering continues providing the documents confirming quality work and materials. The monthly on-site construction meeting was held November 28th at 8:00 AM. In attendance was Fr. Bill, Scott Simpson-Site Superintendent, Bruce Berkimer-Contractor and myself. Also visiting the site was Larry Tellinhusen of Kitsap Bank. Discussed was current schedule for completion of the remaining footing concrete pour and interface of the slab to the foundation wall. This will be resolved through RFI with the architect providing procedure for interface. The monthly contractor payment request and updated construction schedule were reviewed. A firm date for the slab pours for the church building and Event Shelter has not been determined at the meeting but will be done very soon before weather changes.

Bank accounts have been set up with Kitsap Bank. (one for building and one for operating funds) The deposit for the appraisal (\$5,000) has been payed and is in progress. The bank has retained a firm from Bellevue for the appraisal work. I have been in conversation with the appraiser. The appraisal should be completed within the next week. This will allow the \$400 K credit line to be established.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH – Aina Zabinski

The youth of St. Anthony's have been working diligently on the Christmas pageant! Written and directed by Benjamin Wentworth and Aina Zabinski, and costumed by Christina Wentworth and Katherine Zabinski, the pageant is completely lead and performed by the youth (with help from our adult musicians, Bill Fulton and JoAnne Richardson). There is a dress rehearsal practice on December 16th from 9:30-12:00 am, and the pageant is on December 17th. After the pageant, the youth will meet and nominate candidates for next year's BC.

Also, the youth participating in Rite 13 visited the Living Nativity in early December, and had a blast. It was beautifully done and strikingly realistic.

PARISH LIFE – Loretta McGinley

- A cookie exchange and singalong is scheduled 17 December at the church from 3-4 pm. John Stockwell and Mark Westin will provide music.

- Lay Eucharist Visitors: Father Bill provided training to Penny Whitney and Emori Moore and they will be added to the upcoming quarterly schedule. Sadly, Tovi Andrews is opting out of this ministry. Declan will be trained by Father Bill in the near future.

- Sarah Rogers will be putting together a final quarterly Coffee host schedule, before stepping away from this role. She's done a wonderful job coordinating this important ministry. Previously the job fell under Parish Life responsibilities. The new BC will need to decide on a possible reconfiguration of this commission and ensure someone is tasked with coordinating the coffee hosts.

- Care Cards: The Pastoral Care Team sent care cards to: Emily N. - sympathy (loss of her daughter), Vivian D. - transition home from nursing home, Eleanor B. - sympathy (loss of her brother), Olivia S. - health concerns

- Pastoral Care Team- Gail Ferguson coordinated an upcoming pastoral care presentation to the congregation on 14 January. Staff from the County Office of Aging and Long Term Care will provide information about their services. Information will be provided in upcoming church bulletins and in Glad Tidings.

- On the Time and Talent surveys, unfortunately no church members indicated interest in being part of pastoral care ministry.

COMMUNICATIONS – Tovi Andrews

. Good news from the Diocese and Bishop Rickel's office.

. Financial discussion (New Business)

WELCOMING – Sarah Rogers

No report.

OUTREACH – Olivia Stalter

No report.

ENVIRONMENT – Beth Roling

No report.