**Reports for Bishops Committee Meeting**

January 14, 2016

**Vicar's Report**

**Selection of BC Clerk**

Thanks to Penny Whitney for volunteering to be clerk this month. We’ll need another volunteer for next month.

**Nominations for BC member and Convention delegates**

We need to make sure we have these nominations ready for the annual meeting January 30.

**Meeting with Barb Fox, diocesan treasurer**

On Thursday before our meeting, John Stockwell and I will meet with Barbara Fox, the diocesan treasurer, and Pat Mcguire, member of the diocesan board of directors, to explain our request for a loan. John and I will report at our meeting.

**Sales Contract**

The sales contract for our current property has been signed both parties. At present we are waiting for New Fellowship to decide if they will exercise their first right of refusal. David Sorrell and I are meeting with the on Thursday and will give a report.

**Annual Meeting and Architect’s presentation Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am**

We will hold our Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 24, at 10:00, followed by the architect’s presentation. I think we should try to keep our annual meeting business to a minimum so that the whole meeting doesn’t go too long. Perhaps we could have some refreshments available after the meeting.

**Bishop's Visit January 31**

Bishop Greg will be coming for his every-three-year visitation. He would like to have a short meeting with the Bishop’s Committee after coffee hour, about 12:00, in the modular.

**Stewardship**

We need to assess where we are in our stewardship drive and decide what remains to be done.

**Discernment Committee for Shane Carlson**

We need to create a discernment group for Shane Carlson, to see if he is called to the priesthood. Please let me know if you’re interested.

**Website rebuilt**

Our website was hacked in late December. I removed all the files and completely rebuilt it. Please take a look and let me know what you think. I created a very strong password to avoid a hack in the future.

**Christmas celebrations**

I really enjoyed our Christmas pageant, men’s breakfast, making of the garland, and Christmas Eve and Day celebrations. I thought things went very well.

**January 2 Concert**

Our organist, Chris Eisenberg, made it possible for us to have a fabulous concert by Maria Newman and her family and friends. Everyone who came was thoroughly impressed. We had at least eight people who were non-members who attended. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could become known as a place where good music can be found?

**Epiphany celebration and Leroy and Amanda Ray, missionaries**

We had 28 people present for Epiphany Day Eucharist and potluck, followed by a presentation by the Rays on their missionary work. Perhaps we could support the Rays with our prayers and offerings.

**Eucharistic Minister Training January 25**

Mary Zabinski, Kathy Little, and Shane Carlson will be trained as Eucharistic Ministers January 25, and will be included in the schedule for Sunday Eucharists.

**Preaching Conference May 16-20**

I would like to attend the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta, Georgia May 16-20, using my Continuing Education funds and time.

**Governing Bodies Retreat January 8-9**

I participated in a Living in the Green retreat at St. John’s, Kirkland last weekend as part of my duties with the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

**Vacation February 1-5**

I’d like to take vacation Monday through Friday, February 1-5, to visit my mother and my family in Colorado.

**People’s Warden report for January**

We need to schedule our retreats for 2016 so that planning can occur in a timely fashion. Last year the desire for a parish wide retreat had to be tabled due to locations not being available because we had not planned far enough ahead. There is also the Bishop Committee retreat to consider.

**Faith Formation report for January**

Nearly every area of faith formation is continuing to do what they do (Bible Study, Journey to Adulthood, Sunday School, Centering Prayer, Nursery, Wednesday Night Program, Little Sisters of St. Clare.) The notable exceptions are Vacation Bible School and the Book Study group. The Book Study group discovered that many of its members were busy doing other things and could not commit to regular attendance so it is taking a prolonged break per Carolyn Sorrell. Nothing is planned for Vacation Bible School at this time.

Looking beyond Kitsap, the next diocesan Cursillo is scheduled for May 20-22, 2016 at Dumas Bay. The next Kairos is April 14-17 in Monroe. Youth conferences are upcoming, see the youth report for more details.

Discernment and Spiritual Direction are additional dimensions of our faith formation. For more information about these opportunities, please see Fr. Bill.

**Youth report for January**

Upcoming events for St. Antony’s Youth (SAY):

* Diocesan Winter HYC (High school Youth Churchperson) conference, 23-24 January. High school youth, grades 9-12, are invited to this conference which will be held at Camp Berachah, Auburn. Cost $50.00. If families have reservations about using host homes, this is the conference to attend. We will be staying onsite at the camp and will have access to additional recreation opportunities, like swimming and a climbing wall. Encourage your youth group to attend. The conference begins on Saturday at 9:00 AM and concludes on Sunday at 12:30 PM. This is also the conference where the new youth council is seated and will do planning for upcoming conferences. New council members will remain after the conference itself, meeting from 1:00 until 6:00 PM.
* Youth group fundraiser – Spaghetti Dinner, 13 February.
* Diocesan Spring HYC conference, 8-10 April. This conference is being hosted at Emmanuel, Mercer Island. Cost $35.00
* Diocesan Spring JYC (Junior high school Youth Churchperson) conference, 29 April – 1 May (tentative date). Junior high school youth, grades 6-9, are invited to this conference which will be held at St. Benedict, Lacey. Cost $35.00
* Youth Sunday in May (date is not determined yet)
* Diocesan 6-Day Summer Camp, 17-23 July for youth who have finished grades 9-12.

**Welcoming Commission Report to BC: January, 2016**

The Commission met for its last meeting on Jan. 12. Our main agenda item was identifying what materials, records, etc. we should have available to pass on to the next commission membership if they chose to have them. Included were the following:

List of newcomers for 2016 and their interests as we have perceived them.

Minutes of our meetings.

Annual report.

File and information regarding Military Appreciation Day.

Updated welcome bags.

Ideas/events discussed but not implemented this year that might be considered in the future.

We were pleased with the exceptional rapport we enjoyed as we worked together. On the one hand we felt we hadn't accomplished very much considering the time spent in meetings. On the other, we realized that we had considered and discussed many different possibilities regarding the fulfillment of our assignment, and we felt that that discussion was a vital part of getting the job done.

I am very grateful to Tovi, Barbara, Gail, and Linda, for their enthusiasm, diligence, and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Campbell

**Communications Report for January 2016 BC Meeting.**

Flowing from the Communications’ Annual Report:

The St. Antony community improved in many communications areas, especially in the skill of listening during the "people in the forest" event - including to and from the Bishop's Committee, as individuals and groups and the Church leadership worked the issues.

Communications’ Goals for 2016:

- Improve communications among the 8 and 10 o'clock services.

- Support all church leadership in getting the information out for their events and community support programs.

- Continue to invite the military personal to worship with us.

- Continue to utilize the electronic communications of Facebook and the St. Antony’s Website.

- Work closely with the Evangelism and Welcoming Committees.

- Actively ensure we are reaching all St. Antony parishioners with the flow of church information.

Regards, Bill Demmon