**BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**April 2016**

**VICARS’S REPORT**

**Sales Contract**

My understanding is that the sale of our current building has closed and is being filed by the title company. Hallelujah! David Sorrell has suggested that we present them a large plywood cutout of the “keys to the church” this Sunday at their service. Great idea!

We still have some work to do negotiating how we’ll continue to share the building. The contract gives us the right to remain in the building rent-free for a year, and it’s our responsibility to pay the utilities. We also have the right to continue with our currently scheduled activities, including worship. Items to negotiate might include the use of the barn, the name on the church sign, repairs to the building, lawn care, scheduling of the building, etc.

**Loan Application to Board of Directors**

Our application has been favorably received by the Board and I met with Pat Mcquire to wrap up the information needed. John Stockwell and I will attend their next meeting on Thursday, April 21, for the Board to give their final approval. We’ve asked for a loan for $238,000, to be paid back with income from building fund pledges that continue to come in.

**Mutual Ministry Review (MMR)**

My thanks to Charles Smith for helping plan our Mutual Ministry Review in June. I’ve shared information with him and he’ll publicize this so the congregation is part of the MMR.

**Servant Keeper software for church office**

Linda Robuck, our secretary, and Pam Morton, our receiving treasurer, have been using standard software to do their jobs. Linda uses MS Excel and MS Access for her databases, and Pam uses Quickbooks modified for a church instead of a business. This has become awkward and burdensome, so we researched and bought Servant Keeper, software designed for use in churches. We attended a seminar in Sumner that showed the many advantages of the software and we’ll be putting it into use in the coming weeks.

**Counters Training**

At the request of the counters, I’ve scheduled a training session for them on Wednesday, May 11. Heidi Feenstra-Wilson will show the counters how to use the Excel spreadsheet she designed for the counters so we can move from a paper-based report to a computer spreadsheet. In the future, we hope to move the counters onto the Servant Keeper software which will make everyone’s job easier and eliminate mistakes and confusion.

**Star-Spangled Babies on April 2**

This event was a huge success thanks to Gail and Mark Westin. We had many volunteers to help, and 75 moms-to-be from Navy bases were present for an astounding collective baby shower. I think this was a great opportunity for us to make ourselves known to young Navy families and to help serve them.

**Nursery Care workers**

Jenae Robinson, one of our nursery workers, has resigned. I have a reference for another young woman to fill her place, and I’ll work with her to get her information for hiring.

**Publicity for Easter and Holy Week**

We had several newspaper ads for our Easter services, and I sent several emails and facebook posts for our Holy Week services, so I felt that we did a good job publicizing our services. We had a full house for Easter Sunday at the 10:00 Eucharist.

**Fr. Craig and Faith, Poulsbo, Celebration of New Ministry, June 9**

As you may know, Fr. Craig’s church, Faith Episcopal Church from Kingston, has moved into the building formerly occupied by St. Charles, Poulsbo, and is now known as Faith, Poulsbo. They will have a celebration of new ministry on Thursday, June 9, the same night we have our next BC meeting scheduled. I propose that we postpone our meeting one week so as many of us as possible can attend Fr. Craig’s celebration.

**Final Affairs workshop at Grace, Bainbridge, May 7**

I’ve sent out an email to publicize the workshop at Grace, Bainbridge, on Saturday, May 7. Chris Crowson will continue to encourage people to attend. This workshop, featuring attorneys, health care experts, and clergy, is an excellent opportunity for encouraging our members to include the church in their wills.

**Anti-Racism Training May 11**

I plan to attend Anti-Racism training at DHouse on May 11. This training is now required for all clergy

**Annual Clergy Conference next week**

I’ll be attending the annual clergy conference next week at Ocean Shores, Sunday evening through Wednesday noon, April 17-20.

**BISHOP’S WARDEN** Penny Whitney

No report.

**PEOPLE’S WARDEN** Charles Smith

Fr Bill and the Wednesday evening program recently discussed the basics of a mutual ministry review. This is in preparation for our planned mutual ministry review in July. Please feel free to see me with any comments and suggestions, not just for the mutual ministry review.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE** Jim Foley

See minutes of BC meeting.

**FAITH FORMATION** Charles Smith

Vicar Bible Study: This program remains active. Thank you Fr. Bill.

Book Studies: none at this time

Sunday School: Last week’s substitute Sunday School teacher indicates there were six younger youth and three helpers. They had fun going fishing and being told by Jesus to cast the net on the other side of the boat.

Cathedral Day: Cathedral day is April 23. Additional information can be found on the flyers that have been posted on the parish hall door. Thank you Linda and Fr. Bill.

Vacation Bible School: New Fellowship Church will lead this year’s program. It will be an evening program October 6th and 7th and a morning program on Saturday the 8th. It is not until October because that is when their leadership was available. We need to start looking for people to help.

J2A (Journey to Adulthood): Nothing to report.

Centering Prayer: Will be offered on Monday’s once a month. Watch the bulletin and the e-mail announcements for the dates.

Nursery: continues to be busy

Wednesday night program: This week the St. Antony’s program was postponed so that those who were interested could attend the Wednesday program at the cathedral.

Spiritual Direction: Nothing to report

Discernment Group: Nothing to report

Little Sisters of St. Clare: Continues to meet monthly at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. There are two sisters who worship at St. Antony’s – Sr. Mary-Olivia Stalter and Sr. Kathryn-Mary Little.

Cursillo: We have two candidates for the May 20-22, 2016 Cursillo. Please let me, or any Cursillo graduate, know if you would like to know more.

Kairos: Charles Smith will be part of the team for Kairos 58 at Monroe. We don’t have anyone active with Kairos at Purdy at this time. Prayer Support is always welcome.

EfM: St. Antony’s continues to team up with St. Paul’s to offer an Education for Ministry group. Kathy Little, Cris McCarty (St. Paul’s) and Charles Smith are mentoring the group this year.

**ST. ANTONY’S YOUTH** Charles Smith

Unfortunately the weather did not allow us to hide the Easter Eggs outside this year. We still had fun.

The next youth Sunday is May 29. Due to this being a holiday weekend, we may not have enough youth to do everything; however, we are committed to doing all that we can. Planning is underway.

We will also be providing root beer floats for the Dad’s and Grads coffee hour on Father’s Day.

**PARISH LIFE** Loretta McGinley

There was an LEV meeting 14 March to review how the program is going.  Weekly visits have been made on a rotation basis to Kaye McKerchar at Liberty Shores; she recently moved to Martha and Mary’s.  A second Eucharist box was purchased and the Altar Guild is preparing the box for each Sunday visit.  A home LEV visit is being planned for Vivian Durfee this Sunday.

An announcement about the Military Mothers To Be event was included in the April Parish Life Glad Tidings article; a question arose regarding which commission this event fell under.

There will be a special blessing of marriages service at 5:00 p.m. on 30 April, followed by a dinner at Aladdin’s Palace in Silverdale.  Sign up for the event will be in the narthex.  Announcements will appear in the next two Sunday bulletins, and I will make announcements at each service 17 April.

**ENVIRONMENT** Beth Rohlfing

Regarding the electric bill for the barn:

We are not on the budget plan. Jim Foley suspects some of the last bill includes refrigeration costs from the food bank. The next bill should tell. Jim was told the lights are on timers. It has been decided we should avoid expending too much effort or expense on upgrading the lights due to the sale of the property.

**WORSHIP, LITURGY AND MUSIC** Mark Westin

This past month we had a very successful completion of Lent & Easter season celebration - the full range of holy week services -  including our first in a long while Sunrise service which was held at 0630 on the new property.  It was a beautiful morning - no rain and reasonable temps. I recall we had around a dozen attendees - and it was quite an inspiring sight to see the dawning light appearing in the springtime foliage at our beautiful pastoral setting during the service. Thanks to Father Bill  and  Elizabeth Moorhead for officiating, to John Stockwell for helping me do the guitar music for the hymns, and also to John Stockwell and Carrie Rivers for assisting me on Sat in setting up the tent cover we used to gather beneath for the service.  Some attendees also went to breakfast at Shari's after the event as well. I recommend we do this next year as well - and promote it heavily - that is if we can find a quiet place among our construction for the new church.

I also want to thank Joan Anthony for her preaching and assistance to Father Bill at several recent services - we are lucky and honored to have her in our parish.

I also encourage any BC member with desire to make input to our worship / liturgical activities - to attend the monthly worship planning meeting; and/or talk with me or father Bill.

**WELCOME** Sarah Rogers

On March 31 we had our inaugural meeting. In attendance was: Beth Rolfing, Sarah Rogers, Maggie Scott, Linda Robuck, Jacque Walker, Gail Westin, Nancy Ladengerger and Sylvia Campbell. (8 total in attendance with 6 regular committee members) Nancy came to check out what exactly the Welcoming Committee is and Sylvia was in attendance to help give a smooth transition. Neither of these two women will be in regular attendance, but we so greatly appreciated their in put.

We agreed that the committee will try to meet on the third Thursday each month at 1pm. Our next meeting will be April 21.

We set out to address some best practices and discuss goals we wanted to meet this year. After an hour of lively discussion we set a goal to make more Welcome Bags at our next meeting. Everyone was tasked with collecting an item. We also vowed to continue to try to overcome innate shyness and introduce ourselves to new comers and ask them to come to coffee hour WITH US.

Other ideas that were introduced was to:

 Get new name tags

 Diligently follow up with newcomers/visitors

 Update the picture wall

 Find new/more drivers

 Buttons that say {{None of these items were decided upon}}

Tell me if you are

NEW

But perhaps the most important idea proposed was to get a budget line for the Welcoming Committee on the BC. It is hard to keep creating these welcome kits, make new name tags, etc without a budget set forth by the BC.

So I propose that the BC vote to give the Welcoming Committee a budget to work with. This is an important commission that deserves the validation of a budget. I propose $50 the first year and $100 the following years. This way, perhaps daily prayer planers can be purchased to include in the welcoming bags. As well as a budget for the rest of the welcoming bag supplies. Also this can help offset the cost of stationary for writing thank you letters to newcomers and the postage.

Our hour went fast, so I am sure more ideas will be brought up next meeting to include the delineation between Visitor, Newcomer and Member.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Bill Demmon

St. Antony will be in the Kitsap Sun’s 2016 **West Sound Guide**.

The Coordinator for the Kitsap Sun Newspaper’s West Sound Guide contacted St. Antony’s in March, inquiring if we wanted to put an advertisement in the 2016 copy of the Guide. The cost was a one-time expense of $120. Since the West Sound Guide is a "permanent" and oft used document by local businesses, families, and Navy personal alike, Rev Fulton and I thought the $120 would be a wise investment for the advertisement of St. Antony's.

The West Sound Guide will be a perfect companion to our use of the internet-based **My Base Guide**. The West Sound Guide stays on most shelves year round or is often available in Real Estate offices or Kitsap County businesses’ HR offices alike for newcomers who may not be in the military. The West Sound Guide should be published by the Kitsap Sun during the month of May.

\*\* Note: I will be on travel on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 and therefore apologize for being absent from April’s BC Meeting.

**OUTREACH** Liz Haney

No report.

**Building Committee Report**

Once again progress has occurred in the last two months. Several favorable meetings occurred which proved that the Holy Spirit is truly empowering this project.

April 12th was a meeting with Steve Rice solidified design requirements for the new building. Fr. Bill had a meeting with Pat McGuire regarding the status of our application to the diocese for a bridge loan. Fr. Bill and I will be meeting with the Diocesan Board of Directors to seek final approval of the loan next week. Attached you will find the updated timeline for the project.

And as of April 13 all documents are signed and the sale of our current building has closed. New Fellowship Church now owns the building. We are now tenants in our church.

John Stockwell

Chair-Building Committee of the new church facility.