

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2017

Members Present: Fr. Bill Fulton Loretta McGinley
Beth Rohlfing Jim Foley
Charles Smith Tovi Andrews
John Stockwell Sr. Oliva Stalter
Heather Carnocki Sarah Rogers
Declan Jarry, III, Clerk
Members Absent: Aina Zabinski.

The meeting Convened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

- The BPOD Signup Sheet and Calendar are now abolished – as such duties are now under the purview of the New Fellowship Church (NFC)
 - Sarah recommended that perhaps a walkthrough with a representative of NFC would be in order.
- PARISH LIFE: Loretta suggested that care cards be sent to Elinor Murphy and Bobbie Morgan. A sympathy card should also be sent to the family of Kaye Mc Kerchar.
- The minutes of the March 9th, 2017 Bishop's Committee (BC) were accepted without objection.
- A brief Bible study was conducted over the story of the Call of Abram: Genesis 12:1-5.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Foley presented the March 2017 Treasurer's Report
 - February 2017 Year-to-Date
 - Operating Income \$12,388.71 \$40,191.91
 - Operating Expenses \$15,289.93 \$32,334.73
 - Net \$(2,901.22) \$ 7,857.18
 - (See full report for details)
 - March 2017 Year-to-Date
 - Operating Income \$10,929.50 \$51,121.41
 - Operating Expenses \$15,317.77 \$47,652.50
 - Net \$(4,388.27) \$ 3,468.91
 - (See full report for details)
 - While expenses are greater than income for the last two months Jim anticipates that April's income will even things out because of Easter collections and that there are 5 Sunday's in the month.
 - The Gas and Electric utility accounts are still in the name of Saint Antony's (SA) and should be changed over to NFC. Fr. Bill will mention this to the NFC Pastor.

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- The unusually high water bill for the first quarter is due to the unknown leak. This has now been repaired.
- The church has 2 hot water heaters that need to be replaced as part of the transfer of ownership of the church facility from SA to NFC. Replacing the water heaters appears to be more cost effective than repairing the existing heaters as both have passed their normal life expectancy.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the BC without objection.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
- **NEW FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**
 - The sandwich board signage with the new worship times are in place. The consensus of the BC is that they are tastefully and well designed.
 - The water supply for the new church facility will be from Silverdale Water.
 - There is an existing water well for the house. It is recommended that the house be switched from well water to Silverdale water. Records for the well's capacity and health factors are sketchy, so the well should be tested and either used for irrigation or decommissioned. If the well has viable capacity, it should be used for irrigating the landscaping required for the new facility.
 - It was moved, seconded, and passed that a pre-test of the well should be conducted for the BC to make an informed decision. Heather volunteered to obtain samples of the well water for testing from a local environmental laboratory.
 - The proposed fire hydrant has been moved to a better location in conjunction with a Post Indicator Valve. Which indicates to the fire Department that water is available for hydrants and the fire suppression sprinkler system.
 - The issue of occupancy with the County has been resolved with the final maximum occupancy set at a more reasonable 250 persons, giving account for open spaces and aisles.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **PARISH LIFE:** Loretta , on behalf of SA received an invitation for a "Because of the Brave Concert" featuring a genre of Christian and American Patriotic music. The concert is free but a free-will offering is taken. The choir and orchestra is 80 persons strong.
 - Action on the invitation was tabled until the church is in its new facility to host such a large event and then re-consider the invitation.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Tovi followed up on a communication from a previous BC Meeting on the place of healing and intercessory prayer (HIP) as a lay ministry of the church. In the past, parishioners in need of HIP reached out to other lay members and prayers for healing with the laying on of hands being offered on an ad hoc basis after the communion service. Perhaps some formalization of the ministry and general education of the congregation is in order.
 - Communications from Sr. Kathryn Mary (Kathy) Little and Declan Jarry were read to the BC highlighting:

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- There is a general movement in the Episcopal Church for HIP ministries among the laity
- HIP ministries are a sign of a healthy and caring parish
- SA could place invitations in the Worship Pew Sheet to receive HIP in the modular after the 9:00 Communion service. Sr. Kathy and Declan volunteered to coordinate having intercessors available after each service, to emphasize the immediacy of being available for prayer.
- Fr. Bill offered to hold a coordinating meeting with Sr. Kathy and Declan discuss:
 - Training of lay intercessors.
 - Education of the Parish on the availability of the healing ministry.
 - Recording of the service in the parish ministry.
 - Sr. Olivia also requested to be a part of this coordination meeting.
- It was moved, seconded and passed that such a coordination meeting take place.

- BISHOP WARDEN'S Communication: Charles reminded the BC that it is time for the annual parish Mutual Ministry Review. Charles suggested that SA follow the same format and timeline (June) as last year. The survey would be mailed out to each individual parishioner over the age of 16 years.
 - It was noted that this is a diocesan requirement.

- PEOPLE'S WARDEN Communication: Melanie Reeder is retiring from her position of Director of Sunday School after over a decade of service. At this time there is no replacement for her ministry. Discussions are being held with Mary Zabinski about filling the position, but nothing is formal yet.
 - It was moved, seconded and passed that a celebration of the faithful ministry of Melanie's service be held on the second Sunday in June.
 - Fr. Bill, Sarah and Heather will oversee the celebration's planning.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Declan Jarry, III
Clerk.