

BISHOP COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 15, 2017

Meeting convened at 6:31 pm.

Bishop Committee Members Present: Tovi Andrews, Beth Rohlfing, Charles Smith John Stockwell, Olivia Stalter, Heather Carnocki, Sarah Rogers, Loretta McGinley, Jim Foley, Aina Zabinski, Rev. Bill Fulton and Gail Campbell-Ferguson, Clerk

Bishop Committee Members Absent: none

Visitors: Kerri Horsley, Declan Jarry III

A thank you card for Joan Anthony was passed around to be signed by BC members.

The minutes from the July 13 special meeting and the July 13 regular BC meeting were approved.

The Bible study for the evening was 2 Corinthians 9:6-12.

TREASURER'S REPORT (*Preliminary*) – Jim Foley

At the end of August pledge and plate contributions were \$4000 ahead of the budget for the month and year. Additionally, \$29,781 was collected for the Event Shelter; \$1,815 for hurricane relief and \$1,125 for the Lord's Diner in memory of John Stellar!

	August 2017	Year-to-Date
Operating Income	\$18,766.88	\$133,622.86
Operating Expenses	\$16,059.84	\$130,494.84
Net	\$ 2,707.04	\$ 3,128.02

(See full report for details)

It was moved, seconded and passed that Jim Foley may withdraw \$250,000 from the Diocese Investment Fund to cover construction costs for the new church.

Sarah Rogers reminded the BC that the capital campaign will conclude on December 31, 2017.

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

The footing forms are in place for the new church building and the demolition permit for the removal of the shed has been received. Everything is moving along in a timely manner.

OLD BUSINESS

Music ministry at the new church:

It was recommended by Joann Richardson's that St. A's purchase a concert quality piano so music programs could be presented at the new church. In the discussion, it was stated that the Memorial Fund could be the source of funding for the new piano. However, that fund will also need to pay for other items. It was suggested that a committee be created to determine what will be purchased with the monies from the Memorial Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Montessori preschool proposal:

Kerri Horsley presented a proposal for conducting a Montessori preschool and daycare center at our new church. After listening to her presentation, the BC decided that it is too early to make that decision on the use of the new church building. It was suggested that when planning the use of the second phase of the new church, a preschool be considered.

Altar furnishings:

It was moved, seconded and passed that the \$2500 donation by Joan Anthony from the estate of Bob Bethea be used for new altar dressings.

Alternate for Diocesan Convention:

It was moved, seconded and passed that Maggie Scott be an alternate delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

Clarification of church name and mission statement:

Tovi Andrews asked how the church's name should be listed in the newspaper. It was decided to use St. Antony Episcopal Church in publications. The current mission statement was reviewed. It was suggested that when planning for phase II of the church building, the mission statement be examined to see that it correctly reflects our mission at that time.

Clerk musings:

Gail Campbell-Ferguson asked that the deadline for BC reports be changed from 8 pm on the Wednesday before the BC meeting to an earlier time. It was decided that the deadline would be the Tuesday evening before the monthly board meeting. Gail mentioned that BC members can add or alter their reports themselves, if they wish, after the consolidated reports are distributed.

Gail will probably be traveling in November so she may miss the November BC meeting. She asked for recommendations of congregants that she could ask to fill in for her in her absence. Several people were suggested. Being clerk for one meeting is a good way for prospective BC members to see the group in action before they decide if they want to run for election.

Remembrance Tea:

Loretta McGinley proposed that a remembrance tea be planned on a Saturday near All Saints Day. It would provide an opportunity for loved ones and friends to talk about happy times they had with those who have passed on.

Nominating Committee:

Charles Smith recommended that the nominating committee for new BC candidates and convention delegates gather soon to develop a slate for election. Those BC members whose terms of service are over in 2018 are on the nominating committee.

Sunday school:

Aina Zabinski asked about the plan for a Sunday school for the older kids. The older kids will be helping with the Godly Play program for the younger children. If there is enough interest among the older kids, a separate Sunday school program can be developed for them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Campbell-Ferguson
Clerk