

BISHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2018

Present: John Stockwell, Jim Foley, Beth Rohlfing, Blaine Morgan, David Wilkinson, Sarah Rogers, Tovi Andrews, Rev. Bill Thaete, Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar, Heather Carnocki, Olivia Stalter and Jane Teller (acting clerk)

Absent: Gail Campbell-Ferguson

The meeting convened with prayer at 6:30 pm.

The Calendar was passed around for input.

MINUTES

The corrected August 9, 2018 minutes were approved and accepted.

BIBLE STUDY

Continued discussion on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's "The Way of Love."

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim F.

Direct Deposit rules from the bank affected budget for a short time, but all is on track now. Contractor was paid two times last month (large withdrawals). Funds in July increased due to stock market activity. Motion was made to accept report, which was seconded and passed by majority vote.

OLD BUSINESS

New Facilities – John S.

There are concerns about the progress. No definitive date for occupancy. Doors are scheduled to ship in two weeks (The two main doors will be wood and remainder will be metal). The electric work is progressing. Insulation and drywall companies are ready to go once electrical is complete. John reviewed an unconfirmed, rough schedule:

HVAC – 09/21

Sprinklers – 09/24

Electrical – 10/05

Low voltage – 10/05

Frame Inspection – first week of November

Insulation – 10/20

Drywall – 11/12

Followed by paint and gutters

Site work is back on schedule. To obtain cork floor throughout is an additional \$15k.

Contractor needs to know in two weeks. Tovi will ask those who have shown interest in providing funds. The original color of the statuary cork flooring is no longer available but something very similar will be ordered. Event shelter almost sheathed and ready for the roof.

Fascia will be added. Site utilities are in place and holes near event shelter will be modified as they are too close. Upholstery is ready to go.

Rental Unit – water pump repaired for ~\$500. All upgrades made before new tenants moved in have been paid for.

Stewardship campaign planning

We will plan for sending out forms with a due date just before Thanksgiving. We will plan for a bit more build up this year to allow people time to plan. Being transparent about finances of church and new building, higher expenses for facility maintenance, and the new mortgage and its affect on 2019 budget will be shared with congregation. An evening event to share information in October was discussed. A tentative date of 10/17 with a social hour at 6:00 pm and presentation at 7:00 pm was outlined. David will get estimate for cleaning services at the new building.

NEW BUSINESS

Sexual Harassment Policy

Bill Fulton informed BC that all members need to take the “Safeguarding God’s People” course. This is in addition to “Safeguarding God’s Children.” This will be discussed further at the next BC meeting.

Social Media Strategy

A discussion was held regarding St. Antony’s social media strategy. Different approaches are needed for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. David provided information he downloaded that gives some guidance on moving forward. It was mentioned that having multiple people to do the updates and posts for each media site would be beneficial. The possibility of having a social media class was brought up. Discussion will continue at a later date.

Central Baptist Church

Jeremiah from Central Baptist Church, that meets at the VFW Hall on Old Frontier, approached Bill about renting space at the new church. Most BC members agreed that St. Antony’s needs time to get settled before we undertake the idea of renting out our space. A small group (Blaine, David, Sarah, Olivia, Bill F.) might meet with their church for tentative discussions. It was agreed we could be available for Special Events in the interim.

Ministry to Bangor Navy Families – Heather C.

Heather let BC know that the opportunity to provide a basket at the ombudsman dinner has elapsed. Prior approval is needed to be able to do this type of activity in the future by way of completing forms (a contract) with the group.

Mutual Ministry Review – Heather C.

The returned forms will be presented at the altar on 09/30.

Outreach – Blaine M.

The September food drive was a success and netted 753# of food for the food bank. We will continue to look to surpass this as we move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Teller (acting clerk)