

BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 2019

VICAR– Rev. Bill Fulton

BC Retreat February 2

I thought we had a good retreat and a good start to the year. Don't forget that all of us agreed to come up with a goal for our commissions. Congratulations to Penny on being elected our People's Warden. I know she'll do a great job. I sent a thank you note to St. Nicholas along with a check from St. Antony's for \$50.

Consecration May 15

Bishop Rickel is scheduled to be here on Wednesday, May 15, for the long-awaited consecration of our new building.

Walkagain cancelled

Because we could not guarantee that the new building would be ready for the Diocesan Walkagain meeting on April 6, Bishop Rickel has changed the location to St. Luke's, Sequim.

Hearing Loop cancelled

My thanks to Blaine, John, and David for their hard work and research on the hearing loop. Ultimately we had to back out of the project because of the additional time and money required to cut grooves in the cement for the wiring.

Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee voted to recommend the purchase of two new processional torches and stands for the new building at a cost of \$1,481. We'll vote to approve the recommendation at our meeting.

Parochial Report ready for signatures

We approved the Parochial Report by email and I will bring it to our meeting for signatures.

BPOD Duties in new building

We need to sign up for BPOD duties for the new building. The Bishop's Committee Person of the Day will stay until everyone is gone, turn off all the lights, empty the kitchen trash, and lock the doors.

Construction progress

It's been great to see a lot of workers at the construction site. We really are getting close to occupancy, hopefully before Easter.

New Building Use Policy

We need to keep working on this so we can have something to give people when they ask to use the building.

Coffee/lunch with Kelsey and Richard

Last month I had coffee with new member Richard D., and lunch with new member Kelsey Gibbs.

Phishing attempt

A number of Episcopal churches in our diocese have been hit with a phishing attempt. The fraudster sends an email in the name of the vicar using a fake email address, asking for help for someone in need by purchasing gift cards. When I found my name had been used in a phishing attempt, I sent an email to the parish warning people not to respond.

Moved organ

Because New Fellowship Church wanted to build a sound booth in the northeast corner of the nave, we moved the organ into the narthex and we are using the piano for accompaniment until we're in the new building.

Eleanor Brook

I was sorry to hear of the death of Eleanor Brook. I have visited her many times over the years and I'll miss her. Her memorial service will be at 2 pm, Saturday, March 30.

Clergy conference April 28 to May 1

I have registered for the annual clergy conference at Semiahmoo Resort near Blaine April 28 to May 1. The diocese has underwritten this event so the cost to parishes is only \$200.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson

Goals that I am setting for my role in 2019 are:

- Complete the design of God's Garden. Design will include specific plants, trees, and hardscape materials. Costing estimates will also be provided. Target completion date is the end of the calendar year.
- During the vicar's sabbatical, facilitate congregational meetings to begin development of St. Antony's 5-year plan (i.e., Now that we are in our new church, what's next?). Target date for first draft is August 31st (end of vicar's sabbatical).
- Complete building use policies document. Target date for first draft to bishop's committee is April 11th. Bishop's committee review process with feedback to policy committee completed May 9th. Final policy document submitted May 16th.
- Promote growth of deeper relationships in church family through events that are engaging, allow personal story telling and sharing, and are fun. Goal is two events held by the end of January 2020.

During the year, I will be attending as many committee meetings as possible. From attending these meetings, I hope to get a pulse of the congregation and to learn as much as possible about our activities and business. Since the February retreat, I have attended one memorial committee and one outreach meeting. I also attended the meeting with the building contractor held on March 5th. I will be attending these weekly meetings until the building is completed. Due to unforeseen issues, the installation of the inductive Loop System (hearing loop) has been cancelled. The flooring and loop wire proved to be incompatible without creating a trench in the cement floor for the wire. By the time this was discovered, the walls had already been painted. Cutting the trench would have delayed progress of the construction and created a large mess that might have required redo of some work already completed. In addition, this also caused a price increase. Although it is disappointing that we will not have this technology available, we can look at other hearing assistance options after the church is completed. This will give us more time to make an informed and wise choice.

My primary objective this month is to complete the first draft of the building use policies document. Since our calendars are tight, I thought I would put together the draft and then pull together the committee to review and make edits. This document needs to go to the bishop's committee by the April BC meeting.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN – Penny Whitney

I'm still getting my feet under me with regard to this responsibility. I'm trying to talk to parishioners regarding what they like/dislike about St. A's. As yet I have not spoken to very many.

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

We are close to the goal of the church being finished. Painting is complete. Electrical trim out has begun. Cabinets are in place and parking lot issues have been resolved. Work to get gravel and asphalt should begin by Wednesday March 13th. Interior work such as door casing and window trim are scheduled to begin. Plumbing will finalize the inside water connection and Fox Fire will complete the final connection to the fire sprinkler system. There are many details still to be completed but the list is getting shorter every day.

Peter Stockwell is working with members of our congregation to prepare for the transition move to the new building.

Mark and Gail Westin have been asked to get information regarding kitchen appliances. These were removed from original contract so that we did not have to pay the overhead expense to contractor when purchased.

Beginning last week, meetings with Bruce Berkimer-West Sound Construction will be weekly, Wednesday mornings at 8:00 until project is complete. Projected occupancy is before Easter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

HOSPITALITY – Tovi Andrews

Plans to assist with the Bishop's WALKAGAIN have been cancelled here at St. Antony. But, we should all plan to attend one of those Walkagains ourselves. The church bulletin needs to list where each Walkagain will be given, and the time and date. We can carpool also.

OUTREACH – Blaine Morgan

The Outreach Committee met on Feb 4th and 18th. Several projects are in the works including changes to how we support the CK Food bank and the Copper Crusade. The Committee will provide a complete report to the congregation in the next Newsletter.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder

I have made a blog for Saint Anthony's and I have also created an Instagram. The Instagram will be for the posting of event photos. The blog will be written by me of upcoming and past events and other things that our church is doing in the community. In the upcoming months I will be creating my committee. I already have one person on, Melanie Reeder, and I am reaching out to others.

PARISH LIFE – Kirsten Robuck

This past month I've been brainstorming ideas on activities/events to do throughout the year once we get into our new church building. Some of my ideas are:

- *Family game day. This can be held in the summer perhaps to go along with the annual picnic or any other time of the year.
- *St. Patties Day supper. (This will have to wait till next year).
- *Going to a Rainiers game together/tailgate party.
- *Possibly a fund raising event, though I may need some help with ideas for that.

PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

LEV:

I have spoken with Loretta McGinley and she is willing to continue scheduling visits. This is a great help. We will continue to seek more people to join the ranks of the LEV as many times there aren't enough of us to visit everyone who is home bound.

Pastoral Care:

Our first meeting will be March 16th. Beth Rohlfig left me good information, and I'm looking forward to working with the committee. In my opinion, LEV and Pastoral Care share some of the same concerns. Often it seems that the chance to visit with one of us is nearly as important as receiving the Eucharist. And the desire to hear about the new church building is strong.

ENVIRONMENT – Peter Stockwell

As St. Antony's prepares for the great move to the new property, each of the guilds and committees have received a sign-up chart for people to help with the packing, transporting, and unpacking of materials. This spring the landscaping part of the contract for construction will finish the all aspects of the move. Thanks to everyone who volunteered time and equipment for our move.

FAITH FORMATION – Bill Thaete

Some ideas for the future and hopefully growth.

1. Morning Pray/Eucharist Sunday service (With instruction)
2. Instructed Eucharist with youth at the Altar
3. Godly Play Sermons

Some ideas when we are in our new building and have no time constraint.

WECOMING – Olivia Stalter

FINANCE – Jim Foley

Attached is the report for February. While we were in the red for the month, we are firmly in the black YTD.

Notable is the new line for construction loans interest in the Administrative section of the financial report. The building loan from the Diocese has a favorable interest rate of 4.25% because we are a mission. The line of credit from Kitsap Bank has a 5.25% rate. We have started making payments on the principal of the loan with Kitsap Bank until a mortgage is negotiated. The remaining Union Bank accounts were closed and the 'seed money' that was loaned to the various accounts to open them at Kitsap Bank has been reconciled. That will be reflected in the March statements.

We have received donations totaling \$720 earmarked for the fence for the new church property, with verbal commitments for more as needed.