

St. Antony Episcopal Church

Bishop's Committee

May 14, 2020

Meeting Minutes

The Bishop's Committee began meeting at 6:35 pm via Zoom internet.

Those present were Dave Peterson, Penny Whitney, Blaine Morgan, Carolyn Sorrell, Jim Foley, Kristen Roebuck, Chelsea Reeder, Rev. Bill Thaete and the Rev. Bill Fulton.

Fr. Bill Fulton opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance.

A Bible study on Acts 2:42-47 was then lead by Fr. Bill.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Foley gave his finance report, a printed copy of which has been made available to the BC. He added that the parishioners have been very faithful in their giving through on-line giving and traditional mail-in. As result we remain comfortably within our budget for the month of April. Deacon Bill Thaete reported that the diocese may reimburse the church for some of our payroll expenses in order to help with financial hardships during the corona crises.

Pastoral Care Report

The Pastoral Care Committee have provided meals and a baby gift for the Sherwin family. The telephone tree has found good news as everyone seems to be holding reasonably well.

Outreach Report

Blaine Morgan reported that the church has given \$1000 to Coffee Oasis in support of their students. Declan Jarry has been helping with St. Antony's assistance for needs of local senior centers. The Outreach Committee has been meeting regularly via Zoom.

There was no Old Business brought up for discussion.

New Business

Diocese "Guide to Gathering In Person"

There was a review of the guidelines sent from Bishop Rickel, a copy of which was provided to each BC member via internet. The review began with a description of "The Diocese of Olympia (Four) Phased Approach for Reopening Church and Modifying Physical Distancing and Sacraments"

St. Antony is currently in Phase 1 of reopening, meaning that we are only having virtual services, and all meetings are online.

After some discussion it was unanimously decided that due to the unusually large complexities of further reopening our church in the very near future, the discussion be tabled until we are in a better position to do so.

Live Streamed Services

Fr. Bill has found several advantages to having live-streamed services, which include reaching out beyond our usual communicants and to our shut-ins. This also appears to be a good evangelism tool, which could be used even beyond the coronavirus pandemic.

St. Antony's, however is currently in need better and more efficient equipment for our streamed services.

The BC determined that we should look into procurement of the equipment with permanent

continued use in mind. Jim Foley will look into pricing the equipment and Blaine Morgan has offered to gift the church of his unused Sony Broadcast video camera. For their records, the diocese would like churches to send in the number of people who tune into the streamed services.

As there was no further new business Vicar Bill Fulton showed a YouTube video from Bishop Rickel on "Stewardship and Giving in a Locked-Down World".

The BC Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Sorrell