

**St. Antony Episcopal Church**  
Bishop's Committee  
June 11, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

The Rev. Bill Fulton opened the meeting with a prayer.

A Bible study on Amos 8:4-8 was led by Fr. Bill.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes from the May meeting be accepted.

Jim Foley presented his Treasurer's Report, a copy of which has been made available to the BC. He added that the church offerings were down from this month last year, however reimbursement from the Payroll Protection Plan has kept St. Antony's in the black for the month and for the year-to-date.

**Old Business**

Rev. Bill Thaete led a discussion on plans for reopening of the church building, based on diocesan guidelines. A copy of the guidelines has been made available to the BC. Due to the unknown rate of spread of the coronavirus, St. Antony's reopening plans will be ongoing.

A discussion included:

- Cleaning of the nave following services
- Social distancing for entry into and about the nave during services.
- Seating arrangement with distancing for single and family groups
- Training for greeters, ushers, and congregation
- Masks will be mandated for all people inside the building
- Masks must be worn by the clergy and other persons taking part in the service.
- Social gatherings will be conducted outside the building and reminders posted for continued social distancing.

Fr. Bill expressed the importance of signage for all persons wanting to come into the church for worship. This may be done in through internet postings and in the Sunday bulletins.

It was moved, seconded and passed that we will have masks available for those in need of them; that we will follow a policy of keeping adequate liability insurance throughout the pandemic; that congregants entering the building will be screened using a prepared health questionnaire; that we will keep a record of all those entering the building and make them available to the county for the purpose of contact tracing.

Fr. Bill led a discussion on proposed live-stream equipment to be used during and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Loretta McGinley has donated \$1000 for the purchase of the equipment which she would like to be used for her husband, Ken Stephen's memorial service.

Based on Fr. Bill's research, it appears that we will need to raise at least \$2000 more for an adequate upgrade in order to optimize the streaming quality of Sunday services for now and after the pandemic.

BC members will work on publicizing to the congregation the advantages of upgrading our live-stream equipment and funding required to obtain said equipment.

## **New Business**

A motion was made to accept seven young cedar trees presented to St. Antony's by Carol and Stu Smith for planting in the new church grounds. This motion was unanimously passed and accepted.

A motion was made to accept a wooden stand for the Bible given to St. Antony's many years ago by Don and Garry Taylor. The stand was crafted for us by Bill Fagan and will be placed in the chapel space, on the shelf above the columbarium. Fr. Bill mentioned that this will be a meaningful connection for us between our old church building and our new church home. The motion was seconded, unanimously passed and accepted.

Discussion and planning for the 2020 Mutual Ministry Review included a need to meet with the congregation through Zoom. Penny Whitney has again volunteered to assist in preparations for the survey which will then be sent to members of the congregation for their input.

Blaine Morgan reported that the Outreach Committee is planning to make rides available for folks in need when we are able to resume our usual inside-the-church services.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Sorrell