

St. Antony Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee
July 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Rev. Bill Fulton opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting began at 6:35 pm via Zoom due to the continuing conavirus pandemic. Those in attendance were Carol Whitney, Blaine Morgan, Kristen Robuck, Chelsea Reeder, Dave Peterson, Rev. Bill Fulton, Rev. Bill Thaete, Jim Foley and Carolyn Sorrell.

Rev. Fulton started the meeting with a prayer and Bible study on Mathew 22: 34-40.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes of the June meeting be accepted pending the addition of the names of attendees present.

Deacon Bill Thaete led another discussion on plans for reopening the church based on revised diocesan reopening plans, a copy of which has been made available to the BC. As continued revisions are being made, no approval was required at this time.

The discussion included:

Information gathering for the church's 'Incident Reporting' will need to reflect all places a church visitor who has contracted the virus has visited and names of people encountered prior to their illness.

While singing, the choir must continue to wear masks and be faced away from the congregation.

A prescribed ventilation system must be in place, possibly using **Hipa filters**.

Distribution of the Eucharistic Bread must be done without touching another person. Deacon Bill suggested having each congregant pick up their own bread from a small table.

It was also suggested that we will likely not be able to have indoor services before September, at which time increased testing may be necessary.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Foley presented his Treasurer's Report, a copy of which has been made available to the BC.

He added that although we are currently within our budget, we must be prudent due to the fact that future help from the PPP grant is uncertain. He hopes that it will last to the end of the year.

Old Business

Fr. Bill reported that we still owe the building contractor \$15,000, however some work must be completed before we make that payment.

Steve Rice, our architect has asked that we confirm the credit due us for certain items in the original contract that were not included in the final plans. These items will need to be addressed before we can finalize payment on the building contract.

Fr. Bill also reported that we are well on our way to having the funds needed for the updated livestream equipment with \$3000 pledged and \$1700 on hand.

Penny Whitney reports that the MMR is nearly completed with the help of input from BC members. Some refining still needs to be done before we present it to the congregation. Penny also reports that the phone tree is still in progress with some suggested changes that could be addressed. This includes the frequency of calls made and perhaps a rearrangement of the contact callers in order to broaden our phone visits to different people from the congregation. Some questions to the congregation regarding the phone tree will be in the MMR.

As there was no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Submitted by
Carolyn Sorrell