

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee
September 10, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Vicar Bill Fulton, Deacon Bill Thaete, Jim Foley, Carol Whitney, Peter Stockwell, Dave Peterson and Carolyn Sorrell. David Sorrell attended as a visitor.

Rev. Fulton opened the meeting with a prayer and Bible Study on Psalms 90.

The minutes for the August 13th meeting were accepted and passed after a motion by Peter Stockwell and seconded by Carol Whitney.

Treasurers Report

Jim Foley reported that although our monthly budget is down again we are well within our budgeted range for the year by \$5700.

A comprehensive copy of Mr. Foley's report is being made available to the BC.

Mr. Foley also reported that due to the pandemic restrictions, the Lord's Neighborhood Dinner meals program has been put on hold for an unspecified time. St. Antony's had been giving them \$100 each month.

Peter Stockwell made a motion that we cease the donations until the Lord's Dinner reopens. Dave Peterson seconded the motion and it was passed.

Old Business

Rev. Thaete reported that St. Antony's Reopening Plan has been sent to the diocese for approval. We are awaiting their response.

New Business

Fr. Bill reported that communicant, Esther Osborne has suggested we begin plans for a community garden on the church grounds. A discussion ensued which included concerns re the location and practical aspects that must be considered such as water and costs. There was interest in this topic, and the discussion will continue after the vicar has a chance to do further brainstorming with Ms. Osborne.

Fr. Bill reported that a donation has been made by Loretta McGinley to seed a new fund for stain glass panels for the nave windows that will add color to the nave of the church.

A new refrigerator for the rental house has been ordered and paid for, according to the vicar and David Sorrell. We are awaiting delivery. We will need a plumber to install a water line to the refrigerator. Mr. Sorrell suggested we offer the renter, Scott Biggers, who has done plumbing for constructions jobs in the past, to prepare the water line for a discount to his rent. If he is unwilling, Mr. Sorrell can get bids from other plumbers. Peter Stockwell motioned that we approve up to \$600 for the work if Mr. Biggers declines. Carol Whitney seconded the motion which was passed.

Stewardship Campaign ideas were discussed. Fr. Bill suggested we come up with a theme for this year. He suggested something such as “God’s plan in a Time of Change”. Everyone agreed to take some time to think and come back with more suggestions at our next meeting. We will need to get word out to the congregation sometime in October for the Ingathering in November.

Carol Whitney reported that with Beth Rolphing’s departure, we need a volunteer to manage St. Antony’s Prayer Chain. Carolyn Sorrell offered to look into the job and may be able to help out.

Fr. Bill reported that Shane Carlson has requested prayers for his mother who recently underwent surgery to remove a mass in her brain. She will be added to Sunday’s prayer list.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by
Carolyn Sorrell