

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee
November 12, 2020
Meeting Minutes

The BC meeting opened with a prayer lead by Rev. Bill Fulton

Those present were Rev. Bill Fulton, Rev. Bill Thaete, Penny Whitney, David Wilkinson, Jim Foley, Blaine Morgan, Peter Stockwell and Carolyn Sorrell. Esther Osborne joined as a visitor.

Fr. Bill lead a Bible study on Psalm 90:1-7, 12.

The October minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report

Jim Foley reported that our monthly contributions were down by \$2800, which is about the same as this time last year. However we are roughly ahead by about \$1500 for our year-to-day budget. After a motion by Peter Stockwell, the treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Stewardship Campaign

The pledge cards have been mailed and pledges are coming in. The Stewardship Campaign is due to end on November 22nd.

Garden Plans and Land Use Plans

___The Garden committee met with Bill Thaete, Esther Osborne and Vicar Bill present. Deacon Bill presented their proposed design plan with areas to be reserved for specific use. The proposal will be made available for congregational input during the next month. Esther expressed that the garden and plans represent our statement of inclusion with the community for a hope-filled future.

Land Acknowledgement Video

Fr. Bill reported on the keynote speaker's address to the Diocesan Convention which included the importance of our respect to the native tribes whose land we now occupy. A link to the video of his address will be made available to us by our vicar.

Fr. Bill and Carolyn Sorrell have volunteered to pursue information about the tribes in our area with the intention of learning ways in which St. Antony's might honor our indigenous heritage.

Reopening Plans

Having received the diocesan approved plans for our reopening, the BC decided that a full discussion should be tabled until such time that our current spike of infections is diminished, and safe reopening would be more feasible.

Well test

Vicar Bill reported that the well water has been tested and there is no contamination in it. The well is only used by the rental house.

New Business

Boy Scouts in bankruptcy

Vicar Bill reported that as a mission, the diocese will handle for us any necessary litigation that could occur. It was noted that St. Antony's has never sponsored a Boy Scout troop, but did allow them to use our facility before moving to our new building.

Annual meeting plans

The BC decided to hold a Zoomed Annual Church meeting on Saturday, January 30 at 10 o'clock AM.

Blaine Morgan reminded us that the BC reports should be ready at least two weeks before the meeting in order to get them to the congregation before the 30th. It was decided that all reports be ready by the end of December for mailing by in the first week of January.

We will also begin looking for replacements to the four retiring BC members.

Outreach Committee

Blaine Morgan reported that he had just received a gift of \$200 for the food drive. This brings us to a total of \$1100 and 100 pounds of food contributed which is above the goal set! The drive will end on November 23rd.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Sorrell