

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee
December 10, 2020

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

Attendees were Rev. Bill Fulton, Rev. Bill Thaete, Penny Whitney, Peter Stockwell, Blaine Morgan, Dave Peterson, Jim Foley, David Wilkinson, John Stockwell and Carolyn Sorrell

Vicar Bill led us through a Bible Study.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Foley reports that we were slightly above our budgeted amount for last month, and appear to be on track for our year end budget. However he is concerned about the budget for next year, since the pledges are shorter than expected and this year, 2020, we did have help from the Payroll Protection Plan to keep us ahead. There are many unknown factors that make it more difficult to plan next years budget due to the pandemic. Fr. Bill said there are still a few more pledges expected to come in.

There was discussion about the need to alert the congregation about our dilemma.

Fr. Bill suggests two items that will need to be considered in next years budget. One being a need for paid help with the live-streamed services. Guy Fulton has been putting in many hours of volunteer help but he may not always be available. Bob Richardson and Bill Fagen have offered to learn the system we are using.

Penny suggested that we should be paying Guy for all his work.

The second item needed in the budget is a new computer for our church secretary.

Carolyn motioned that we accept the treasurer's report and Dave Peterson second the motion. The treasurer's report was also unanimously accepted.

A motion was made by Penny Whitney to approve the November minutes. Peter Stockwell second the motion and the minutes they were unanimously approved.

Old Business

John Stockwell reported that he has received some condenser microphones and the adapters will be in on Monday. It was agreed that Fr. Bill and John will meet on Saturday to try out the microphones before Sunday's services. John also said that he has ethernet cables will make ready for use.

Nominations for new incoming BC members were made. Penny Whitney, Carolyn Sorrell, and Dave Wilkinson volunteered to contact them.

A discussion regarding the purposed Land Use Plan took place. David Sorrell joined the discussion, having had close familiarity with the grounds. He agreed on the placement of the

Church Garden behind the barn with good access to water. There was no further feedback from the congregation.

Dave Peterson moved that we accept the proposed plan and Peter Stockwell second the motion.

The plan was approved unanimously with the stipulation that changes may be made if unforeseen needs are presented in the future.

The BC recognized the good work Vicar Bill Thaete put into making up the Land Use Plans which is available on the website.

Samples of three Land Acknowledgement Statements were read and discussed for our consideration. St. Antony will make our own statement available for publishing on the website, the newsletter and other official sites. Carolyn and Vicar Bill will start work on this after the holidays.

New Business

Penny Whitney and Carolyn Sorrell reported on the recent diocesan seminar for church wardens and commissions on Clergy Wellness During the Pandemic.

Fr. Bill reported that he felt we are doing fairly well, but did acknowledge the unusual stress especially with regards to learning new technology for our live streamed services and Zoomed meetings.

Submitted by
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