

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Bishop's Committee
May 13, 2021 via ZOOM

The Bishop's Committee meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Penny W.

Attendee's present were Vicar Bill Fulton, Esther Osborne, Penny Whitney, Dee Perreira, Peter Stockwell, Jim Foley, Julie Sherwin, Loretta McGinley, Dave Peterson, Chelsea Reeder, Bill Thaete, Emily Nickerson, and John Stockwell

Fr. Bill lead a Bible study on Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Review of Minutes:

Dave P. made a motion to accept and Loretta M. seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim F. opened with "pretty good news" and that we had a lot of good contributions where people cashed out their 401k that put us in an outstanding month and solidly in the black not only for the month but for the year, so looking good. He noted that he had budgeted to take \$2,000 from the proceeds of the rental house each month this year but did not do it this as it did not need to and may not need to for quite a few months so we can have that fund for future affairs or improvements.

Fr. Bill shared the screen of the Treasurer's report Budget Performance stating *\$18,842.98 in March* and *\$15,470.31 YTD*. Jim also noted the first three months we lost about \$6,000 but if we maintain what we did in the first three months we will be about break even at the end of the year, but he expects with the return of in person we will be doing better, so it is looking a lot better. Peter S. commented that it was nice to see the DIF went up \$26.00, ha-ha! Dave P. motion to accept and John S. seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

Building Use Policy:

Loretta M. wanted an update on the Building Use Policy as this was brought up at the last meeting. She wanted to give an update to Carole Nau who has inquired about using SA two months ago for the Linus Project and the Quilting group. She felt that it is not an Outreach category and would like it to be done through the BC. Loretta M. also shared when the two groups meet and what is needed. Linus Project meets on the last Sunday of each month from 12 noon or 12:30pm to 5 pm and they will need are tables, chairs and outlets and the Quilt Group who meets on the first Saturday of each month and will need tables, chairs, and outlets as well. Fr. Bill did suggest that for Linus Project it would fit better if the time were 1pm to 5pm on the last Sunday and for the Quilt group they can schedule it with Linda. Loretta M. acknowledged and will inform Carole Nau to schedule with Linda R. and that their group can donate.

Peter S. acknowledged that he did review the Building Use Policy and will coordinate to meet in person with Penny and Dee to clarify verger, assignment of key and pricing, etc. and finalize the Building Use Policy. Emily N. asked if there are any criteria in terms of what kind of meetings that go on? Fr. Bill responded that a group is a group, it would not matter which one just if we focus on non-profit groups and should stay away from profit making groups. He then asked BC

if we are in favor to support the two groups and Julie S. made a motion to approve and Emily N. seconded, motion passed.

Transition update:

Peter S. shared that he was in contact with the diocese and brought up a couple questions and forwarded a link to the BC to review and urges the BC to watch the video. He stated that he is working with Arienne, Penny, and Jim on what will be needed for the wardens and for the transition. He also shared that he did discuss an interim position with Craig D. and will see if Arienne or Bishop Rickel will be okay with that but will not be in effect until after Fr. Bill is retired.

Peter S. informed the BC that Fr. Bill approached him to review his discretionary account for 2019 and 2020. So, Peter S. reviewed it thoroughly and therefore, the vicar's 2019-2020 discretionary accounts were reviewed and has been approved.

New Business:

Playset:

Julie S. shared that a member (named anonymous) approached her about a playset. She shared that Jesse interpreted that having a playset is an advertisement for a church. She also shared that she had checked out the church's general liability and since it is covered, we should consider it. Her idea of placing the playset would be outside of the nursery door for easy access. Fr. Bill suggested maybe we can send out information and asking for support in this request. Julie S. will investigate pricing on types of playsets and best economical padding for under the playset and get back to the BC.

Request from AA groups:

Fr. Bill shared that he received a phone call from Richard from the AA group and asked the BC if we should support this request. BC had a discussion on the availability and time frames and concluded to sponsor two meetings a week. Fr. Bill asked Esther O. to be in contact with Richard and she accepted then Fr. Bill asked Loretta M. as she had suggested to start off two meetings a week and she confirmed. Also, Esther O. shared that AA group does pay for their meetings and therefore Peter S., Penny, and Dee will finalize that and get back to the BC. Moving forward Loretta M. made a motion that SA agrees to host two meetings a week and Julie S. seconded, motion passed.

Bishop's Stewardship online training:

Fr. Bill announced that Bishop Rickel offered to do a Stewardship training, starting September 5th for five Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. This would be a way to train a team and plan for Stewardship campaign to carry out in October. Interested members showed Chelsea, Loretta, Dee, and Esther. Stewardship banquet is set for October 21st so Fr. Bill will discuss later with more information.

Septic System Repair:

Fr. Bill shared that there is a leak in the septic pipe that Whitworth Excavating installed and will need to be repaired. He did contact them, and they offered to donate their labor but will have to charge \$1,177.20 however, due to their work ethic BC did not feel that we should move forward with Whitworth to repair and therefore, BC suggested to get other bids and Bill T. shared he

utilizes Kitsap Septic and Fr. Bill uses Aquarius Pump System so both of these companies will be contacted for quotes, Fr. Bill to follow up with BC on next meeting.

Next BC meeting in person:

Fr. Bill asked BC if they would like to meet in person and most BC would like to however, due to work schedule for some and Julie S. request on baby schedule to continue having zoom as an option and Peter S. commented we can make that happen and therefore, both zoom meeting and in person will be taking place on the next BC meeting.

Reports:

Parish Life Events: Chelsea R. shared that there are two upcoming events, first will be May 21 (Friday) with a theme of “Southern Comfort Food Cuisine” and the second will be June 5th (Saturday) with a theme of “Luau”. Events will be held in the Pavilion from 6pm with a potluck style. \$10 donation will be asked for SA Fundraising and for now Potluck style will be introduced then maybe in the future events can be catered. Parish Life team’s goal is to host two events one on a Friday and the other on a Saturday to get our congregation and/or community a chance to make one or both events. John S. also shared that there will be a concert on June 27th, and more information to follow.

Fr. Bill shared that there will be a wedding on August 28th and will work with Emily N. on this event and the other matter he brought up is having a “work party” to prep for the church re-opening on Sunday, May 23rd. He suggested if he could have help on Saturday, May 22nd at 10am and that he will announce this as well on Sunday’s service. Loretta M. suggested to hire a cleaning service and BC will need to investigate this. Fr. Bill shared they had Cheryl Mesino for \$200/month, but she is retired. She cleaned bathrooms, empty waste basket, vacuum, clean floors, cleaned the chapel and kitchen. Chelsea R. volunteered to help find a cleaner and get some quotes. Fr. Bill to work with Chelsea and report back to BC on next meeting.

Continuation of Reports:

Jim F. wanted to share about the Lord’s Neighborhood Diner that it was discontinued due to lack of participant however, the diner has partnered with Salvation Army and Jim asked to resume the endowment fund to the Lord’s Diner. Peter S. motion to move this request and Loretta M. seconded, motion passed.

Adjourn BC meeting at 8:08 pm

Submitted by Dee Perreira