

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church  
Bishop's Committee Meeting  
Sunday July 9th, 2023

The Bishop Committee meeting started at 11:49 am

Attendee's present: Loretta McGinley, Holly Foley, Jim Foley, Julie Sherwin, Dolores Perreira, Benny Wright, Esther Osborne, Tim van As, and Linda Robuck

**Opening prayer:** Lead by Loretta M.

**Gratitude Reflection:** We did a brief gratitude reflection.

**Review/Accept Minutes from BC Special Meeting:**

Esther moved to approve June 24, 2023 minutes Holly seconded, motion passed.

**Additional items:**

Youth Representative

**Treasurer's report:**

Pretty straight forward, still ahead on the year and on track with expenses. Loretta made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Esther seconded; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Playset update –

- a. Pea gravel expense: Loretta shared that John Stockwell purchased additional Pea gravel and requested for a reimbursement of \$500, Holly mentioned that the Men's Group commented they would help with additional cost for the Play area. Therefore, John's reimbursement will be from the Men's Group. (Thank you!)
- b. Lock or not to lock: Holly made a motion to remove the lock, Esther seconded, motion passed.
- c. Sign or no sign: Loretta shared a quote "Welcome for use by St. Antony guests, adult supervision advised". Holly made a motion to accept the sign statement, Esther seconded, motion passed.

Church picnic – Poster drafts and sign-up sheets were shared, and the BC members agreed on option A and approved the sign-up sheets. A suggestion to add 10:45 am be included. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Narthex.



T-shirt update – Dee shared with the BC that the vendor, Unique Experience has a more affordable option for SA T-shirts. The price per shirt was agreed to be \$20/adults and \$15/youth. Loretta informed Dee to put out this information on the Happenings and Glad Tidings.

Church security – In process and should be completed before the Annual Picnic.

Church front door – A door sequence is in order and will upgrade the church (red) front door once that part arrives.

Update Maintenance Plan – Tim has met with Benny and walked around the property to make additional notes, photo and spreadsheet update is in the process.

Search Committee update – Sarah made an announcement at the 10:15 am service that the Search Committee has potential candidates and may be visiting the property and asked the congregation to donate some items for a welcome gift basket.

Supply priest coverage – There are several openings in September and October. Loretta will continue to fill the spots in contact from the list of clergies she was given.

CCD (College for Congregational Development) visit – Esther as one of the attendees shared that it was a fun and interesting experience. There were people from California, Michigan, South Florida, and Alaska, with 60% of them were clergy members. She, Marge Zantek, and Kristen Fabry joined this program and will work together along with Deacon Bill T. on what they have learned. Esther also shared that this is a Nationwide Program where they focus on “ways two help build a church” and other topics.

Cloud-based accounting service – Jim informed the BC that he has applied for a 3-month trial with the QuickBooks program and will update us as he continues to access this program.

Website update – Dee will work with Guy and update the website.

### **New Business:**

Assistant Treasurer – Jim has proposed Carrie Rivers for the Assistant Treasurer as she has experience in QuickBooks. Loretta made a motion to accept Carrie Rivers as Assistant Treasurer, Holly seconded, motion passed.

Vicar Discretionary Fund; Request for reimbursement -

Deacon Bill Thaete requested a separate Deacon discretionary account be set up for urgent pastoral needs, and reimbursement of \$100 after responding to a recent emergency pastoral care situation. Loretta consulted with Rev. Canon Arienne Davison from the Diocese, who advised deferring decision on a separate deacon discretionary account until hiring of the new vicar.

Loretta made a motion to reimburse Deacon Bill T. \$100 from the Vicar Discretionary fund and Tim seconded, motion passed. Then another motion was made that should another urgent pastoral situation arise involving need for funds, to allow Deacon Bill temporary access to the Vicar Discretionary Fund with a limit of up to \$200 a month after he informs the Bishop's Warden of the need. Holly seconded; motion passed.

Plan for Deacon Bill T. time off; need for more EM (Eucharistic Ministers) – There is a need to plan for occasional Sunday's off for Deacon Bill. He developed a list of needed tasks to both prepare the church for Sunday services and to orient the supply priest. Esther suggested EM training: Loretta will reach out to Bill T. about doing the training. The BC will reach out to individuals to extend a personal invitation to step into the Eucharist Minister role.

Bell Tower -

Last year Emily Nickerson (past BC Member) donated a bell and bell tower to St. Antony's in honor of a family member. She consulted with Father Craig about this and has asked David Sorrell to work with the designer, Troy Perkins, on the project. Benny will also work with David Sorrell, Emily Nickerson, and the designer with a request to possibly attend the next BC meeting. A draft drawing of the bell tower was shared. Esther made a motion to approve a donation of a Bell and Bell Tower, Holly seconded, motion passed.

Wedding request – Gary Hicks inquired for a wedding event at SA in October with Dick Scott to be the officiant.

BPOD (Benny) – Feedback on the responsibility for BPOD was shared and will be revisited with an addition of an "expectation" discussion.

### **Additional items:**

Youth Representative – Tyler Reynolds is officially off the committee as he has graduated. (Congratulations Tyler and Good Luck!) This position will be posted in the Happenings to recruit for a replacement.

QR code – Jim suggested the QR Code be added to the bulletin.

BC Meeting dates – A request from Julie to have the BC meeting on the third Sunday, it was discussed and agreed however the August 13<sup>th</sup> will remain and then moving forward BC meeting will take place on the third Sunday of each month.

Old tree near pavilion – Benny informed us that he has been working with John Stockwell to use his trailer on disposing of the branches to get this done before the Annual Picnic. He also suggested cutting the tree stump as low as possible and putting grass seeds to make it presentable. (Thank you, Benny!)

Next BC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am at SA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Submitted by: Dolores Perreira