

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 15, 2023

The Bishop Committee meeting started at 11:53 am

Attendee's present: Mother Hillary Kimsey, Loretta McGinley, Holly Foley, Jim Foley, Tim van As, Melanie Reeder, Dolores Perreira, Benny Wright, and Esther Osborne

Another attendee: Janet Steller

Opening prayer: Led by Mother Kimsey

Gratitude reflection: We did a brief gratitude reflection.

Review/Accept Minutes from BC Special Meeting:

Esther moved to approve September 17, 2023, Holly seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

It was a good month, with donations over budget and last year, putting us in the black by almost \$5k on the month, and \$18k YTD. The request for the DIF withdrawals has been sent to the Diocese with the BC Minutes backing up the request. Mother Hillary has been set-up with automatic recurring weekly pay through QuickBooks.

Jim contacted the bank to change signatories on accounts. Mother Hillary, Marj Zantek and Carrie Rivers will need to go to the bank to complete the change process.

Old Business:

Welcome plan –

Mother Hillary will be focusing on setting goals for Mutual Ministry Review. She has scheduled meetings with key church and community folks, Welcome Banquet is today and small group gatherings will be taking place over the next month. The celebration of New Ministry/St. Antony feast day will be held on Wednesday, 1/7/2024 and Bishop will be attending.

Building Updates –

Landscaping service and Pest Control: Benny and Tim worked on getting several quotes. Holly made a motion to accept the quote for Landscaping by Above the Norm for a fall service and a contract with Croach Services, Melanie seconded, motion carried. Tim will follow up with Croach to find out if there could be any reduction in the fee.

Church Security: Two cameras were installed thanks to Jim and will place the other cameras soon. Benny made a motion to start the live feed for self-monitoring for \$8.95/month, Esther seconded the motion passed.

Playset: Thanks to Dee for ordering the sign and Holly placing it on the fence.

Gravel: Benny will reach out to John Stockwell and David Peterson to get confirmation on the plan to move the gravel.

Expansion duster for altar cobwebs: Holly and Mother Hillary have taken care of some areas and if further dusting is needed the expansion duster is in the maintenance closet in the kitchen.

Rental property: Removal of items from the house were completed thanks to Benny, Holly, Melanie, and David. David Sorrell is following up on removal of remaining items at the rental house from the previous renter (hospital bed, saw, etc.).

Website –

Mother Hillary will be webmaster for the St. Antony website and will reach out to the Fagans to invite participation as a team. Mother Hillary suggested creating a photo album in Google docs so anyone can share, and she will work on including St. Antony's link onto the Vicar's page on Facebook.

Coverage for Linda in Oct-Nov – Sarah Rogers to cover for Linda from October 27th through November 18th.

Building Use Requests -

Request from Melanie Kurzbein for 11 December 2023, for a rate of \$100 (\$250 security deposit) Loretta made a motion to accept the request for 11 December, Holly seconded, motion carried.

Other requests that are confirmed are:

Piano tuning will take place on 2 November 2023

4 November 2023 Kitsap Music Teachers Association – Esther to open around 8:30 am and Loretta to close and return the deposit fee.

Private wedding on 21 October 2023

Jim and Holly's grandson's baptism on 26 November 2023 at the 10:15 am service

Youth Activities –

Trunk or treat on Saturday, 28 October 2023 – donation of candies still needed.

Convene: Loretta shared that she joined Marj Z., and the Campbells to this event and their main discussion was finding a sense of purpose.

Convention 28 October 2023: Kristen and Marj are the representatives for this event and will be joining others in the selection of the new Bishop.

New Business:

New Building use request – Janet Steller presented an interest from the congregation about obtaining information from United Health Care. She requested 24 October 2023 at 4:00 pm to have a meeting held at St. Antony with light refreshments. Melanie made a motion to accept this request, Holly seconded, motion passed, with one abstention (Esther).

Children and Youth Education/Activities – Suggestions to collaborate some goals for youth and adult activities. Faith Church is interested in working with St. Antony's on this area. A planning meeting will be scheduled to develop goals for St. Antony's youth education and activities (e.g. choice of curriculum, plan for education young/older children, involving children in church life, youth activities, collaboration with other churches).

New laptop for Mother Hillary – Mother Hillary received her new laptop from the Operations funds.

Welcome pamphlet – Melanie will work on updating the pamphlet.

Stewardship – Bill Reeder wrote a stewardship letter that was sent to the congregation. A second letter with a pledge card will be sent in the first week in November, with a request to turn it in by ingathering Sunday, 19 November 2023.

Fall Food Drive – Tim shared that the youth group will be leading the fall food drive and will confirm the Food bank location. The Central Kitsap Food Bank is looking for 10 people to volunteer on 3 November 2023, some youth members signed up but are looking for a few more volunteers. Fall food drive will kick off on 5 November, Tim to make announcement.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service –

A combined service with Silverdale Lutheran church will be on 22 November 2023 at 7pm.

Annual Meeting – Annual meeting will be held on 21 January 2024, there will be a joint service at 9am followed by a break then the Annual meeting.

Recruitment of new BC Members – Encouraged to find a new member by each present BC member.

New Chairs for gathering room – Loretta proposed purchasing chairs for the gathering room, by the Memorial funds, will get quotes and will share at the next BC meeting.

Other:

Mother Hillary shared that 9am joint service will take place quarterly.

Benny will get in touch with the AC company that is on the equipment on quotes for servicing.

Next BC meeting is scheduled for 19 November 2023

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm

Submitted by: Dolores Perreira