

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting
Sunday, December 17, 2023

The Bishop Committee meeting started at 11:53 am

Attendee's present: Mother Hillary Kimsey, Loretta McGinley, Holly Foley, Jim Foley, Julie Sherwin, Esther Osborne, Dolores Perreira, Bennie Wright, Tim Van as, Melanie Reeder and Linda Robuck.

Opening prayer: Led by Mother Kimsey

Gratitude reflection: A brief gratitude reflection was shared.

Review/Accept Minutes from BC Special Meeting:

Loretta made a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Esther seconded, motion passed.

Additional items for agenda?

Seating arrangement in church

Present new image for welcoming

Kneelers found 29 extra.

Treasurer's report:

Jim presented the budget and stated looks like it will be similar to last year.

Bennie suggested creating a budget item for next year to plan both for anticipated maintenance of our church building/property, as well as for anticipated future replacement of existing systems/structures. There was general agreement for this, and Jim will explore ways to do this and have information available at our next BC meeting.

Vicar's report:

Mother Hillary shared some of things that will be coming up in January 2024.

- Sunday, January 7th – Episcopal 101 at 9:15 between services begin. (This will be for confirmation/baptism prep or just for those wanting to learn more about their faith and get to know one another.)
- Wednesday, January 17th at 6pm – Celebration of New Ministry with the Bishop and Guest Preacher.
- Saturday, January 20th – Leadership Day 4pm at Peninsula Church (This event is put on by the Diocese for Episcopal Churches in our region and is encouraged for vestry/BC members, treasurers, church, secretaries, and clergy. Location TBA. Both outgoing and incoming BC members are invited to attend.

- Saturday, January 27th BC retreat held at St. Anthony's and will have a guest facilitator from the College of Congregational Development who will come to help finalize our Mutual Ministry Agreement (aka goals for the short-term future of St. Anthony's).

Old Business:

Pledge cards follow up Time and Talent – looking for an electronic file as it needs to be updated. Holly and Loretta will plan an all-congregation message for January 2024 to invite folks to indicate interest in volunteering for a variety of roles at St. A's.

Building Update –

Landscape: Annual fall clean up trial run went well but will need to investigate other options.

Pest Control: Initial and first service took place and will continue quarterly.

Security: Still in process

Gravel: Tim mentioned he and Dave Peterson will put the remaining gravel in the barn.

Grounds Maintenance: Tim and Benny have been working closely on the maintenance schedule and Tim shared with the BC on a spreadsheet that will be keeping track for monthly maintenance.

Building Use Requests –

Upcoming in St. Antony's events.

10 December – Irene Bowling

11 December – Melanie Kurzbein

Update on the Children's Music Group request – Mother Hillary contacted the Diocese for guidance on this request. BC in agreement to allow the Children's Music Group to meet for one series of classes at St. A's from January – March 2024, but will be unable to support continuation of hosting due to the for-profit status of the Music Together program.

Mother Hillary suggested a large wall calendar for church activities and will look further into this.

New chairs, gathering room, more chairs for Godly Playroom – Loretta made a motion to purchase 10 more chairs for the Godly Playroom and Holly seconded, motion passes.

KCSO (Kitsap County Sheriff's Office) – presentation that took place on 12/12/23 turned out well and the representative was very pleased with how welcoming St. Antony was and would be happy to do another presentation.

Exploration of consultation with sound engineer. Contact was made with Morgan Sound in Lynnwood regarding an assessment of sound issues at St. A's; there will be follow up in January for a free consultation, with recommendation for possible solutions. Only cost for a free consultation will be reimbursement of travel. General BC agreement to move forward with this sound consultation with Morgan Sound.

Recruitment of BC members: Continued search to take place.

New Business:

Memorial Fund Guideline: Loretta made the following motion: Memorial fund use requests will be reviewed and approved by the BC. Funds are to be used to purchase items and services of enduring value for our church and grounds which will enhance the quality of worship and experience of God. Developing written procedures and a plan to maintain records to be continued by the next BC. Motion was seconded and approved. Coordination's with musicians: Mother Hillary is continuing to coordinate with our musicians regarding roles/responsibilities/compensation.

Newcomers Welcome: Melanie presented the BC a new image for a "Visitor" tag for newcomers and will further research.

Glad Tiding topics are due Tuesday, 26 December 2023.

Hose Bibs: Bennie advised the BC to reach out to Yamamoto Plumbing on getting a quote as Hose Bibs can be expensive.

Additional items –

Julie brought up a concern regarding seating arrangement in church, and suggested an alternative arrangement to accommodate families when children return to the sanctuary after Sunday school.

Holly located additional kneelers reconnected some of them to our existing seats.

Next BC meeting is scheduled right after the Annual Meeting on 21 January 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm

Submitted by: Dolores Perreira