

BC Meeting Minutes June 9, 2024

Meeting Place: St. Antony's Episcopal Church, Silverdale, Washington.

Members Present: Holly Foley, Reverend Hillary Kimsey+, Kathy Avery, Esther Osborn, Cris McCarty, Jim Foley, Tim Van As, Marj Zantek, and Dave Peterson.

Members Absent: Melanie Reeder

The meeting was called to order by the People's Warden at 12:05 p.m.
Esther motioned that we accept the minutes from May's meeting
Marj seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Holly Foley moved that we changed the language regarding member reports from "No Report" to "Nothing to Report."
Marj Zantek seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Foley presented St. Antony's current financial overview.

Vicar's Report

Mother Hillary+ talked about an exercise that had been used in the most recent CCD class. We discussed our current approach which is Gather, Grow, and Go and how it is similar to Gather, Transform, and Send. Some time was spent some time talking about Sources of Transformation which builds from the central practice of Prayer and Worship.

The components of the Sources of Transformation include: Love in Community—eat together, socialize, and serve the community; Study and Learning—instructed Eucharist, Bible study, book study, contemplative prayer, and the Episcopal 101 class; Action—stewardship, outreach, and service projects which include food drives.

In terms of Prayer and Worship, there was a discussion about personal prayer, the daily offices, and celebrating Eucharist. There was a discussion among the B.C. about where we most reliably encounter God. The examples were put on the white board using Post-It notes. These examples indicated that we encounter God in various and distinct ways, and that the B.C. is a very spiritual group.

We defined orthodoxy as a practice where everyone believes the same thing whereas orthopraxy addresses right action.

During the 2021 CCD classes, Mother Hillary+ found it hard to focus on what was being presented as it was right in the middle of Covid. The 2022 classes were much better. This year, the curriculum was shortened, and the use of microphones made it easier all around to participate.

Cris McCarty wanted to know whether the Church of England is still censoring the Episcopal church with regard to marriage within the GLBTQ+ community. An Internet search found that that censure was issued in 2016 for three years and is therefore no longer in effect. We briefly discussed that gay and lesbian bishops were invited to Lambeth for the first time in 2022. Their spouses were excluded from official bishop spouse events but able to attend worship services and other events at the conference.

Old Business

- Dry erase board has been purchased and is ready to assemble.
- The new benches have been purchased, assembled and placed near the play structure.
- The idea that a plaque might be placed on the benches that says either “St. Antony’s Memorial Fund” or a specific remembrance of a parishioner who has died was discussed.
- The Septic Repair Insurance Claim has been filed. \$1,800 in donations were received to help with the septic repair as well as the repairs needed after the sprinkler problem.
- John Stockwell has purchased new routers which will expand the distance the wi-fi network can reach.
- A new camera has also been purchased in Sanctuary and is working (note: Guy needs to put instructions how to add to computer screen when operating)

New Business

- A Sign Team has been formed, consisting current BC members Dave Peterson, Cris McCarty, and Marj Zantek. There was a discussion about who would be empowered to call a meeting. Dave Peterson offered to contact congregation members who are interested including Bill Fagan and Benny Wright, as well as Heather Carnocki, chair of the landscape design team.
- The mower is being worked on but isn’t fixed yet. (Note: It is now fixed by Bill Fagan and we have two operational mowers)
- Wave Cable is coming on Tuesday (June 11). It’s estimated that updating the fiber optics will take six weeks. At this time, one of the security cameras is online.

- Landscape Team. Heather Carnocki will provide a complete list of members who are interested. Currently David Sorrell, Bill and Lori Fagan, Dave Peterson, and Holly Foley are interested in participating in this work. Heather would like to have a plan in place by the end of August and bulbs for spring would be planted in October
- There was a discussion about what to do with the sign that's currently in the barn. Since it means a lot to some of the parishioners, it was agreed that it's important to honor that history in the decision-making process.
- The possibility of putting up a reader board near the street with information about worship times was discussed. Additional research is needed.
- Year Round Stewardship ideas included asking parishioners to give short talks about their own commitment to stewardship.
- Bill Fulton needs to be removed from the debit cards issued by Kitsap Bank, and Mother Hillary+ needs to be added. Holly moved that we proceed with the banking changes. Tim seconded the motion and it passed. New debit cards were issued by Kitsap Bank and the old ones were deactivated.
- Other financial considerations include the use of the discretionary fund and general operations fund. It is possible for parishioners to donate directly to any of these funds. All that's needed is an indication on the check as to where the money should go.
- More information regarding the rental property was presented. The Diocese must sign off on the new lease. A template from the Diocese has been received. Additionally, factoring in cost-of-living increases, the new proposed rent could be \$2,862. Once the new lease is approved, there will be a meeting with the tenants. Additionally, the roof needs some cleaning and Dave Sorrel will take care of.
- Sean Rivers has received a \$265 scholarship for Camp Huston.
- There was a discussion about continuing to hold Saturday work parties. Dave Peterson would prefer to keep this work in-house rather than hire an outside company. Holly said maybe we could put a clipboard with a list of tasks that need to be done and people could sign up for the ones they're interested in completing in a way to keep track of time and talent donations.
- Other landscaping matters included eventually attempting to cull the blackberry bushes and the possibility of using \$3,600 set aside for landscaping toward the cost of the septic work, depending on how much insurance pays and our landscaping needs at the end of the year.
- A thank-you card was signed by members of the B.C. and will be sent to The Rev. Paul Rietmann for his presentation regarding Contemplative Prayer.
- Carol Nau has requested that the funds needed to store materials be sent directly to the storage facility rather than to her. The cost for one year is \$1,086. Tim motioned to accept the proposal including the cost. Marj seconded and the motion passed.
- Mother Hillary+ noted that our new parishioner Jason Kimes is interested in discerning for the priesthood.
- Additional information about Vacation Bible School included:

- Using the Narthex for advertising. Melanie Reeder, Chelsea Reeder, and Marj Zantek will undertake creating this.
- This information will also help inform parents about the program and encourage them to help pay for it.
- Currently, the thinking is that one adult should be responsible for one age group.
- There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 11.
- Marj moved that all these aspects of VBS should be accepted. Kathy seconded and the motion passed.
- The B.C. agreed that there would be no meeting in July. The only exception would be a flash meeting for emergent issues.
- Mother Hillary+ will be on vacation on July 14 and Fr. Dick Scott will preside.

Esther moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marj seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cris McCarty, Communications