

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
BC Meeting Minutes
Silverdale WA
8 September 2024

Members Present: Kathy Avery, Tim Van As, Jim Foley, Holly Foley, Melanie Reeder, Marj Zantek, Cris McCarty, Esther Osbourne.

Meeting Began at 11:48 a.m.

Mother Hillary+ passed out Thank You cards for members of the BC to sign. They'll be given to Heather Carnoki for her work on landscape design, Bill & Lori Fagan for the frame around the portrait of St. Antony that now hangs in the church, Dave Peterson who helped hang the portrait and to Marj Zantek and Kristin Fabry for all their hard work in making Vacation Bible School a success.

The minutes from the July meeting were amended. Holly made the motion that we should accept the minutes as amended. Marj seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: A check from Chris Crowson's estate has been received. Most of the money will be used for the septic repair. Melanie Reeder noted that it made her uncomfortable that Chris Crowson's legacy will be the septic repair. There was a short discussion regarding this. Jim Foley reminded everyone that 50% of the cost of the septic has already been paid. Additionally, insurance paid for \$2,500 of the cost of the repair. This would free up some funds to purchase benches and flowers, including a plaque with Chris' name on it. There was also a suggestion to look into adding stained glass in the church's spire.

Holly made a motion to use part of Chris' donation to finish the work on the septic, and then use the rest to purchase something that would bear Chris' name to honor him and his legacy. Melanie seconded and the motion passed.

Jim Foley thanked both Linda Roebuck and Tim Van As who were instrumental in getting the church's audit done on time.

Vicar's Report: Momentum was high during the summer months. Both the book group and Bible Study were well attended. Bible Study will continue this fall with a study of Genesis. Additionally, Episcopal 101 is continuing.

There was a discussion regarding how the money raised for VBS should be allocated. The proposal was to donate 10% to a local water project and give the rest to VBS. Melanie noted that the kids who participate in VBS should have input into how the money is to be used.

Mother Hillary+ proposed that there is the possibility of a retreat at St. Andrew's House this winter. The facility could accommodate between 12 and 24 people. At minimum, 10 people must be committed to the retreat to reserve the space.

Old Business:

1. Septic repair. The beginning of the repair is held up because the septic company is waiting on the big equipment that will be used. There will be a lot of dirt displaced during the process and they will do a lot of digging.
2. Emily Nickerson will be attending the blessing of the belltower on September 15, 2024.
3. The motion for WSBA to move to the property was approved via email.
4. St. Antony's will host the Thanksgiving service which will be held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The proposed start time is 6:00 p.m.
5. Christmas tree sale. The Douglas firs on the property need to be thinned. There was a brief discussion regarding youth involvement and advertising although no decisions were made at this time.
6. The sign team has submitted a proposal for the sign that will be visible from the road. It will have two sides so it's visible to anyone who passes going either way on Old Frontier Road. There was general agreement regarding moving and hanging the current sign to the barn.
7. There was a discussion regarding the parking lot extension. Melanie asked where the extension will be located. Currently there are two possible locations. Marj reminded us to be aware of the water table. At this point, we could look at both locations and then ask for estimates.

New Business:

1. Cris agreed to create transcripts of the email exchanges between members of the BC and Mother Hillary+.
2. Rental House/Tenants.
 - a. They were not happy with the fact they were not informed about our decision to house bees from WSBA. Scott is very allergic to bees. They were told that the WSBA area would be located on the other side of the pond.
 - b. Hillary received a letter from them outlining their concerns and will sit down with them to address this as well as other matters.
 - c. We need to determine what the current rental agreement says about the property lines in terms of where the driveway ends. Additionally, there needs to be more clarity regarding the property lines.
 - d. The tenants currently have a garden that might technically be on church property. The use of this area could be negotiated.

- e. A new rental agreement will be given in writing to the tenants on October 1, 2024. That will give them 90 days' notice in the event they choose to move, it needs to include a map that stops at house asphalt.
- 3. Christina Morris (?), who provides nursery care, will be away on four Sundays. (Insert dates here if known). It was decided that there would be no nursery available on those days.
- 4. Dave Peterson mentioned that the doors to the Sanctuary need to be oiled.
- 5. Mutual Survey needs to go out soon. Use existing templates and add or subtract to that . Send to all BC members to do feedback and then do Google form version and paper also. Results will be shared in newsletter (please). Remove #17 and 18.
- 6. Mother Hillary shared that we will be hosting an Regional "End of life planning" Conference Nov 18 at 9am -1pm. Speakers and lunch
 - a. Financial and estate planning
 - b. Medical considerations
 - c. Logistical (services and memorial) Look into Medcure organization to pick up body and return ashes
 - d. Spiritual
 - e. Legal
- 7. OSHA employees safety program needs employees to read and fill out forms. Holly made motion to accept as amended, Esther second and all approved
- 8. Stewardship Drive in the past has included speakers and letters in newsletter. We will continue this with talks in services. 2-3 minutes each about "What church means to me". Heather C and Melanie have done. Tim will do October 13.
- 9. BC meetings will be 3rd week for Oct, Nov, Dec.
- 10. Mother Hillary will be away for conference Sept 22-24, and Oct 6 for Civil rights walk.
- 11. Light fixture in sanctuary needs to be replaced.
- 12. Two people have expressed an interest in BC for next year. Chelsea Reeder and Sara Rogers.
- 13. We are missing a binder of information for the building that includes "AS IS" build information and set of plans. WHERE IS IT? Hope John Stockwell might know.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 Next meeting is Oct 20th at 11:45 am.