

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church**  
**BC Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

Meeting opened at 12:04 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mar Zantek, Holly Foley, Cris McCarty, Dave Peterson, Sarah Rogers, Mother Hillary Kimsey, Chelsea Reeder, Tim van As, Melanie Reeder, Kathy Gero, Jim Foley, Linda Robuck

**Members Absent:** Sarah Dolbec, Kathy Avery

**Visitor:** Donnie Manning

**Opening Prayer**

**Gratitude and Thanksgivings:**

- Melanie thanked Marj for all of her hard work across many of St. Antony's events and programs.
- Marj thanked Kristin van As for her work with the children involved in Godly Play who made today's service memorable. A card signed by BC members will be sent to her.
- Ellery van As was thanked for her outstanding sermon.
- Donnie Manning was thanked for his reading of the second lesson.
- Project Linus thanked us for our financial support.

Holly Foley moved to accept the minutes from December 2024's BC meeting. Melanie seconded and the motion passed.

**Vicar's Report**

There were no questions about this.

**Financial Report:**

See separate document

**Old Business**

- **WestSound Beekeepers Association:** They are currently working on leveling ground underneath the tarp. The bees will probably arrive in April. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about bees and bee keeping.
- **Parking Lot Extension:** Four people have been contacted who will take a look at the project. They will be provided with drawings. The possibility of using crushed rock initially and then paving over that was discussed. One consideration is that a crushed rock cannot be plowed in case of snow. Money for this project would come from the Building Fund.

- **Mutual Ministry Survey:** Twenty-five to thirty surveys were returned. Mother Hillary will share some of the emergent themes from the surveys at the BC retreat.
  - *Related discussion* Should we use magnetic name tags? People with pacemakers should not use these. If these tags are chosen, the current name tag tower would be taken down and a magnetic board would take its place. Melanie will look into cost. Project could be presented to the congregation to help with fundraising.
  - *Related discussion* There is currently no stand for the smaller cross. Bill Fagan will be approached to do this.
- **Godly Play Update:** They met their fundraising goal and the funds were matched by the Zapp Family. The issue of the light switch will be addressed later.
- **Sound Blocks** for the pass-through window between kitchen and Gathering Room. While this is not urgent, it should be kept in mind as more events begin to take place at the same time.
- **Floor treatment:** There are bumps along the concrete in a straight line (by the entry doors?). This should have been sealed but wasn't. The floor needs to be stripped and waxed. We will continue to look for a contractor who can do this.

## New Business

- **Dishwasher:** One of the dishwashers that needs a new control box. More research regarding the cost of the part versus the cost of replacing the dishwasher is needed.
- **Permission and Contact Information Forms:** General information to include— What is the best way to contact you? Who is your emergency contact? Allergies and possibly medications and medical conditions might also be included. This information could be shared in a section called “Is there anything else you would like to tell us?” We would need permission from parents of minors to do this. Grace on Bainbridge Island and St. John's in Gig Harbor already have something in place. Tim will follow up with them; Mother Hillary will talk with the diocese lawyer.
- **Time & Talent Survey:** Need to provide more titles and detailed descriptions of the various ministries and what they entail to help people identify their gifts and interests.
  - *Related discussion* Possibly have parishioners bringing the bread and wine to the altar. A sign-up sheet could be available in the Narthex. If no one has volunteered for a particular Sunday, the usher could do this. The Altar Guild would need to be involved in this discussion.
- **Parishioner Map:** The map of where people live needs to be updated. From there, group meetings could be scheduled (e.g. Poulsbo, Port Orchard, etc.) Holly removed name tags for those no longer attending.
- **Rides to Church:** There has been an increase in people rides to service. We could create a list of those needing rides and those willing to do this.

- **Loading Zone:** We purchased a Loading Zone 15 minute parking sign that will be put near the parking spot that has a ramp. There was also a discussion about repainting the lines between parking spaces and those along the edges of the driveway.
- **Master Gardeners:** Can we put a wildflower garden next to the wetland area? The flowers would include plant pollinator flowers. This would also reduce the area that has to be mowed. This project would be done after the Rain Garden is complete.
- **Mowing:** Need a regular schedule. We also need to contact Yamamoto about winterizing the sprinklers and having the schedule changed in the spring. Heather is most concerned about front garden areas not getting enough water.
- **Assisted Listening Devices:** Peter Stockwell has donated two speakers that could be put in the front of the church (near the altar). Try this first before exploring other options such as purchasing headsets which would cost \$2,200 for four. The hearing loop could be put in the ceiling rather than under the floor. Further discussion should involve those with hearing issues if they choose to self-identify.
  - *Related discussion:* Should we put up screens to display the bulletin in the Sanctuary during service? We will experiment with large print bulletins before exploring this further.
  - *Related discussion:* We are going to need to revise the seating arrangement and possibly purchase more chairs as attendance increases.
- **Parochial Report:** Items in the report include, but are not limited to, average in-person and online attendance, adult and youth communicants in good standing, types of services provided, marriages, burials, baptisms, confirmations and receptions, and number of services for the year. Financial information regarding pledges and expenses is also included. Marj Zantek made a motion to accept the report. Kathy Gero seconded and the motion passed. *(Is entire document available?)*
- **Welcoming/Coffee Hour:** Schedule is currently being compiled. Include information about food allergies (gluten and dairy) in information given to volunteers.

### **Upcoming Dates & Items to Remember:**

**BC Retreat:** March 1 from 9:00 to 2:00

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** March 4

**Ash Wednesday:** March 5

**Easter:** April 20

**Annual Picnic:** August 17

**VBS:** August 18-23 (?)

**Bishop's Visit:** October 12

### **BC Meeting Dates:**

March 23

April 27  
May 25  
June 22  
July 20  
August 24  
September 21  
October 19  
November 16  
December 14

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Submitted by Cris McCarty, Clerk of the Bishop's Committee