

Bishop's Committee Meeting and Retreat
June 9, 2018
Faith Church Pousbo, WA

Vicar Laura opened the meeting with prayer.

Paths for better knowing ourselves and working with one another were discussed. The conversation included our Baptismal Covenant, Rules of Respect, the issues of confidentiality, and more.

Old Business:

Louise updated our financial status. The DIF request was updated. Building use was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the financials as written.

Last year's goals were revisited and evaluated. Faith's strengths such as a sense of welcoming, warmth, and hospitality were acknowledged. We reviewed Canon 11 as regards to Mission Churches. Our old bylaws and an outline of suggested new bylaws were briefly discussed as a starting off point. There was discussion as to whether we needed new formalized bylaws. The BC members were to read and evaluate these before our next meeting, which will be on July 11th at 6:30. A congregational meeting needs to be set up for either late summer or early autumn to discuss any changes. A second meeting would be at Faith's Annual Meeting for the new bylaws to be approved.

New Business:

The College for Congregational Development meets one weekend a month for two years. Grants may be available for someone from our parish to attend the College. Discernment and commitment are essential.

We will participate in the Diocese's Size-To- Size, Strength-To-Strength program at Fort Warden State Park in October. The cost for the first four people is \$100, and each additional person is \$15. This encounter shares information between like-sized churches and with churches one level up from our present level. Vicar Laura is to enroll us.

Three goals were set for our parish's upcoming year. They are:

1. Plan four dates for special events each year for our congregations, for others who share our church, and for community outreach.
2. Get processes in place for every aspect of church life
3. Create an updated Pictorial Directory

Our meeting adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully submitted

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