

Bishop's Committee Meeting
July 11, 2018

Vicar Laura opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 PM.

Present: Vicar Laura, Diane Foster, Louise Kernaghan, Fred Pomeranz, Kevin Mace, and Debra Hurd.

Regrets: Brenda Toth

Louise motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Kevin seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Financials: Louise reviewed the financials through June. We have met our projected budget thus far, however that budget falls \$20,000 short of what we need to meet our actual expenses for the year. Laurie Hardow received an email from the WA Secretary of State's office asking for an additional \$65 for our UBI number, which will be sent tomorrow. Once the number is assigned, a new bank account can be set up.

Kevin motioned to approve the financial statement as presented, Deb seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Bishop's Leadership Conference:

Nine people from our church will attend the Bishop's Leadership Conference Size-To-Size, Strength-To-Strength on October 1 & 2. Attendees will include Vicar Laura, Fred Pomeranz, Brenda Toth, Diane Foster, Louise and Bob Kernaghan, Kevin Mace, and Neil and Deb Hurd.

Bylaws:

Two changes were recommended: 1. No family members could serve on the BC at simultaneously. 2. The BC should have 7 rather than 6 members to prevent tie votes. The bylaws will be presented to the parish in September for a first vote and discussion and then have a final vote of approval at our annual meeting. The proposed bylaws will be posted in the September Mustard Seed so that all members have a chance to read and review them.

Building Use:

Several organizations have asked to use our parish hall. Voices of Hope, has a speaker's series they want to run on Saturdays from 5-8:30 PM. Gamblers Anonymous would like to use the building on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 and on Saturdays from 4-5. Al-Anon is asking for Thursday evenings at 7:00 upstairs. Vicar Laura is coordinating with these groups to assign times and places. They will make regular financial donations to the church. Faith continues to have priority over all activities for all dates.

Deb will ask Fishline if they plan to use the church again for Christmas present distribution.

Tai Chi is scheduled to use the Parish Hall for Saturday April 6, 2019 for National Tai Chi Day.

Building Inspections:

Fred reported that the half of the parish hall roof that needed replacement is completed and paid for. Next, Fred will be contacting building inspectors to get a bid for a facility inspection. The diocese contributes \$500 to the cost, which is based on square footage of the buildings. A punch list will be developed so that we can prioritize projects for upgrading and protecting our buildings. Fred also met with Ed Skinner to review high priority items such as smoke detectors and fire systems.

New Business:

August Picnic: The Faith Family Celebration, which will include all groups that share Faith Church, will take place on Saturday August 18th.

State of the Mission: The first 'State of the Mission' talks will begin Sunday July 15th at the beginning of hospitality. The purpose is to inform our parish concerning finances, ministries, and more. Louise will briefly share our financial outlook, Fred our grounds, Deb fundraising (possibly Brown Bear car wash), Laura overview and ministries.

Addressing goals: The first step to address the three goals that we set at our BC retreat will be the formation of parish committees. That is part of what the State of the Mission talks hope to achieve. As parish committees are formed, processes will be generated to inform and guide our community. The parish life committee will develop plans for our community life together. Laura presented a general outline of ministry teams with suggestions for each. Kevin will research software that can help us develop our parish directory.

The rummage sale was tabled due to lack of interest. We will solicit other fundraising ideas.

Blessing of the Animals: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 29th. Deb will contact Jessica McGreal, who organizes Poulsbo's art walks, as to who to approach downtown for Faith to host a community event. Flyers could advertise the event on community bulletin boards.

Mustard Seed: A diverse pool of contributors to the publication is needed. One suggestion- a newcomer's corner.

Fred closed the meeting with prayer at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hurd