

FAITH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Poulsbo, WA 98392

Bishop's Committee Meeting
November 18, 2018

Present: Rev. Laura Murray, Louise Kernaghan, Kevin Mace, Fred Pomeranz, Diane Foster, Debra Hurd.

Regrets: Brenda Toth

The meeting opened in prayer

A motion was made by Fred to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Louise seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report (Louise)

The finance committee changed the labels on some categories in our budget to better reflect our present funds usage. For example, Godly Play was changed to Christian Formation. Laura noted that there are expenses associated with downloaded music. Future expenses will include attendance at the College of Congregational Development and the possibility of increasing Laura's hours from .4 to .5 time in July. This increase in hours for Laura will be discussed at the annual meeting in January.

Debra made a motion and Louise seconded that we change the name of the Hall Restoration Fund to Capital improvements, effective November 18, and combine the existing \$200+ in the account with the \$5,000. which was deposited on November 19 under Capital improvements. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin motioned to pass the financial report as written. Diane seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Laura is meeting with an organist who will play at our service on the 2nd and then he and we will decide if he is a good fit for our parish. Prayers will be changed to reflect the Advent Season and we will have a book study on C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* and soup supper on Wednesday evenings during Advent.

Old Business

Fund Raising Committee: Diane. The Fall Market was our first fundraising attempt. We took in about \$850 of which \$181 was spent on a banner. We learned a lot. We need to market and advertise more. The congregation did not participate as fully as expected in the purchase of goods.

Parish Life: Kevin reported different options for our parish directory. We will announce a 'picture day' at the annual meeting. There can be a directory for services offered by parish members listed at the back of the directory.

We consolidated our feedback from the Size-To-Size conference to send to Bishop Rickel.

Outreach: Deb updated the BC on the upcoming soup suppers scheduled for the last Sunday of each month. The hope is to expand to every Sunday and fill a North Kitsap community meal gap. She presented a list of items needed to start this ministry and the committee is continuing their joint work joint with Unity of North Kitsap.

Communications: George, Connie, and Laura are working to create a 'weekly blast' of emails for parish events and activities. The member list is updated. Possibly we will have fewer hard copies of the Mustard Seed and more reliance on electronic newsletters and communication.

Finance: Louise budgeted \$18 a month for Public Utilities (trash). We need to upgrade to a larger trash can.

Jr. Warden: Fred hasn't heard back from Matt concerning the church lighting. Our fire policies are in place. Intellisystems will be starting work on our fire system this month. It will be complete before the New Year.

The meeting ended in prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Hurd
Sr. Warden