

Minutes of Faith Episcopal Bishop's Committee Meeting January 13, 2019

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

The meeting was opened in prayer at 11:05 by Kevin Mace

Minutes of the 12-23-18 minutes were approved (motion: Diane, seconded Deb)

Finance Report: Louise circulated the 2018 Finance report, pointing out that 2018 plate donations were over 50,000 and Operating expenses were a bit over 68,000. Including additional income, the deficit was about 4,000. The report was approved. (motion: Brenda, seconded Kevin.)

Old Business

Candidates for Bishop's Committee: Gary James, George Daniels, Diane Foster have agreed to serve for three year terms and Jean Hart for one year term to fill in vacancy balance of Annamarie. They will stand for election on January 27.

Annual Meeting: Reports will be circulated in written form from Vicar, Wardens, and Treasurer. The report will include the minutes from the 2018 meeting, the balance statement and profit and loss statement from 2018 as well as the 2019 budget. Deb Hurd will lead the business meeting which will be held in church before the closing prayer. The formal meeting will include election of BC committee members and a second vote on the new bylaws. This will be followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall. The possibility of having child care during the meeting was discussed but not resolved.

Bishop's Committee Retreat: Deb has investigated overnight rates at Fort Flagler and Fort Wordon, which would cost about \$300 for the group. Possible dates in February will be explored and discussed with new BC members.

Ministry Team Updates

Worship: Laura spoke about the success of the Christmas Eve service, which included guitar music and participation of the children. She hopes to have two Christmas Eve services in 2019. Diane would like to explore the possibility of holding Folk masses. Laura is discussing more formal Christian formation for children with their parents. Reader /LEM training will be held soon, probably in February. A weekly post service review of the Eucharist was proposed by Brenda to include servers and officiant.

Outreach: The rearranging of kitchen cabinets and other space will begin this week in preparation for the community meals which will begin on February 24. The "Keyholder's" meeting went well; discussion centered on participation and building relationships between the groups using the hall. All groups are invited to the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, which will be March 5. There is another support group forming which may request to hold meetings on a weekday morning.

Communications: The Mustard Seed has been updated in its online form and will only be mailed to those requesting a paper copy, people who do not have internet access. Membership records on the

website are in the process of being updated and privacy concerns addressed. A New member liturgy will be planned, possibly to be held in Lent.

Finance: no additional report to information at beginning of meeting.

Building and Grounds: Painting of the Hall is almost complete. Intellisystems is almost finished the Fire monitoring project and will hold a walk through soon and arm the system. The outside lighting project is still in process. Work needs to be done to diagnose and possibly repair or replace the heating system in the upstairs Hall. If the results require a fix that we cannot afford, portable heaters will be utilized. Two overhead lights in the downstairs Hall also need an electrician's services to repair. Fred is acquiring parts to install an alarm for a sump pump failure in the Church Building. Light bulbs in the church will be changed soon, with the assistance of the painters and their ladders. There was discussion about a gift for Tony, the painter who has donated his company's services to Faith's Hall; he is a fisherman and a gift certificate to Cabela's was suggested.

Formation: discussed during **Worship**. Advent book study went well.

Other Business

Brenda proposed the possibility of removing the platform on which the altar now stands, it being a safety issue. She and Frank will look for solutions.

Repairing the red chairs in the hall is an ongoing project.

The date of the **Next Meeting** is pending the date of the Retreat as it will probably be held during the Retreat.

The meeting was closed at 12:40 with a prayer by Vicar Laura.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Kernaghan, acting Secretary