

Faith Episcopal Church Poulsbo
Bishop's Committee Meeting
February 13, 2019

In Attendance: Diane Foster, Brenda Toth, Fred Pomeranz, Jean Hart, Gary James, and Debra Hurd and Vicar Laura Murray

Regrets: George Daniels

Vicar Laura opened the meeting in prayer

The minutes from the January meeting were approved unanimously. Diane motioned, Brenda seconded.

Financial: The financials were reviewed. Intellisystem's bid for the fire alarm system did not include taxes. When the bid is received, Laura will scan and send it to Barb Fox & diocese. The total tax amount is about \$1100. Deb motioned that the financial report be approved, Gary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Review: The meeting held in the sanctuary went smoothly. Next year we will ask families with children if they want an option of childcare during the meeting.

Parish Directory: This was one of our goals from last year. Deb will ask Leslie Hamel from Unity if they had a template for their directory and if they are willing to share it. Laura will ask Raymond if he's willing to work with Leslie to produce our hard copy. George is continuing to update online.

Tony Murray, Fellowship Hall painter: Deb will contact Tony about a gift for his generosity. Ideas include charitable giving in his name or taking his crew out to dinner.

St. Stephen's will begin services March 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Altar revamping: Frank Toth and Fred will remove the platform under the altar in the sanctuary. It is a tripping hazard. Frank will do needed altar repairs, Brenda will refinish it, and we will use one of our portable altars until that is completed. Deb will advertise online for the sale/donation of the extra altar and pulpit.

New Business:

Retreat: The BC Retreat is scheduled for March 2nd from 9:00 to 4:00. Laura will ask Kate to lead the retreat.

Fund raising: The Vintage/Collectible update is scheduled for the 1st or 2nd weekend in May. Deb will ask Rupert about various community musicians performing in the sanctuary concurrently with donations for the groups going directly to their organizations. We may include face painting for children as well as the community concerts. The goal is to get folks to the church.

Military Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner: Diane will contact Bangor and Keyport to promote a holiday dinner for enlisted men and women who are single. We will ask for donations to benefit this effort and ask Rupert for the possibility of musicians playing during dinner.

Shrove Tuesday: March 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Invite groups. Ask for donations or canned food for Fishline. We need to provide vegan options. The Bishop's Committee will cook. This needs to get out to the public and post on our website too.

Cancellation Policy: Remind the congregation to check the website during inclement weather on Sundays. During the week, follow the school cancellation policy. Note on Facebook and website.

Ministry Updates:

Lenten Program: Soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent. We will explore Presiding Bishop Michael's Way of Love series. Ash Wednesday service is 6:00-7:00 PM. Laura, Ralph, and Bob may offer "Ashes to Go" at ferry. There will be changes to our liturgy for Lent.

Signage: We need to find a way to provide better signage that is changeable for our church and church events. Check if grants may be available, cost, and if we could use DIF funds for that purpose.

College for Congregational Development: We need two people besides Laura to take this course. It can be accomplished on consecutive weekends or during a one-week intensive study. The cost is \$800 per person and the cost is split between 1/3 the diocese pays, 1/3 the church pays, and 1/3 the attendees pay. This course introduces different models of congregations and what works in each to develop growth. The week-long course is June 16th through the 23rd. Laura will send a link.

Outreach: Flyers are being posted and online advertising for our first community meal on Sunday February 24th. We are also advertised in the community meal calendar for Fishline and the Salvation Army.

Communications: Laura continues to work with George and Connie. They are working on our email lists and uploading pictures to Facebook.

Building and Grounds: Fred will schedule the annual furnace inspection with Dany Heating (\$139 + tax). Still waiting for fixing the two lights that don't work properly in the hall, and outside lights have been ordered but not yet arrived. The baseboard heat upstairs in the parish hall now works! A key for Laura's office will be hidden so that if there is a need to get to the furnace room behind her desk it is accessible. We will change the hall doorknob to a passage lock so that it cannot be inadvertently locked. We need to remove the old slide and replace it with one that does not terminate at the ladder on the children's play structure.

Other items: Banner- The measurement for a banner announcing our community meal to fit over our church sign is 48" x 44". Ask Unity if they want to contribute. Nativity- Jackson Foster will make a large metal outdoor Nativity scene that we can light up during next Christmas season. Microwave- Deb will email Laura the type of microwave to order. Order of Eastern Star will reimburse for the expense up to \$300. Bishop Committee- The Bishop's Committee will now meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00. The third Thursday in April is Maundy Thursday and we may need to reschedule that month.

Vicar Laura closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hurd
Sr. Warden