

FAITH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Poulsbo, WA 98392

Bishop's Committee Meeting
April 25, 2019

Present: Rev. Laura Murray, Jean Hart, George Daniels, Fred Pomeranz, Diane Foster, Deb Hurd, and Kay Rawlings (taking notes).

The meeting opened in prayer.

A motion was made by Deb to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Diane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer and Finance: Deb reported that Louise informed her that finances were better than expected this month. George asked about retained earnings and unrestricted net assets. George will follow up with Louise.

A motion was made by George to approve the financial report, Fred seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on computer/printer: A computer was purchased (a Dell) and is being setup. Technical support will be provided BSD Computer Services. The committee discussed future computer needs for the church including a standard pc (not a laptop) that will remain at the church.

Signage update: Laura spoke to Dennis Tierney about funding for more signage and he recommended making a proposal to Marda at the diocese office. The committee discussed the property between the road and Faith's parking lot. The committee also discussed a request from the neighboring Taco van to park on the property during the week. Since this is a for profit business and due to the possibility of debris and garbage being left by customers, it was decided this wasn't a good idea for Faith.

Diane will follow up with ideas about banners and placement. Diane will do additional work on cost and options.

Directory update: No update.

New Business.

Report from Gary and George on Building Use: George reported that he and Gary asked other churches about their facilities use policies. Most churches are conservative about allowing others to use their facilities. If the majority of the funds go to the church (51%) then it doesn't count against the 50 day limit. Other churches have member / non member rates for using the facilities for parties such as retirement, anniversary, ... The topic of facility use is quite involved and it was suggested the committee schedule a separate meeting to discuss options. It was decided to have a committee meeting to address the building use policies. Deb suggested circulating a report to gather online responses first, prior to meeting. The building use committee will be meeting on May 7th at 11 AM.

Safeguarding trainings will be offered at St. Barnabas on June 2nd and 9th.

Opportunities for parish life activities:

Chimacum Finn River Farm and Cidery: Discussed having an off-site parish gathering after church sometime this summer. The Chimacum Finn River Farm and Cidery was discussed as an option since it has lots of room, live music, and food. It was suggested that the outing be July 21st or perhaps later in August.

Faith Family Fun Day: July 21st and September 7th.

August 4th Unity will be away and suggested using this time for a Faith after church BBQ

Summer Music Camp is here from July 6th – 9th and August 13th – 19th.

Ministry Team Updates:

Worship – Howard Asher/Vigil/Easter/Pentecost Picnic/LEM Readers: The Asher funeral went well and included the playing of bagpipes. The 5am vigil service went well and we will likely do it again next year at sunrise. Having many generations doing reading and acolyte functions was very successful. It was suggested moving the Easter potluck in-between the vigil and 9:30 service (from 7:30 – 9:00).

The committee discussed the parish activity planning and the need for a parish life coordinator.

The Pentecost Picnic is planned for June 9th at Rab Park.

There were 2 LEM and Reader trainings last month that went well.

Outreach: The March community dinner was very successful – we had approximately 40 people attend.

Communications: The weekly email blasts seem to be working well. Should we consider changing the Mustard Seed to quarterly due to weekly blast?

Finance: Jim has completed the audit. Jim suggested that we do an inventory of church assets.

Building & Grounds: Deb discussed asking the groups that use our facilities to help with parish work such as grounds upkeep.

Discussed need to replace lights in parish hall and possibly adding fans. Further discussion of ways to help reduce heat in summer.

The water heater is functioning well enough for now, we are waiting for the plumber to install new valve. Fred will follow up.

Other Business:

Diane discussed the art fair on July 6th. She is looking for people to commit to assist. Discussed charging 20% of what the vendors take in. Advertising will be a big part of

planning. Jean suggested that if we do percentage, we should have one table to take money and calculate percentage for church. Discussed having art and music in the sanctuary. We will also discussed having a bake sale during the art fair.

Deb suggested we consider having a nursery available during services in the future.

Follow up items:

Deb will put dates for future activities on the calendar website and email the BC with dates for verification.

Closing Prayer