

## **Bishop's Committee Meeting September 19, 2019**

**Attending:** Vicar Laura Murray, Brenda Toth, Fred Pomeranz, Debra Hurd, Diane Foster, Gary James, George Daniels, Jean Hart, Louise Kernaghan (bookkeeper) and Kay Rawlings (meeting secretary). No absentees

### **Check-In & Opening Prayer.**

### **Review of Financials - Louise:**

Highlights: The checking account balance in January was \$10,000 and at the end of August it was \$9,000. Last April the balance was \$14,000 but in May, July, and August we took in less money than budgeted. We did budget for a \$12,000 deficit this year, so the overall financial status is good. Last year we took out \$10,000 from the DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) but at the end of this year we are most likely only need to take out \$5,000. Pledge statements will go out at the end of the year.

Louise will begin to create next year's budget at the end of September and she would like input from the BC members regarding any anticipated budget changes.

QuickBooks: Louise is entering information into QuickBooks and expects to be caught up in October. Louise will be able to customize financial reports once the data entry is complete. We are using QuickBooks for non-profits which will allow us to more easily track pledges.

There is approximately \$40,000 in the DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund).

### **Old Business**

Sign Update: Laura contacted Hanson Signs and is waiting to hear back from them regarding a bid for an illuminated sign with changeable text.

Directory Update: Laura will be meeting with George about the directory updates.

Parish Lighting: Fred has been reviewing lighting options and showed the committee a picture of a fixture he thinks would work and the committee concurred. He is also working with the electricians regarding appropriate lumens and lighting requirements.

Community Garden update: Laura met with Brian regarding how to set up a community garden. Laura also met with Dana who suggested that the garden should be inground rather than in raised beds. Brian talked about developing a master plan that includes Mason Bees.

Taco Truck and Goodwill: Laura reports that Dennis wrote to each explaining why we are declining both the taco truck and a Goodwill collection box on Faith property.

Stewardship Committee finalized: Laura reports that the Stewardship Committee will consist of Paul Steinke, Bob Hodges, Ada Cornier, and Laurie James. We will be doing an ingathering in October or November. Bob Hodges will likely focus on legacy giving.

The Bishop's visit is set for May 24, 2020.

Playset update: Deb reports that she spoke to Playset Mall and they are willing to advise us regarding playset options. Fred found a swing in the shed and will be adding it to the current playset. Fred is also looking into moving the slide.

## **New Business**

Security Pad: Fred will be buying an electrical keypad for the kitchen door from Home Depot. The single door at the church is more complicated and expensive to update so it will continue to have a key lock. Diane mentioned that she will be getting some security cameras and will donate them to the church.

Plumbing: After church last Sunday the toilets were not flushing, and nothing was draining. Fred got hold of a "drain guy" and they discovered that the problem was due to tree roots. The issue has been fixed but we will need a long-term solution to deal with the tree roots. We may need to contact a septic company to reseal the septic piping. Diane recommended we contact Dave Schaber at Sweetwater Septic for assistance. It was also suggested that we contact an arborist regarding the tree roots.

The 2020 Annual Meeting date is January 12<sup>th</sup>. Laura asked that committee think about BC members to replace Jean & Fred.

Junior Warden job position: Laura asked that we consider having a separate building maintenance committee so all the building and grounds maintenance doesn't fall to the junior warden.

Safeguarding Training: Deb is now a trainer for Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People. Deb is looking at getting a projector for Faith since Safeguarding trainings require a PowerPoint presentation. Deb is hoping to do a Safeguarding God's People training in November. All BC members will need the training. Deb will be coordinating with St. Bede's regarding ongoing Safeguarding training.

BC Retreat: Laura asked members to look at their January and February calendars to schedule a BC committee retreat that is away from Faith. Deb expressed a desire to provide financial support to committee members to cover some retreat costs.

Fellowship/Fundraising suggestion: Paul Steinke suggested that we have a fundraiser fellowship event that involves setting up board games in the parish hall and charging admission. It would also be a way of introducing new young people to Faith Episcopal.

Chaplains on the Harbor 11/24: Laura has invited Chaplains on the Harbor to speak to us on November 24<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about them go to [www.chaplainsontheharbor.org](http://www.chaplainsontheharbor.org)

## **Ministry Team Updates:**

Worship Rite I was well received and enjoyed in August. The Newcomers' luncheon also went very well.

We will be celebrating St. Francis with a blessing of the animals service on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Please bring your pets to Faith for a blessing. Diane suggested contacting the Sheriff's canine department to attend. There will not be a Eucharist Service on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> although there might be a prayer service that Sunday.

Supply Clergy: On October 6<sup>th</sup> Kate Kinney will preside and on October 13<sup>th</sup> Patricia Robertson will be presiding.

Music: Faith uses "Rite Song" for most of our service music. Parishioner Ellen Green is going to head up music and reaching out to parishioners about singing during services. Laura is also talking to Marda at the dioceses about getting copies of songbooks "Wonder, Love, and Praise" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

Rupert is having a children's Christmas concert here on December 15<sup>th</sup> after the service.

Organ: We may need some maintenance done on the organ. Laura is talking to Howard and is looking into it.

Outreach: Deb reports that we had a big uptick for the August Community Meal. One person took a shower.

Communications: George, Deb, Connie are meeting with Josh from the diocese office on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am to discuss Faith's website and communications.

Building & Grounds: Fred thinks we need additional gravel in the parking lot. Also, the shed was broken into and will need a new door. The entrance floor to the shed is plywood and starting to rot and will need to be replaced.

### **Other Business:**

Brenda mentioned there are 2 TVs upstairs that are available for use.

Next meeting is Thursday **October 17<sup>th</sup>** at 10am.

**Follow up items:** Closing Prayer

cc: Marda Steedman & Louise Kernaghan