

Bishop's Committee Meeting
October 17, 2019

Attending: Vicar Laura Murray, Brenda Toth, Debra Hurd, Diane Foster, Gary James, George Daniels, Jean Hart, and Kay Rawlings (meeting secretary).

Absent: Fred Pomeranz.

Check-In & Opening Prayer.

Review of Financials & Approval of last month's minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes and financial reports by Diane, 2nd by Brenda. Passed unanimously.

A reminder that Louise is asking for budget requests for next year.

Deb brought up the desire to get Laura up to $\frac{3}{4}$ time and suggested we talk to the diocese about approving this effort. Deb suggested we make a presentation to Marda about increasing Laura's to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Laura recommended that the committee wait until July to increase her time if the dioceses concurs.

Old Business

Power Usage: Diane brought B-More Electric by to check the electrical usage. It was determined that the parking lot lights were not using an excessive amount of electricity. B-More was able to fix the light switch in the church bathroom. They discovered that one of the upstairs thermostats in the parish hall wasn't working and disabled it. They also looked at the lights on the outside of the church and made recommendations.

Sign Update: None. Laura will be following up on bids.

Directory Update: Laura is working on the directory updates for the stewardship mailings.

Septic Issues: Fred is talking to Clear Solutions about our septic issue including the tree root problem.

Playset update: None.

BC Retreat: We plan on doing an overnight retreat February 14 – 15.

BC Committee New Members 2020: Please consider new members to fill Jean & Fred's positions on the Bishop's Committee starting in January.

Security pad & cameras: Diane has cameras to donate to us. No update on the security pads.

New Business

Thanksgiving Dinner: Laura suggested doing a community Thanksgiving dinner at Faith. She and Mike would roast turkeys and ask others to bring additional dishes. Laura is planning on a Thanksgiving Eve service.

Convention November 8 & 9: The convention is in Lynnwood. Deb, Brenda, and Laura are attending. Gary asked about attending for a day. \$37.75 is the daily fee.

Driving Ministry: Laura asked that we consider having a driving ministry for our elder members. Deb suggested putting the idea in the weekly blast to determine need and response.

Diane brought up the desire to help Veterans in the community. She suggested we check out a Facebook page called "Veterans for Worship".

Ministry Team Updates:

Worship: Ellen Green has done a good job shepherding the Sunday service music and singing. Blessing of the animals on Saturday went well. Next year St. Francis' feast day is October 4th, a Sunday. On October 27th Paul Steinke will be assisting Laura in doing a Godly play Eucharist.

Laura is interested in developing lay preachers within the congregation. Paul Steinke is doing the upcoming Sunday sermon on Godly Play.

Jean let us know that 2 new banners are going up this Sunday.

Outreach: Kay will talk to Diane about bags for printing Faith's logo.

Communications: George and Laura will be meeting every couple of weeks to update the website and the weekly blast.

Building & Grounds: Fred worked with Unity to get new parking lines drawn on the parking lot.

Other Business:

Next meeting is **Thursday November 21st at 10am.**

Follow up items: Closing Prayer

cc: Marda Steedman & Louise Kernaghan