

Bishop's Committee Meeting
June 18, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Kay Rawlings, Vicar Laura, Diane Foster, Gary James, Debra Hurd, George Daniels, and Brenda Toth. Absent: Steven Randolph

Check-In and **Opening Prayer**

Review of Financials & Approval of April's minutes

Gary moved to approve both the April meeting minutes and financials report, Deb seconded. Passed unanimously.

Review of Diocesan Gathering Docs:

The diocesan protocols and guidelines are evolving. Given the current guidelines and COVID status we are probably not back in the church for many weeks. Outside services look to a much more viable option in the short run. For now we will continue with Zoom and Facebook.

Mental wellness opportunities

The diocese is offering a mental wellness through Zoom. Laura is considering who within the congregation might benefit or wishes to participate.

Parish hall windows

Insurance will be paying to replace the broken windows, but repairs have not yet been scheduled.

Old Business

Organ work proposal: We have a contract with Bond Organ and Louise has cut a check for the down payment. Laura will be at the church tomorrow (Friday) to give Bond access to the church to start work.

Household groups: Nothing specific, things are going well enough. Many parishioners have support elsewhere or have formed other groups.

Bishop Rickel's visit: Laura expects that we will be doing an outdoor service for the Bishop's visit. We will need a committee to figure out how we can safely meet with the Bishop. Issues that need to be addressed are how many can attend an outside service? Can we serve food afterwards? Do we want to set up in the parking lot or on the grass? We will need to coordinate closely with the Bishop's office to determine what we can and cannot do. We will also need a backup plan for inclement weather.

Signage: Laura has written to the Dioceses regarding moving forward with the new sign.

COVID 19 Survey: The responses are currently split 50/50 on returning to the church before there is a vaccine.

Review of Diocesan Gathering Docs: Laura, Diane, and Kay attended a webinar on rules and protocols for reopening. There are many significant issues to be addressed including spacing attendees, signage, cleaning, disinfection, and other issues. Most of the protocols are intended to keep everyone safe and some protocols are intended to protect the church's liability.

Groups for Protocols: We will need a group or groups dedicated to working on reopening Faith's buildings. The group(s) will determine how we will reopen and what protocols need to be in place. Kay

and Diane both brought up the point that parishioners, in particular the younger members, will need to volunteer. This cannot be accomplished by just the Bishop's Committee.

New Business

Painting Bid: We do not yet have a painting bid.

Ministry Team Updates:

Worship: Morning Prayer continues on Facebook. A few attend Facebook live and others watch the recorded service. Sunday services continue on Zoom. The after-service discussions seem to be popular.

Formation: On line formation meetings have started online and is going well. Confirmation classes for youth have not started yet. If people want to be received and confirmed but can't be here on July 26th they can attend Cathedral Day this fall.

Outreach: Outreach committee meetings and activities are suspended for now. Work on the washer dryer installation continues. Next step is upgrading the electrical wiring.

Communications: Weekly blasts, Zoom meetings, and Facebook live streaming continue and are working well.

Finance: We received our first payroll protection payment. Our current financial numbers are good.

Building & Grounds: Diane is calling today to schedule the repair of the parish hall windows. Stephen and others continue to do yardwork and tend to the plants and flowers.

Other Business

Gary asked about access to Faith's directory. George explained that the directory is on Faith's webpage. Laura will email Gary a copy of the directory.

Gary asked about getting Faith involved in the anti-racism movement. Kay is looking in the Episcopal Church's "Sacred Ground" program. General discussion of things we can do as individuals.