

Bishop's Committee Meeting

July 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Laura, Deb, Gary, George, Kay, Brenda, Steven (late) and Diane (late).

Check in and Opening Prayer

Review of Financials and June's minutes: There were no questions regarding the financial reports or June minutes. Kay moved that we accept the June financials and minutes. Gary seconded. Accepted unanimously.

Old Business

Organ work: Bond has started work on the organ and we expect the work to be completed in September.

Rickel's visit: While we will not be in the church for Bishop Rickel's visit, we will need to clean the inside of the church in preparation for returning to the building in the future. Laura got a bid from Susan Boede to do an in-depth cleaning as well possibly shampooing the carpets. The cleaning bid is \$500 and the carpet cleaning would be \$175. Diane said she knows someone who would be able to submit a second bid.

Following the cleaning discussion, a more general discussion was had about how we might meet in on parish grounds and in the church in the future. Laura explained some of the requirements for reopening and why using a building is not an option for the Bishop's visit.

For the Bishop's visit we have had a few volunteers for various roles. Ellen is interested in playing guitar for the service (there will be no singing). The Bishop suggested that parishioners could sit in their vehicles during the service. Laura asked what we will do if people are not following the posted guidelines. It was agreed that we need to be clear that masks be worn, provide masks for those who need one, and if someone refuses to wear a mask we will ask them to leave. Once services are being held within the church, if someone enters the building and refuses to wear a mask we will have to halt services and ask everyone to leave.

Brenda reported that we have an altar on wheels in the parish hall we can use.

Kay suggested that we ask the families getting children baptized to bring their own towels.

Jackson and Matthew will be measuring and marking spacing for social distancing during the service and visit.

George will include a link for people to RSVP for the Bishop's visit in this week's email blast.

Electric Box: Diane reports that B-More Electric will be at church next week to start work on the electrical box and washer dryer outlets.

Parish hall windows: The windows have been fixed.

Sign: Laura will be applying for a diocese grant for the new sign.

New Business

Painting Bid: Deb went over the details of the painting bid from Murray's Quality Painting (Bremerton) for \$20,000. Steven moved that we accept Murray's Quality Painting bid as being reasonable

and proceed to negotiate with him regarding timing and availability of funds. Brenda seconded. Pass unanimously.

Church Audit: There was a motion to have Jim Aurand and Gary James conduct the yearly audit. Deb moved that the motion pass, Kay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Banking: Barb Fox is one of the signers on our bank account and we have asked to diocese how this will be handled while Barb recovers from a stroke.

Money for fixing up buildings: Laura received an email from the diocese offering mission churches \$15,000 grants to do church repairs. Laura thinks we can use this money to pay for the painting of church buildings. Kay moved that we apply for the dioceses grant money to pay for painting the outside of the church, Steven seconded. Passed unanimously.

Pop-Up Grants: Laura is considering applying for a grant to update our equipment for live streaming in the church once we return. She has spoken with Josh at the diocese about technology and is considering options and what equipment would work well in our space.

Vandalism: We have experienced 2 incidents of vandalism. The first instance was someone pushing over and disturbing the stations of the cross installed by Jackson Foster. A couple days later Doreen reported that someone was using the barbeque pit and other items located outside the parish hall. Poulsbo police were contacted regarding both incidents and the police are doing routine checks on Faith's grounds.

Ministry Team Updates:

Worship: Morning Prayer is going well. The attendance numbers are going down a little bit. For the virtual service Laura is thinking about purchasing a MEVO camera and streaming the service on YouTube. In preparation for someday meeting in person Laura is working on protocols and other issues to enable us to meet in person. In the future we will mostly likely doing services both in person and live streaming.

Formation: Bible Study is going well on Zoom and Episcopal 101 also was successful on Zoom.

Outreach: The washer and dryer plumbing is complete and the next step is the electrical work which Diane has reported is starting next week.

Communications: The weekly news email blast, Zoom meetings, and Facebook live are all going well. Josh Hornbeck (Diocese Communications Director) and Kerry Allman (Diocese Internet Strategist) will be looking at church websites and making recommendations.

Building & Grounds: There is a dead hemlock tree in the memorial garden and Diane has someone who will be taking down. Diane also wants to clear out the overgrowth on the west side of the parish hall. Steven reports that a cherry tree on the edge of the memorial garden is dying and needs to be removed.

Adjourned.