

Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Vicar Laura Murray, Senior Warden Kay Rawlings, Junior Warden Diane Foster, George Daniels, Gary James, Steven Randolph, Deb Hurd, and Brenda Toth

Check-In & Opening Prayer

Review of Financials and November minutes: George noted an extra "of" in the minutes, Kay will correct the minutes. Diane Foster moved to accept the financial reports and November minutes, Deb Hurd seconded. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Stewardship: Only eleven pledges have been received to date for 2021 for a total \$25,000. Vicar Laura will be sending a reminder to the parish in the weekly blast.

New BC Members: General discussion of who might serve on the Bishop's Committee starting next year. Proposed parishioners included Bob Kernaghan, Connie Aurand, Ellen Green, Dorothy Timma, Nancy Edwards, Dave Edward, Bill Demmon, Sara Hewson, and Ronnie Sue Leith. Initially we will reach out to Bob, Sara, Dave, and Ronnie Sue. Diane will call Ronnie Sue, Kay will call Bob, Gary will call Dave, Diane will call Sara. Deb Hurd and Brenda Toth are departing the BC at the end of the month.

Capital Campaign: Vicar Laura wants to pull together a list of projects and work that needs to be done at church. Her goal is to create a list of projects and repairs by March and kick off a capital campaign then.

Final Things: This has been postponed. Dave Edwards is going to do a "Five Wishes" presentation for Unity Church.

Laura's Days off: Vicar Laura will also be taking the Sunday after Christmas off. She will also be taking April 3rd off to celebrate her anniversary with Mike (Holy Saturday) and she will be taking the week after Easter off (April 5 – 12). Vicar Laura is considering attending a Credo program for clergy this coming September in Prescott AZ. Vicar Laura also plans to take every 6th Sunday off from giving sermons.

New Business

Housing Allowance Approval: Kay Rawlings moved that we accept the Housing Allowance Approval as submitted, Deb Hurd seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christmas Eve and Day Plans: Current plans for Christmas Eve are to put up 3 trees in front of the church with twinkling lights. BC members will provide cookies to give away on Christmas Eve. Jeffrey Batstone and Paul Steinke want to do an outdoor creche with children creating the creche starting at 5:30. Jackson and Diane will begin setting up the creche in the courtyard. Paul Steinke is going to work on configuring our Zoom for the Christmas Eve service. Steven Randolph and Raymond Beniot will donate trees and lights. Vicar Laura will host a Christmas morning service on Zoom.

Christmas Cards: Vicar Laura is donating Christmas cards for the BC to sign and we will be mailing the cards out to parishioners. Please stop by the parish hall and sign the cards no later than next Tuesday.

Annual Meeting Date: We will hold our annual meeting on January 24th directly after services. Diane Foster will report on work done on the church buildings and grounds. Other groups will need to report on their activities this past year.

Ministry Team Updates:

Worship: Playing Howard By Torre's music at the beginning of Advent services has worked well. The Godly Play sessions hosted on Zoom are also going well.

Formation: We received a donation of \$7,500 from Richard and Anne Mace's family for formation at Faith.

Outreach: The washer & dryer have been purchased and we have been reimbursed. The expected delivery date is January 16th.

Communication: George Daniels is still interested in having someone helping with weekly communications.

Services on Zoom and morning prayers on Facebook are going well.

Finances: Electric bill is up during the winter months.