

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA
Minutes of the Bishop's Committee
Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 6:30pm**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

Present: Bill Fulton, Vicar; Peter Dawson, Holly Foley, Bill Cleveland, Heidi Feenstra-Wilson, Heather George; Larry Little; Bob Meith; and Bill Demmon, Treasurer; Elisabeth Demmon, BC Clerk.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bill Fulton

Adoption of Agenda: MSP to accept the agenda with one addition

Adoption of Minutes: MSP to accept the minutes of the August 20th, 2009 meeting as written.

Circulate Calendars and BPOD Sign-up sheet: October, November, and December 2009 calendars were circulated.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Demmon

- Bill is getting to know his job better each week. He explained the need for an extra page in the Treasurer's Report. We are presently very healthy thanks to current pledge and plate offerings being more than was originally budgeted.
- Bill stated that he found out at the Regional Meeting on August 30th that we did not apply for a Diocesan Grant so we will have to plan the 2010 budget without the grant.

Commission Reports

Administration, Finance and Long Range Planning – Bob Meith

- No report

Community Service and Outreach – Bill Cleveland

- There will be Ingathering for HIV/AIDS on October 4th, 2009.

Faith Formation – Stacey Scalf (absent; report sent via email)

- EYC/EYF – The youth group will have their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 17th. There will be seatings at 5:00 and 7:00. They will also host coffee hour on Sunday, October 18th.
- Sunday School – Thank you to Aaron Scalf for volunteering to teach the older Sunday School class. He will be assisted by Larry Little and John Norris on Sundays that he can't attend. Melanie will continue to teach the younger class with the help of Kathy Little and Mary Zabinski.

Building Maintenance – Larry Little

- The roof needs de-mossing.
- Peter changed the timers on the outside lights for winter.
- The Alarm system paperwork is okay.
- We need illumination for exit signs. Peter will check with the fire inspector to see if we can get flashlights.

Parish Life/Fellowship – Cheryl Wright (Absent)

- No report.

Evangelism – Holly Foley

- Coffee Hour has been planned through December with one opening for any interested families.
- More t-shirts are here; Holly needs reimbursement. The church sent a check plus Holly paid for it so double payment has been given to the company. This needs to be investigated.

Grounds Maintenance – Heidi Feenstra-Wilson

- There is money in the budget for winter road supplies if needed. There is a new form of salt that we could buy.
- Heidi is looking forward to the grass going dormant.

Worship/Liturgy/Music – Heather George

- The Choir held a retreat at the Little's on September 13th. A decision was made to hold choir practice on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm starting on September 17th. This will replace the Sunday morning practices after the 10am service. The choir will continue to practice downstairs on Sundays at 9am.
- One item discussed was evolving the 4th Sunday so it is not just John's Sunday but more of a contemporary music with multiple instruments type of service. The manner in how to teach new music was also discussed by having Jan play a new piece as a prelude or the choir singing it one week and the congregation another so that people can get used to new things.
- Acolytes – the 8am service is in need of more acolytes and I need someone to make an announcement on Sunday concerning this need. Anyone who is interested can talk to Charles, Father Bill or I.
- There has been an announcement in the bulletin about the choir needing a piano donation. This has not been discussed by the committee but will be at our next meeting since any donation of a piano will incur not only logistical issues but costs. Moving a piano usually means that the piano needs to be tuned, something we have no funds for; also there is the high back piano downstairs that would have to go somewhere else.
- Concerns about learning music before the 10am service should be brought to the Vicar so he can explain the reasoning for learning new hymns to the congregation.
- There will be work party at 8am on October 3rd in Port Orchard for the Tubberville home.

Youth – Position Vacant

Vicar and Warden's Reports

People's Warden – Holly Foley

- No report

Bishop's Warden – Peter Dawson

- Please include service times on the Reader Board
- There is a nice thank you card from Tristan Scalf for his Eagle Project.

Vicar's Report – Bill Fulton

- **Vacation** – I had a refreshing time on my vacation in August. I'm grateful to those who carried on while I was gone and to the Rev. Bob Bethea who celebrated and preached both Sundays I was gone.
- **Choir Retreat** – Last Sunday we had a very productive choir retreat at the Little's house. In addition to good fellowship, we examined our goals and expectations, and we agreed to change our practice time to 6:30 pm on Thursdays. Thanks to Ken Stephens who volunteered to pick up Jan Peterson.
- **CK Food Bank Freezer** – The installation of the power poles and power lines is held up because the Diocese has to approve the easement. The Standing Committee will do that at their meeting tonight.
- **New Treasurer:** Bill Demmon has spent considerable time learning our accounting system.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - Saturday, September 19 – I will participate in a forum for American Guild of Organists
 - Saturday, September 26 – I will help officiate at a wedding in Bellingham
 - Monday, September 28 – I will attend a preaching workshop by Herbert O'Driscoll
 - Fri. and Sat., October 16 and 17, Diocesan Convention in Vancouver.
 - Sunday, October 25 – We'll baptize Karen Mottner at the 8:00 Eucharist
 - Sunday, October 4 – Blessing of the Animals
- **Workshop and dinner opportunity for the BC** – On Friday, October 23, at 6:00 pm, there will be a two-hour workshop in Port Townsend given by Kevin Martin, a nationally known figure. Why don't we go as a BC and have dinner together before or after at a restaurant? Rev. Bill, Bob, Peter, Bill Demmon and perhaps Stacey may attend.
- **Outreach** – I wonder if we shouldn't find a way to do outreach in our community that is hands on. I'm investigating the various feeding programs for homeless people in our community. Another suggestion is cleaning the Clear Creek Trail; and partnering with another church in an established program. Heather can investigate where the needs are and make a list of programs already in existence. Also volunteers to help in shelters during the winter. Also building the Tubberville house in Port Orchard; food baskets for holidays with perhaps a team competition.
- **Narthex Task Force** – I'd like to form a Narthex Task Force to meet Sunday, October 4, at 5:00 pm to examine the use of our narthex and make recommendations to the BC. This will appear in the newsletter and bulletins.
- **Examining our Mission Statement** – I'd like to ask all the members of St. Antony's to participate in a small group session to brainstorm about our mission statement. After all the brainstorming sessions have concluded, all the comments will be gathered and presented in a form the parish can easily digest. Small groups at people's homes are another way so the Vicar can get a grasp on our identity and mission. An open parish meeting will be held Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 PM to evaluate the comments and affirm or re-state the mission statement. At the BC meeting November 19, the BC can adopt the new mission statement or reaffirm the old one. We'll roll out the mission statement in the newsletter and bulletin so everyone can become familiar with it. .

Old Business

1. Fall Stewardship Campaign – Bob Meith

- Bill Reeder presented his proposal for the Fall Stewardship Campaign for 2010.
- He is planning a Stewardship Dinner on October 28th which could be sponsored by the B.C.
- **MSP to adopt the Fall Stewardship Campaign as presented by Bill Reeder.**

2. Mission Trip to India Update – Charles Smith

- Thank you for your support. I appreciate your prayers and your guidance in creating a way to collect donations for my missionary work.
- Since the last BC meeting the following progress has occurred.
- Ongoing e-mails with Bishop Devamani of the Diocese of Dornakal. This has lead to
 - Updated (more accurate estimated) cost for my living expenses
 - Updated anticipated cost for air travel
 - A list of possible assignments while in India
- Began requesting donations for my missionary work
- Contacted the Indian consulate to determine which type of visa to apply for
- Began the visa application process
- Requested the required sponsorship letter from Bishop Devamani
- I am currently pulling together the visa application fees and filing the application
- Continue to liaison with the diocese.

3. Vicar's Discretionary Fund – Bob Meith

- The annual audit by John Steller had a recommendation concerning the Vicar's Discretionary Fund. We need to set up a checking account so the Vicar can write a check rather than go to the Treasurer every time he wants to help someone. This will be done at the beginning of next year.

4. Umbrella Coverage – Bob Meith

- The Diocese has provided umbrella coverage of \$20 million for bodily injury and liability coverage to ensure enough coverage for missions; this is for your information; no action required.

5. Wireless Intercoms – Bob Meith

- Please read the handout for comment at the next meeting.

New Business

1. Request for rides to church – Heather George

- Since there is no Access Bus on Sundays, some folks are not able to attend church.
- We need to address this issue by asking someone to be a coordinator who will establish a list of those needing a ride and matching them with a driver. Holly will write a newsletter article about this topic.

2. Ann Finlay Memorial Fund – Bob Meith

- Elizabeth Flagg and Bill Fulton are in the process of replacing the Lectern Bible for a New Revised Standard Version. Bill is still looking for the Bible and will check resources.
- The Flaggs gave \$600.00 and have spent some for the Altar Book. The money is in a designated account within the Memorial Fund.

3. Diocesan Convention –Elisabeth Demmon

- The Vicar, Bill Demmon and Carolyn Segrist (Delegates) and Elisabeth Demmon (Delegate at large) will be attending the Convention on October 16-17th in Vancouver, WA.
- Elisabeth Demmon and Carolyn Segrist will be attending the Pre-convention meeting at St. Paul's Bremerton, on September 26th.

4. 2010 Budget – Bill Demmon

- Bill will be handing out the 2010 Budget work sheets at the October BC meeting.
- November – Bill will provide a preliminary budget.
- December – he will provide a smooth budget.
- January – the Budget will be ready for approval by the BC before the Annual Meeting.

5. Outside Receptacles.

- The electric weedeater needs an outside receptacle for a power source by the sign.
- Peter will check the power source on the pole and do some investigation. He may ask Dave Peterson for help.

6. Nominating Committee

- Peter, Holly and Heidi will form a Nominating Committee to find their replacements for the 2010 BC.

The next BC Meeting will be on Thursday, October 15th, 2009 at 6:30pm

Newsletter Deadline for the October Glad Tidings is Tuesday, September 22nd at 8am.

Compline Leader for September is Bill Fulton; for October is Peter Dawson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

**Respectfully submitted
Elisabeth Demmon
BC Clerk**