

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA
Minutes of the Bishop's Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:30pm**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

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

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bill Fulton

Adoption of Agenda: MSP to accept the agenda as written.

Adoption of Minutes: MSP to accept the minutes of the December 2009 meeting as written.

Circulate Calendars and BPOD Sign-up sheet: February, March and April 2010 calendars were circulated.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Demmon

- The 2009 Budget outcome was discussed; it has been a positive year.
- The 2010 Budget was discussed and it was noted that pledges were up. We were not given a grant; we do have a deficit budget but are healthier than last year at this time. Our total expenses were also less than 2009 Budget.
- Bill was thanked for his efforts. Bill D. thanked the Vicar and his son for helping move old files to the new computer. Greg Demmon did the backup hard drive installation.
- **MSP that the BC recommends the acceptance of the 2010 Budget as written.**

Commission Reports

Administration, Finance and Long Range Planning – Bob Meith

- Bob went to the party for Nedi Rivera who was very complimentary of our church, our Vicar and our BC.

Community Service and Outreach – Steve Miller

- OUTREACH Meeting of January 12, 2010 Minutes; Attendance: Norma Tipton, Bill Fulton, Kathy Little, Peter Dawson, Donna Hilton, Chris Crowson, Steve Miller
- Kathy Little reported on Severe Weather Shelter Operational Training and Coffee Oasis Volunteer Training. Please contact Kathy for details on arranging your training. Kathy also provided the January 2010 update of the Kitsap Community Homeless & Low –Income Resource Guide. Extensive discussion centered on how Outreach may better meet their needs.
- Norma Tipton reported on activities at the Purdy Prison. Along with her quilting activities Norma is organizing cookie baking for KAIROS.
- We all felt good about our Outreach giving in 2009. Then we discussed possible ways we might enhance our giving in 2010. Those ways included audit reports from the recipient, develop Outreach giving reports for placement by Bookmarker stands, to select a family in need and bring them to a Sunday service, and to have one need be the primary focus for the year.

- At this time the Outreach balance of available funds before the 2010 budget amount is \$3,931.90. The 2010 budget amount is expected to be \$1,200.
- The Annual Report for Outreach was reviewed and corrections were noted.

Faith Formation – Stacey Scalf

- Absent, no report

Building Maintenance – Larry Little

- Absent, no report

Parish Life/Fellowship – Cheryl Wright

- Cheryl stated that she is thrilled with the 2 events that are ongoing: The Book Group met on January 20th. The Dining Out Group met at the Aloha Kitchen; about 15 people showed up. Cheryl will be stapling the menu for the next Dining Out night to the sign-up sheet. Reservations will be needed at the Fujiyama Steakhouse.

Evangelism – Holly Foley

- Nothing to report

Grounds Maintenance – Heidi Feenstra-Wilson

- Heidi reported that Jan Peterson suggested a cedar lattice be built for the clematis vines.

Worship/Liturgy/Music – Heather George

- The Worship Planning meeting was held on Monday, January 18th. We discussed Christmas services and issues/non-issues. The season went very well.
- We talked briefly about Easter services.
- We also talked about arranging chairs in the sanctuary to create a center aisle.
- Choir seats have been moved up front, facing the congregation.

Youth – Position Vacant

Vicar and Warden's Reports

People's Warden – Holly Foley

- Heather has a couple of people who are interested in being on the BC next year: Maggie Scott and John Stockwell.

Bishop's Warden – Peter Dawson

- Peter thanked everyone for their support throughout the year; the Vicar thanked Peter for all his hard work. Special thanks were expressed by Peter and the Vicar to Elisabeth Demmon for her work as BC Clerk and parish administrator.

Vicar's Report – Bill Fulton

- **New Bishop's Warden:** Bill announced that the new Bishop's Warden for 2010 would be Bob Meith.
- **Christmas and Epiphany Recap:** My thanks to everyone who made the Greening of the Church on December 19th a successful parish event. The garlands and hangings behind the altar were a

striking change and appreciated by many. Christmas services were well attended, probably because of the good publicity on the website and the reader board. The Epiphany and Potluck dinner were also successful and well attended. My thanks to the three Wise men!

- **Liturgical Arts team:** We will meet again January 31st to plan changes in the appearance of the church for Lent and Easter.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:** Tuesday, February 16th from 5-7pm. I hope the BC will help make this a successful parish event.
- **Ash Wednesday Services:** Wednesday, February 17th at Noon and 7pm.
- **Lenten Schedule:** I would like to offer the *Connect?* course on Sunday afternoons or evenings, and drop the Bite of St. A's program. I would also like to move the mid-week Eucharist from 5:15 on Wednesday to 11am on Thursdays, just before the Vicar's Bible Study.
- **Easter Vigil:** I propose we hold the Easter Vigil at 6am on Easter morning, followed by a parish breakfast and the 10am Eucharist. We would not have an 8am Eucharist.
- **Connect? course** – See Brochure: I would like to offer the *Connect?* course as a way of creating deeper friendships within our congregation and as a way of inviting others to join us. In addition it will serve as an adult preparation for Confirmation when the Bishop comes on July 4th. Brochures were handed out to Commissioners.
- **BC Retreat- Feb. 27th:** After our Mutual Ministry review, Sue Clary and I talked. We agreed that it would be helpful for us to use her for our BC retreat in order to make our next Mutual Ministry Review match our goals more closely. I polled the BC by email and phone and found that February 27th was the best day for us to meet, and scheduled her for that day.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** I would like to join the Chamber of Commerce this year, using funds from the Vicar's Discretionary Account to pay for the membership of \$188.00.
- **My goals for 2010:**
 1. **Parish Life** – I would like to work with the BC to create 6 successful parish life events.
 2. **Evangelism** – I would like to see us work together on growing our parish by increasing public awareness of St. Antony's, focusing on our welcoming of visitors, and creating points of entry into the parish like the *Connect?* course.
 3. **Help the BC operate as a team** - focusing on spiritual leadership and working together on our main priorities.

Old Business

1. Annual Meeting – Peter Dawson

- We still need a male alternate for the Diocesan Convention
- The new BC will need to hold a meeting after the Annual Meeting to elect the People's Warden and to plan the next BC meeting.
- Handouts of the Treasurer's report and Annual report will be available.
- Nominations for BC are Linda Robuck and Ken Stephens. Larry Little wants to step down and Kathy Little has volunteered to serve in his place. She will be asked to serve for 3 years or to serve for Larry's remaining year.

2. Fall Stewardship Campaign – Bob Meith

- Thanks are due to Bill Reeder and his committee for all their hard work.
- Bill R. is planning to send out thank you letters to all those who pledged.

3. Moving the Nursery – Heather George

- At our October meeting, we talked about moving the Nursery to the Modular. Access to the bathroom was a concern that someone expressed. Moving the Nursery to the Modular would satisfy fire concerns and the 2-person rule dictated by the Diocese.
- Childcare items would have to be looked at and we would need to decide what to keep, using chests as storage.
- This is a project that needs work; the Vicar will talk to the Sunday School Director, Melanie Reeder, about this subject.

4. Pond – Bill Fulton

- The Vicar hired Jeff Sutton who was recommended by several parishioners for the quality of his work. He has done good work so far. We will possibly need \$1000 per year to keep the pond clear.

New Business

1. Web Access on Reader Board - Peter

- Tabled.

2. Offertory for Haiti at the Annual Meeting - Peter

- It was suggested that we mention the possibility of offering money towards Haiti relief at the Annual Meeting. There will be no plate passed around; parishioners can put donations in the Treasurer's box.

3. Charles Smith's Airfare for India Mission Trip - Peter

- There has been a total of \$2800 collected for Charles' mission trip to India.
- Charles asked for and received a check for \$1300 so he could pay for his airfare. This sum was paid out of the \$2800 collected.
- Now further donations (\$750.00) have been received which should cover his expenses.
- **MSP to approve to send further money up to \$1000 to cover any further expenses if needed.**

The next BC Meeting will be TBD.

Newsletter Deadline for the February 2010's Glad Tidings is 8am on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

Compline Leader for January is Heather George; for February is TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

**Respectfully submitted
Elisabeth Demmon
BC Clerk**