

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA
Minutes of the Bishop's Committee
Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 6:30pm

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

Present: Bill Fulton, Vicar, Bonnie Foley; Heather George; Bob Meith; Linda Robuck; Ken Stephens; 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 February 18, 2010 meeting as written.

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

Vicar's Report – Bill Fulton

- **BC Retreat:** I thought our BC retreat was very successful and I'm very pleased with the results. I'm looking forward to seeing our transition from "commissions" to "teams."
- **New arrangement of chairs:** We're still working out the way we come to the altar rail for Communion. My thanks to Chris Crowson for working with the ushers for the 10:00 Eucharist to make this work smoothly.
- **A couple of reminders:** The Vicar is in charge of arrangements for all memorial services. The Celebrant (normally the Vicar) is the primary leader during the Eucharist and is the only person who guides the service.
- **Fundraising plans for this year:** We need to have a meeting of those involved in the barn sale to see how we want to proceed for this year's fundraiser. We will invite all who are interested in coming to an "ideas" meeting. BC members are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- **New clergy at St. Paul's, Bremerton:** The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight will begin her ministry as rector of St. Paul's on April 1. I've sent her a card of welcome and an invitation to have lunch after she comes.
- **Possible involvement in the Lord's Neighborhood Diner:** The Lord's Diner, a homeless feeding ministry at St. Paul's, Bremerton, is starting up after a hiatus of a year during which their board cleaned up the by-laws and the board membership. They plan to start serving meals in their basement facility in a couple of months. I've begun making inquiries whether we might want to become involved in this feeding ministry, and I'll continue to work with the Outreach Team to look into this.
- **Easter Breakfast:** We'll have a 6:00 AM Easter Vigil on Easter Day, followed by a parish breakfast. I hope the BC will help make this parish event a success.
- **Vacation plans:** I'd like to take a week of vacation May 4-11 in order to attend the college graduation in Colorado of my niece, Elena Lopez. Fr. Bob Bethea has indicated that he'll preach and celebrate while I'm gone.
- **Liturgical Arts Team;** We'll have a new dossal (a hanging behind the cross) for Easter season. My thanks to Caroline Hoag, Sondra Meith, and Norma Tipton who have been working on this. This tapestry will stay up during the Easter season.
- **Re-silvering of altar guild items:** The Altar Guild has sent the large chalice and paten and the silver bread box to the Diocesan Altar Guild to be re-plated with silver. The Altar Guild will bear the cost of this work that will maintain their beauty and longevity.

- **Letter of Application for Diocesan Grant:** My thanks to Bill Reeder, Bob Meith, and Bill Demmon who have been working together to send in our letter of application for a 2011 Diocesan grant. This will go in before the deadline of April 1.
- **Kitsap Interfaith Network:** Because my attendance at Fresh Start meetings is nearly over, I've begun attending the monthly meetings of KIN. My thanks to Kathy Little who has represented us at this meeting and will continue to be part of KIN.
- **The *Connect?* Course:** I've been enjoying the *Connect?* course on Sunday evenings and we've had around 19 people every meeting. My thanks to Bill Reeder, Ken Stephens, and Kathy Little for serving as table facilitators, and to those who have supplied soup for the meals.
- **Spring Cleanup Day?** Perhaps a cleanup day before Easter would be a good idea so that we look our best for our Easter visitors.
- **Warden, Vestry, and Bishop Committee Day:** My thanks to Linda Robuck, Ken Stephens, Bill Demmon and Kathy Little who attended the Warden, Vestry, and Bishop Committee Day on March 21.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Demmon

- The February 2010 Monthly Treasurer's Report of Funds is presented for your review.
- The Investments listed on Page 4 are the end of February 2010 numbers. January 2010 investments showed a loss, but the amount for the month of February 2010 is finally above one million dollars.
- The BC decided that offerings for Special Sundays (Birthdays, etc.) will go into the General Operating Fund.
- There will be a quarterly report via the newsletter/bulletin on the status of accounts.
- I will be working to ensure our Memorial and Building Funds have the required historical records to show the purpose and other information for the gifts and donations.

People's Warden Report – Heather George

- Heather commented that there are many folks at St. Antony's with their own ministries that are personal and loving. Heather suggested that we need to acknowledge and recognize these people and their ministries. The BC could send out cards of thanks to these folks.

Discussion

1) Building Review Process – Bill Fulton

- **Suggested building plan review process:** I've suggested a process for reviewing our building plans. The intent is to make available all the information about our previous building plans and our building funds so that we can make a decision as a parish. I hope the BC will help refine these plans and make this effort successful. We may not agree but we have to be civil during this process. There has been an email sent to us concerning a plot of land near Bangor that is presently owned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle which they wish to sell.
- **MSP to approve the process as outlined by the Vicar and as amended by the BC.**

2) Time and Talent Cards – Elisabeth Demmon

- The Commissioners will send out an email to new volunteers who are interested in their joining their team.

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3) BC Position Descriptions – Bob Meith

- We will be using the word "team" in place of "commissions". Please read the various job descriptions of each team on the handout.

4) Fundraisers – Bill Fulton

- See item in Vicar's report

5) VBS – Stacey Scalf (absent)

- Stacey sent an email for the bulletin as well as for the BC in which she stated that we need a VBS coordinator for this year, as Peter Stockwell is not able to do it in 2010.

6) 2011 Grant – Bob Meith

- We are trying to get a grant from the Diocese. Bill Reeder is working on the first step, which is a Letter of Intent to apply.

7) February Retreat – All

- This was a positive event.

Follow-up

1) Nursery

- There is no progress in moving to the Modular at this time.
- The nursery attendant needs to be followed up regarding her timesheet so she can be paid on time. Her paperwork needs to be clarified. The Vicar will take the lead on this matter.

2) Recycling – Ken Stephens

- Bob Hoag thinks we need to keep the blue recycle bin in the Narthex; he takes recycling to the Base. Ken and Bob also talked about composting. Jim Foley might be able to give some ideas on this.

3) Draft Agreement Piano Lessons

- Joan Willoughby has asked to use the downstairs room and piano for teaching her piano students. She has agreed to supply a liability certificate from her insurance company and has to sign our User Agreement. Joan will have a parent/guardian there to satisfy the 2-person rule. The user agreement will include a phrase stating that there will be a 30-day notice of cancellation by either party.
- **MSP to accept the agreement with addendums as discussed so that Joan Willoughby, a member of this congregation, may conduct piano lessons using St. Antony's facilities.**

4) Easter Advertising – Kathy Little (absent)

- Bob Meith led an online vote: **MSP to pay for Easter advertising in the Kitsap Sun to the amount not to exceed \$400.00.**

The next BC Meeting will be April 15, 2010 at 6:30pm

Newsletter Deadline for the April 2010's Glad Tidings is 8am on Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Compline Leader for March is Bill Demmon; for April will be Bob Meith.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Elisabeth Demmon

BC Clerk