

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA
Minutes of the Bishop's Committee
Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 6:30pm

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

Present: Rev. Bill Fulton, Bob Meith; Bonnie Foley; Heather George, Kathy Little, Linda Robuck, Stacey Scalf; Cheryl Wright; Bill Demmon, Treasurer; Elisabeth Demmon, BC Clerk

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bill Fulton

Adoption of Agenda: MSP to accept the agenda with additions.

Adoption of Minutes: MSP to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting as written.

Circulate Calendars and BPOD Sign-up sheet: August, September, and October 2010 calendars were circulated.

Tonight's Compline Leader – Bonnie Foley

Vicar's Report – Rev. Fulton

- Lord's Neighborhood Diner: The opening of the Lord's Neighborhood Diner has been set back because of delays in getting their application to Northwest Harvest approved, probably until September or later.
- Whaling Days: We still need volunteers to be in our booth.
- Barn Day: We need to have some follow-up on organizing the Barn Day with BBQ, silent auction, music, and flea market tables.
- Greeters: I've recruited five more greeters. I'll hold training for greeters next Monday, July 19.
- New Table in Narthex: Using the money we designated from the Memorial Fund, we purchased a new table for the narthex. I hope we'll keep it fresh and uncluttered.
- Funeral at Lutheran Church: On Friday, July 2, I officiated at a funeral at Family of God Lutheran Church. I did this for my friend, Pastor Sigi Helegeson, who was out of town on a mission trip and had asked me to cover for pastoral care in her absence.
- TV Eucharist: I'll share the duties of celebrating and preaching with the Rev. Kathleen Kingslight at the TV Eucharist on July 27 at KING studios in Seattle. Several people from St. Antony's will go with us.
- Vintage Apartments: I'm trying to discern whether I should lead a weekly Bible Study at Vintage Apartments.
- Long Range Planning Review: We had a good meeting on July 12 to discuss options for our Long Range Planning process (see notes). The next step is to create some kind of survey.
- Bite of St. A's: The regular participants of "Bite of St. A's" have been working to find a way to make our Wednesday evening program more vital and attract more people. After some research, we chose a five-week program called "The Me I Want To Be" by Pastor John Ortberg to begin in September. To emphasize our new approach, we'd like to call it "Taste of St. A's".
- Vacation: I'd like to take August 9-22 off.

- CREDO Registration: I've been invited to a CREDO conference in late September of 2011. CREDO is an eight-day clergy wellness program designed to help clergy discern where they are at spiritually, vocationally, health-wise, and financially. Most of the cost is covered, but they're asking for a \$500 registration fee to be sent in now. I'd like to use my Continuing Education budget for 2010 to pay this fee.

Long Range Planning Meeting Notes from July 12, 2010

- On Monday, July 12, we held the second of three meetings on our Long Range Planning review. There was a good turnout -- about 22 people showed up. I thought it was a very helpful meeting. The purpose of the meeting was not to come to any decision, but to discuss our options for Long Range Planning. Our discussion was respectful and lively, with healthy participation from everyone.

- I heard a number of things expressed:

Several people expressed their concern that we not go into debt or get over our heads financially. Some people encouraged us to "have faith" and expressed a desire for leadership to step out with a clear building vision for others to follow.

A number of suggestions were made regarding renovation of our present buildings.

There was quite a bit of interest in purchasing new property, even if we couldn't build on it at this time.

There was some frustration expressed over the decline of the Episcopal Church and our inability to grow. "Doing nothing" was not seen as a viable option.

The architect's plans from the Feasibility Study didn't seem to draw a lot of interest.

All in all, we mucked around in the messy business of sorting things out. I believe this is a necessary part of a building process. Before we can ask our parish members to agree on a building plan, we have to have considerable discussion, conversation, debate, and reflection first. I thought we made a good beginning.

Here are the options we listed for Long Range Planning:

- Do nothing
- Set a threshold to aim at before we build
- Establish the minimum we need to have and work toward that
- Buy new property and come up with a plan in phases
- Do creative fundraising
- Generate excitement
- Renovate our present structures - with a price tag

We made a list of our needs:

- Visibility - we need to look like a church
- Educational facilities
- A parish hall for fellowship
- Playground
- Childcare near worship
- Good entrance

It was a good meeting and I appreciate the efforts of everyone who participated.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Demmon

- **CHECKING ACCOUNT STATUS.** The check book is still remaining below \$10,000. End of June balance = \$5,136.17. Note: There are two deposits from July to enter which will bring our current balance (as of July 14, 2010, and before July bills are paid) = \$12,960.67. I estimate there is approximately \$5,500 in July bills which will lower the current balance to \$7,460.67. There are still two Sundays in July to still receive funds. Bottom line: I have strong confidence we can pay our July bills and Salaries.
- **INVESTMENTS.** The investment numbers are up to date, as of May 31st, 2010. The investments have lost 5% between April and May. (This is still correct since the BC meeting is early in the Monday; I have not received the investment report yet.) I will adjust the June 2010 report when the end of June investment report is received.
- **GOOD FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS SERVICE MYSTERY.** No change from May report: From May 2010: "I have not found the funds from Good Friday 2010 nor has anyone provided me with any of the funds which they have found. Chris Crowson's check is still among the missing. To make matters worse, the Stellers have also reported a not-cleared check, but from the Christmas service. Therefore, I have meet with Dave Durfee to discuss the matter. From here on out, he and I will have a published plan for picking up the non-Sunday plate when ever that situation occurs."
- **Lyrca Concert.** Based on the BC motion from the June BC meeting, these funds will be allocated to the music program at St. Antony's.
- **Mid-Year Quick look:** Since the period January – June is six months; I ran a report to see how we are stacking up against our budget. While some areas are either low or high compared to their six month's budget numbers, please note: Income for six months is 54.1% over budget while expenses for six months are 52.1% over budget. Therefore, St. Antony's is holding it's own with six months of the budget now history and is 2% to the good for the months January 2010 to the end of June 2010.

Follow-up

1) Discernment Circle – Kathy Little

- Charles Smith's group on How God is working in our lives has been facilitated by Betsy Taey's. Charles is in discernment. The bishop recently recommended that 2 more people be added to the group – the group is not only for Charles but also for anyone who wishes to discern. Charles would be the convener or gatherer of the group. Ms. Taey's has health issues so will not be able to continue as facilitator; it is possible that Sue Clary may be asked to work with the group.
- Bill Demmon, as a member of the Commission on Ministry, handed out information that is being developed by the Diocese for those in discernment. All this information will soon be available on the Diocesan website.
- **The BC full supports this discernment circle.**

2) Whaling Days – Kathy Little

- The signup sheet is up and running. An email will be sent out asking for banners etc. to dress up the booth. Kathy Little will ask Crystal Springs about water bottles. Cheryl will have the cat quilt ready for viewing so raffle tickets can be sold. VBS welcome letters, flyers, and registration forms will be available. We need to have St. A's brochures; we will use Rev. Fulton's business cards.

3) VBS – Stacey Scalf

- We have all the slots filled and all snacks are taken care of. All materials are here though the company ran out of crafts materials so we are improvising with Oriental Trading Company and the help of Melanie and Chelsea Reeder. We need to finish with the set construction. Donations are still needed so people are being asked to help.
- **MSP to authorize Stacey Scalf the use of funds of an amount up to \$600.00 from the VBS Savings account for the 2010 VBS program.**

4) Grounds review – Kathy Little

- Kathy was inquiring about our coverage for grounds maintenance. We are still planning a clean-up day but have not talked about the funding of a regular maintenance program. We also do not know if the person Ken Stephens hired has come on a second visit.
- We need to keep the grass mowed to present a nicer face to the community. One suggestion was to have a retention wall with a grass field before it.
- Various ways of funding was discussed at length. One suggestion was to create a new fund for people to tithe to that would be similar to the Building Fund but designated for maintenance.
- It was stated that our budget should state our priorities and the General operating fund should reflect this for Grounds maintenance in the upcoming 2011 budget.

5) Long Range Planning - Rev. Fulton

- There was a meeting on July 12th on Long Range Planning. The BC was well represented. See the Vicar's Report for further information. This meeting was a time for discussion, not decisions.
- Differing viewpoints were presented during a respectful discourse.

Discussion:

1) Visitor Sign-in Book – Kathy Little

- Kathy handed out information on a new visitor's book that is available from the Episcopal Book Store.
- **MSP to purchase this visitor's book with the cost not to exceed \$100.00 using monies from the Memorial Fund.**

2) Entry Way Doors - All

- Folks are not happy with the brown steel doors. Bob Meith would like to draw up more "church like" doors so he will proceed to get plans.

3) Nursery

- Nicole Steller has volunteered to serve as the second Nursery attendant. She will need to complete the Safeguarding God's Children training.
- **MSP to offer Nicole Steller the position of Assistant Nursery attendant at the minimum wage.**

4) Greeters

- There will be training for present and new greeters on Monday, July 19th at 7pm.

5) Bite of St. A's

- Those who are regular attendees of this Wednesday night program have been wondering how to make this a more vital program. See the Vicar's report for more information.

6) CREDO Registration

- See the Vicar's report for more information.
- **MSP to authorize the expenditure of \$500.00 for the registration fee from the 2010 Vicar's Continuing Education Budget line item.**

7) Kitsap County Interfaith Day of Prayer for the Gulf Coast

- This event will be held on Saturday August 7th and we have been invited to attend. There is a flyer up on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

8) Thank you to Kathy Little

- Thanks are due to Kathy Little for the purchase of 3 Office Professional 2010 programs for the 3 church computers. Kathy needs to be reimbursed.
- **MSP to reimburse Kathy Little for the purchase of Office Professional once she has provided the confirmation of sale to the Treasurer. The amount will be \$180.00 plus tax.**

9) Fundraisers Meeting

- There will be a Fundraisers Meeting for Barn Day on Saturday, August 7th at 10am. (*note from Clerk – this was changed to Monday, July 26th in the evening*)

*****Please note that the August BC Meeting is cancelled*****

The next BC Meeting will be on Thursday, September 16th, 2010 at 6:30pm.

Newsletter Deadline for the August Glad Tidings is Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 8am.

The Compline Leader for September will be Kathy Little

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Elisabeth Demmon

BC Clerk