

Bishop's Committee Meeting
January 14, 2017
11:27 am

Committee members in attendance: Jack Buhn, Julie Loxtercamp, Terri Ayers, Bob Montebello, Art Gullette

Others in attendance: Abbey Bakker (Minutes)

1. Opening Prayer – Jack

2. Minutes of Previous BC Meeting

Motion: Bob

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Seconded: Terri

Motion carried unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report

a. 2017 Financials

b. Approve 2018 budget

Motion: Julie

Motion to approve the 2018 budget.

Seconded: Terri

Motion carried unanimously

c. 23 pledges recorded for 2018 (last year at this time we had 18 pledges)

d. Gifts from outside St. Barts = \$5,950.00

4. Reunion Dinner Status

Menu has been laid out:

People arrive 4:30. An Hors d'oeuvre table with salad and petit fours will be laid out. Youth will be serving the a sit down dinner.

Request that the ECW only be responsible for the coffee – so they are able to sit down for dinner and not be stuck in the kitchen.

Italian background music?

Can we ask the ECW for funding? Or should the BC committee be responsible for funding. Where could funding come from? Outreach?

Food: Jack will buy lasagna (picked up from Luekens). Julie will take care of veggies. Money is

needed for the wine/beer. Estimated \$80 budget for beverages/cheese. Bob will pick up the beer/ice (four 6 packs or case). Pick up growlers from Bemidji Brewery (3 or 4 growlers) a stout/ale/IPA. Julie picked up 5 bottles of sparkling ciders. Bar tender needed – Billy Ayeres maybe?

Guests estimated at 40 to 60 people.

Serve dinner upstairs or downstairs? How can we accommodate people with mobility issues. There are those who are unable to use the stairs. Social hour upstairs. Then for dinner those who can go downstairs will be welcome to eat dinner downstairs or can be seated upstairs.

Should there be a welcoming toast during the social hour?

5. Worship

- a. Rev. Jo's request (see email forwarded 1/11)
 - Bishop has ok'd a one time use of the Eucharist prayer (Prayer G).

Motion: Julie

Motion to accept Jo's request for incorporating the Eucharist Prayer G.

Second: Terri

Motion carried unanimously

- b. Good book club
 - The BC committee supports the Good Book Club effort.

- c. Pedals on organ are sticking.
 - Carol called a Duluth organ repairman. He will try to come by next week. Been doing organ repair for over 40 years. Art will be available to open the church for the repair.

6. Old Business

- a. Parking lot sale: Trustees need realtor's appraisal and sales agreement. A meeting needs to be set with realtor. Jack hopes to meet with the realtor next week.

- b. Desk is in and assembled. Julia likes it. Needs a chair and cabinets.

- c. Revised website status.

- Abbey showed examples of the webpage.
- Stage a welcome video. Tour of St. Barts.
- Testimonial videos. "What St. Barts means to me"
- Photos/video need to be taken at the reunion dinner.
- Bob will ask Sean and Terri will ask Matt about doing videos.

7. New Business

- a. Renew search efforts for a part time priest? Our finances look good, is this the time to again take a look for a priest? Are there regional publications to advertise our job opening? Semi-retired is a

good focus. Contact Mike Horn and John Husband, spread our search by word of mouth. Jack will informally look around for a part time priest.

b. Back stairs still need to be addressed. The outside steps need to be covered. It will take a financial commitment, debt can spur giving. Special funding/pledges?

c. Electric stair lift for basement access. Is that still allowed (legal)? Cheaper than an elevator. Who can we talk to about the safety regulations for commercial use? Julie will talk with Paul to see if the stair lift in their storage would be allowed and fit and will find out the brand name of what they have. Contact a company that installs them, they should know the regulations. Bob will check into it.

d. Annual meeting.

- Reports
- Elections?
- Luncheon will be upstairs.
- Need two people to fill Annette's and Bob's seat on the BC. They can be replaced without going to an election. How long do people have to be a member of the church before they can be on the BC? Just need to be a baptized member of a church and a member of good standing. Ask Millie, Marilyn, or Tracy? Would Eric come back?

e. Mail box repair. Mailman left a note. Bob has repaired the mailbox.

f. Janitorial supplies

- Bob will pick up more toilet paper.

- Is there a budget supply line for cleaning supplies? Yes. Julie would like to propose a “green church” concept. Acquire a non-toxic line of cleaning products. \$100 investment for a years supply (Julie would return any profit acquired from the church account). It would save money for janitorial supplies in the long run.

Motion: Bob

Motion to accept green church supplies

Second: Art

g. Frozen pipes in the Sacristy. Bob will look in to it.

h. Hannah Rock Funeral (she is hospice). Fr Ross will officiate.

8. Next BC Meeting: Sunday, Feb 11, 2018

Motion: Bob

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Julie

9. Meeting adjourned at 12:55