

Bishop's Committee Meeting

February 4, 2018

11:10 am

Committee members in attendance: Jack Buhn, Julie Loxtercamp, Terri Ayers, Art Gullette, Larry Stember, Milly Olafson

Others in attendance: Jeanne Gullette (Woship) Abbey Bakker (Minutes), Kent Hering

1. Opening Prayer – Jack

2. Minutes of Previous BC Meeting

Motion: Art

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Seconded: Terri

Motion carried unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report

- Explanation of financial for new members.
- Larry asked a question about money accounts with interest.

Motion: Julie

Motion to accept Treasure's Report

Seconded: Larry

Motion carried unanimously

- Reunion Dinner report: The event was fun and a success. It was nice to see familiar faces from years past. People said they would loved to be invited back to any future events. It was a positive step towards welcoming back members. The Bishop's Committee should send a follow up/thank you note to those who attended.
- Parking lot sale: Trustees need realtor's appraisal and sales agreement (they need to approve before any sale can move forward). Our realtor is currently in the hospital, will be out on Monday, Jack will meet with Ross (Grimes Realty) later in the week.
- Website Status: Website is ready to go, just need the ok to pull down the old website and replace it with the new. Are there original copies of the photos on the current website or will they be lost if the old website is removed? It would be good to take group photos of the churches various groups (BC, Worship Committee, ECW, Theology for Breakfast, etc). Also needed are short write ups (explanations/meeting days/etc) for each group. Soren recommends that Century Link be canceled after 1 month and a cheaper internet option can be explored.
- Annual Meeting Critique: Julie took minutes for the Annual Meeting.

There was a lot of questions about what happened with Barrow and what we are doing now. BC will continue to look. Jack wants to talk more to Jackie Bernacci who is currently a full time priest handling 4 parishes.

- Survey Congregation about chairs for last three rows? It was brought up at the annual meeting and Jack said he would add it to the BC agenda. Jack passed around printouts of a chair option – price currently \$33.95. Adding chairs would make seating more flexible, welcoming for those with disabilities. Will people favor sitting in back in the chairs over being in the pews up front? Chairs could be roped off or tuned around to indicate they are not to be used. How many chairs are needed (at least 3 rows)? Floor plan needs to be brainstormed. No decision needed today. Ask people if they would like to purchase chairs (chair sponsor)? Chairs could be purchased “in memory of” etc.
- Frozen Pipes in Sacristy: There is water again in the Sacristy, problem appears to be solved.
- Organ pedals: Julie needs to get a follow up from Carol. Art has the invoice, “did not repair capture action as Carol says she does not use it.” Estimate given for repair at: \$2500-\$3500.
- Janitorial supplies “Green Church”: Julie needs to meet with Abbey about usage.

7. New Business

- Rev Jo 1/11 request voted on and approved by BC for one time use. (Prayer G). She would like to use it on some Holy Day when she is here.
- Good Book Club. Held on a Wednesday.
- Hannah Rock funeral: May 5th confirmed for funeral. Jackie Bernacci to officiate. 6-8 priests will be in attendance. Luncheon to be catered by Palace, Cass Lake (they will deliver it to the church) and St. Bart's furnishing silverware, coffee, lemonade and bars. Will St. Bart's Alter Guild be doing the Alter?
- Electric stair lift for basement access: Permits needed? Stair lifts in public places need MN State Certification. The State needs to come out and look at the building (“churches are a special deal”). The one Julie had is not long enough and not adjustable. Additional insurance needed.
- Kent Hering's suggestion for distribution of St. Bart's funds (reserve funds)? He would like to know what the congregation thinks, keep a record of people's ideas. Julie: “Transparency, communication, connection.” Kent would like permission to start the conversation with the congregation (something informal), perhaps during/after coffee hour. Perhaps a summation of all the various groups giving is needed?

The Next Bishop's Committee Meeting: March 11, 2018

Motion: Art
 Motion to adjourn the meeting
 Seconded: Terri
 Motion carried unanimously
 Meeting adjourned at: 12:19

To-Do:

Julie will ask Julia about the pictures on the current website.
 Green book meeting.
 Julie will talk to Beverley about the organ and “capture action.”