

Bishop's Committee Meeting of 9/13/2016 – Minutes  
Present: Jack B, Tom J, Julie L, Bob M, Carol P-M, Eric L  
Also Present: Carrie J for the Treasurer's Report  
Opening Prayer was given by Jack at 6:07 pm.  
Minutes from 8/16/16 accepted.

Howie Zetah, of Zetah Construction, gave us a presentation about replacing the rear steps. A simpler proposal, comparable to what we have now but with a steel railing, is \$9975. (This does not include removal of the basement window that has leaked water in the past.) A more complex proposal, a 12 ft by 12 ft addition with roof extending the present roof, matching shingles and fascia, etc., and also enclosing the outside stairway to the basement, is in a range from \$30,000 to \$50,000, Howie guesses. Can we approach anyone at ECMN about a loan or grant for such a project? Jack is going to the Diocesan Convention next week and will try to talk with the Missioner for Finances. **Motion by JL/BM:** To ask Howie Zetah to get back to us with a more firm price on the second option. **Motion carries.**

Worship Committee – • Carol P-M will do a Morning Prayer service on 10/30. • Annette McGinley and Terri Bakker will be co-chairs of the Blessing of the Animals event.

Treasurer's Report – Carrie: • Money Market amount is \$19,083; Checking Acct amount is \$27,652; Memorial Funds total to \$5294. Year to Date we're in the black almost \$11,000 even though our general fund offering in 2016 to date is down from this time last year. Total expenses \$2800 less than the same date a year ago. • Art Gullette is willing to be Carrie's replacement as treasurer. A new computer, with new software, is in order. Excel and Outlook and QuickBooks are what we want on a new computer ... we'll get Art's input on this, too. Maybe we can go to Asgaard. • Vouchers: \$50 to Luekens and \$25 to Kenny's are the amounts. A new form has been made, too. • Jack and Claire B are going to the convention as St. Bart's delegates. Their travel expenses will be reimbursed. • Treasurer's Report accepted.

Junior Warden's Report – Bob Montebello: • We're down a number of trees in recent weeks, with leaning trees and diseased trees being removed. Some stumps have been removed and some new grass seed put in.

Senior Warden's Report: • 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church has approached us (through Ken Ribe) about sharing our church building with them. They facetiously suggested that they could move their organ and their elevator to our facility. They are having a re-vote soon of their July vote to find a new building; Jack will let us know how the vote goes. • Jack is meeting next week with Beverly Larson, head of the church council at Trinity Lutheran in Cass Lake, to talk with her about a joint ministry with that church. • John Rock – Supply? Mark Olson took his place in Cass Lake. Jack will talk with him. • Should we pair a Rally Sunday with an Evangelism Sunday?

Old Business: • Funeral Booklet Template: Julie L had a good talk with Donna Weir, Suzanne Loftus and Penny Olson and put some issues to rest. ECW is meeting this Saturday; Julia has asked them to document what ECW does with respect to receptions for funerals and to list their contact persons, etc. We will put this document from them together with the Funeral Template. • We'll continue with Sunday worship booklets for now. (Some space could be saved by omitting hymns, omitting readings.) Carol voiced some concern that we not let the booklet force us (or lull us) into always using Eucharistic setting A. • BC/Shared Ministry appreciation event was discussed and tabled for now. (Maybe closer to Thanksgiving.)

New Business: • Sunday School – Julie L: Terri Bakker, Carol P-M, Jack B, Carol Carpenter, Julia Plum, Anna Lund, Julie L, Eric L in a rotation; Julie was hoping for eight altogether for a rotation. Sunday School to be first three Sundays of every month, starting on October 2. We'll have a special service on that day. • Safe Church Training all day on October 8<sup>th</sup> – Bob and Carol P-M will participate. Many others should participate! Jack will send out a blanket email to the congregation. • Jack and Claire B will represent St. Bart's at Diocesan Convention next week. • Trek North Concert on 10/25 – both Bob and Carol say they can help out with this, unlocking the church, etc. A rehearsal-time should be covered, too. Will Julia cover at all? We'll contact her. • Episcopal Church Growth and Decline report brought to our attention by Jack. He will make it available to the congregation, either putting it on the bulletin board or leaving a copy on the bookcase in the library.

Adjournment at 8:16 pm. Next regular meeting will be 6 pm on October 11<sup>th</sup>.