

Bishop's Committee Meeting of 8/16/2016 – Minutes

Present: Jack B, Bob M, Carol P-M, Eric L

Also Present: Carrie J for Treasurer's Report, Charlie Champlin, and Art and Jeanne Gulette

Opening Prayer was given by Jack at 6:01 pm. Minutes from 7/12/16 accepted.

Worship Committee – Point of Order (from Carol Milowski): There is no Worship Committee at St. Bart's and in fact there has been no such committee for at least three years. • Discussion as to the Shared Ministry versus Total Ministry nomenclature: For the past year or more we have used the phrase "Shared Ministry" at St. Bart's. At St. Bart's the duties of the "Evangelist" passed to the "Deacons" when Gretchen Pickeral left us, this being forced by the composition of our original team. As we see it, there is no need for specific members (a catechist, an evangelist, etc.) to be on the Shared Ministry team in order for this team to exist and function at St. Bart's. As mentioned on our Sunday bulletins, the entire congregation is part of this team. • Enriching Our Service – Some have the opinion that it is wonderful but that we need to go slowly and carefully. It will be vetted by others in the congregation (the Shared Ministry team, hopefully) and we will consider later how to proceed. • Sunday bulletin/booklet: **Motion by BM/EL:** to table this discussion until next meeting when we'll have a clear idea as to the expense of these booklets and whether or not Julia will have the time to do this. **Motion carries.**

Treasurer's Report – Carrie: • Money Market amount is \$19,079; Checking Acct amount is \$24,435; Pooled Investments Fund amount is \$21,079; Memorial Funds total to \$4124. • To date in 2016 our income exceeds expenses by \$7992. • A \$1782 amount on the July financial statement (line 40700) has been corrected; this amount should have been included with "general giving," bringing that amt. for July to \$7,331. • Vouchers: Carrie updated us on amounts, items and frequencies of distributions that can be accessed through Churches United. We discussed our own policies. Perhaps we should increase our giving to CU and be more stingy with vouchers?! • Carrie's replacement: Notices are in the bulletins and newsletter. • Report accepted with the one proviso.

Junior Warden's Report – Bob Montebello: • The spruce tree was taken down by Otter Tail and persons from People's Church removed it for about \$50, to be billed to us. • The rear steps: Zetah Construction will come back to us with estimates for both a roof- and a no-roof-option. • Art and others have been keeping up with mowing. Some trees blown down in the July storm were taken to the boulevard and removed by the city.

Senior Warden's Report: • A vote at the Presbyterian Church is in the offing. Jack has told Ken Ribe that St. Bart's doesn't have very much interest at this point in sharing our church building and joining in some way with their congregation. • Joining up somehow with Trinity Lutheran in Cass Lake? • No intern from Calvary Lutheran is available because they won't be getting one due to not enough interns coming out of the seminary.

Old Business: • Funeral Booklet Template: tabled.

New Business: • Safe Church Training to be given on October 8<sup>th</sup> by a priest from Hermantown, to last all day. • Sunday School Staffing: Terry Bakker is a possibility, and maybe Anna Lund and Julie Loxtercamp and Penny Olson. • Pastoral Care: Claire B. and Carol C. have recently been trained for this ministry. • Next meeting we will discuss the report "Growth and Decline in US Episcopal Churches." • Outreach Committee Members: Art and Jeanne Gulette, Donna W-R and Betsy Hering are co-chairs; Peter Bohn and Claudine are also on this committee. The food shelf and the community kitchen are the main avenues of St. Bart's outreach. Also Tubs of Love. • Stewardship announcements will be forthcoming in the fall.

Adjournment at 8:30 pm. Next regular meeting will be 6 pm on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.