

Bishop's Committee Meeting of 7/12/2016 – Minutes

Present: Julie L, Jack B, Bob M, Tom J, Eric L

Also Present: Carrie J for Treasurer's Report and Rev. Johannes to speak to "Enriching Our Worship."

Opening Prayer was given by Jack at 6:06 pm. Minutes from 6/14/16 accepted with no alterations.

Worship Committee – Johannes Jordan: • "Enriching Our Worship" ... a liturgical commission took suggestions to the national church convention where alterations for an alternative liturgy were approved (in 2000 or 2003). If we were to adopt some of this liturgy it would keep St. Bart's "up to date" and such liturgy is more attractive to new persons (closer to the vernacular, etc.). Some possible drawbacks/impediments were also mentioned by Rev. Jo.

Treasurer's Report – Carrie: • Our Income/Expenses figures are good and compare favorably at this point in the year (half-way through) as compared to this time in 2015. • Money Market amount is \$19,075; Checking Acct amount is \$24,873; Pooled Investments Fund amount is \$20,606; Memorial Funds total to \$4124. • Travel reimbursement has been paid to both persons who traveled to the Shared Ministry summit who requested such reimbursement. • Phone and Internet are now on auto-pay. • We will start advertising for a new church treasurer in upcoming bulletins. • Treasurer's Report received.

Junior Warden's Report – Bob Montebello: • The roof continues to leak despite efforts to fix the problem. • Kitchen light was replaced in the amount of about \$50. • A spruce tree is leaning toward a neighbor's house. Bob will see if Otter Tail might be willing to take care of getting rid of the tree. • The back steps needs some attention. Bob will have Zetah Construction look at the situation.

Senior Warden's Report – See New Business.

Old Business: • Funeral template – the planning manual is complete enough to be placed into the church office. Julie is considering starting work on a similar manual for weddings. • Salaries – should increases be tied to performance reviews for our four employees? We'll let this simmer over the summer. • Kathy Schmit has understandably had to resign from several committees. Her absence from the Worship Committee and Pastoral Care will be especially missed. We'll try to find new members for these ministries to replace her. • Table Talk with Shared Ministry members will take place after services on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

New Business: • What do we do about the "Green Book"? • The interim rector at the Presbyterian Church in Bemidji, Ken Ribe, contacted Jack about the possibility of a combined ministry. • Pastor Ron Gladen mentioned to Jack that a Lutheran intern coming to Bemidji in the near future might be able to perform some services at St. Bartholomew's. • Julie talked with Ben Adams at "Reel Passion" about the proposed video project. The end product would be about five minutes or less. Filming could be done on a Saturday afternoon, for example. August and September are very open. It would cost about \$250.

**Motion by TJ/EL:** to adjourn, at 9 pm. **Carries.** Next regular meeting will be 6 pm on August 16<sup>th</sup>.