

July Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes 7/11/11

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Members in attendance: Phillip Holt, Marilyn Metzgar, Curt Asher, Cathy Bader, Susan Ohanneson, Andrew Lisa, Tim Vivian, Cathy Henry, Greg Glenn, and John Eastridge.

Members absent: Vern Hill

1. Phillip led prayer
2. Action - Minutes: Marilyn required augmenting #9 B to meet needs for changing banks. Curt moved to accept June minutes, John seconded, and motion was carried.
3. Action - Treasurer's Report: Marilyn pointed out slight loss of ground in income, although not robust. Phillip moved to accept the treasurer's report, Susan seconded, and the motion carried.

Statements will be passed out to parishioners this week.

4. Vicar's Report: Bruce Rockwell will come to speak on Stewardship, August 1st, with the location to still be figured out. Storage space was acquired, off of Real Rd. The space is not temperature controlled and has no lighting. The space will be maintained by John, our Junior Warden.

The Pastoral Ministry Team, formerly PLEM, with Mary Webb all doing a great job. There are eight members in total. Tim, Hank and Mary will be visiting Misael in Delano again, since he is currently unable to travel to Bakersfield.

In regard to prison outreach, as proposed by Eric, the Pastoral Ministry Team, will be introduced through a presentation, and their cooperation will move on from there.

On the 24th of July, the welcoming committee will have a meeting, and so far consists of several new members from within the last year. Overall member numbers are up, and Tim encouraged everyone to continue welcoming newcomers.

5. Warden's Report: A. Calendar: Cathy B. is in charge of the calendar, for planning all Grace events - especially any held at the church. Cathy H. is encouraging parishioners to meet besides Sundays or in alternate locations for meetings, and will submit a notice to Midweek. Cathy B. will also coordinate this facility use with Caroline at FCC.

B. FCC has new solar panels, following a successful fund raising drive. Two of the rooms we use for Sunday school and daycare are being renovated. Currently FCC has allowed for some space to be used as a nursery, and will be extended to include use by children six and under, for the rest of the summer.

C. Budget: Right now, we are running behind on pledges and plate offerings, compared to last year. Pledges were at 84% giving this time last year, compared to 80% giving, now. Expenditures are not significantly different than last year, though, in payroll a daycare attendant, youth director and 5% raises were added.

It was proposed that new members, that have joined since last year's fund raising drive, may be in a position to pledge now.

Cathy H., Tim, and Marilyn proposed sending out a letter to state any changes in member giving - either more or less than pledged, desire to target giving to specific areas, or in particular forms of time or talent.

Susan proposed accepting donations via website, or having parishioner debit card info and having Grace process it. Cathy H. suggested including this in the letter to go out to the church, and possibly have Marilyn investigate similar options with Kern School Fed. Credit Union.

Phillip suggested that newcomers have pledge envelopes and pledge options offered to them, quarterly. Cathy H. to mention this to Elaine and the welcoming committee.

6. Junior Warden's Report: Public safety - FCC does not have a map or blue print of the chapel, in use by Grace. Currently, Vic has taken measurements, and mapping out the chapel will be on the Junior Warden's to do list.

7. Old Business: A. Audit: The inventory of the altar pieces is still missing. Melinda and Susan are involved with a photo catalog of all of these items. Tim will call Melinda about the photos, asap. John Eviston and David Trujillo are still to be in touch with Marilyn, concerning the audit.

It was told to a member of the BC that John Eviston will be out of town on vacation, soon. It was suggested that the audit begin, before completing the inventory of the altar items, and then carry on once everyone has returned to town.

Mike, our accountant, with need to be involved and Marilyn plans to coordinate his work with the committee.

B. Bank Changes: Marilyn will receive the signed, June minutes. When she submits the paperwork, Marilyn will ask about their bill pay system. Cathy B. mentioned that Kern Schools C.U. has problems with bill pay, following their merger with Bank of America. Committee members suggested other banks to consider. Marilyn determined that the vote was already passed to go ahead and sign on with Kern Schools Credit Union as planned.

C. Website. Tim received no response from a former student who offered his services to manage the church website. Andrew's contact posted a feeler and he plans to explore other possibilities to transition the operation of the church website.

D. Directory: Marilyn gave updates to Tim, and once reviewed, will print and pass them out. Following this, they will be made quarterly.

8. New Business: A. Church calendar: The assignment of managing the dates of the church calendar has been given to Cathy B. Currently there is a conflict on August 7th, between Hank's lector training and Sister Schuler's talk about the death penalty. The next State of Grace meeting will be held October 16th.

B. Action - Vern's compensation: Vern will be gone this summer, and he has agreed to choose the music and the bulletin before sending it be printed and shipped to Tim. He has asked for \$200 for August and again for September, while reducing his July pay from \$840 to \$600. This will also include the upcoming Pentecost folder. The work that this includes was a lot for Tim and Miriam to manage last summer.

Tim proposed that the committee approve to pay Vern \$1,000 for this summer work, Phillip seconded and the motion was carried. Marilyn commented that change in July's pay may not be done in time, but it will be considered in the payment for the remaining summer months.

C. Action - Letter of recommendation for Matt Bader: Devon, Stef, Marilyn, and Tim made the recommendation that Matthew B. continue the process to becoming clergy, and seek a letter to be created by the BC. Phillip moved that the committee accept the recommendations of the discernment committee and compose a letter to support further progress, Cathy H. seconded, Cathy B. abstained from voting and the motion was carried. Cathy H. will create the letter to recommend the findings of the discernment committee. Tim hopes that Matt will take over the aspects of spiritual guidance and counseling for the congregation.

D. Canon to the Ordinary: Kate Cullinane will visit on Sunday. Cathy H. to keep church up to date of things to look out for. Marilyn will check in with Kate on Friday, also.

E. BC Retreat: The retreat will be held in the Brighton Park club house, on August 7th at 2pm, with dinner to follow at the Metzgar's around 5:30pm and partners are welcome. The retreat will allow for looking ahead and planning for the

future of the BC. Phillip offered to pay for the costs of the dinner and Marilyn will be leading prayer.

F. Website backup: Andrew has found that online backup will not be suitable because it imports all of the info of the computer in use, including the parishioner's personal information. However, CD's used as a backup could be manageable. Andrew proposed designating one person to assemble a library of CD's containing information pertinent to Grace.

G: Same sex blessings: Susan will be attending DAG, where Carolyn Woodall will be discussing same sex blessings, in Sonora. She thinks this will be a very important step for the church.

H. Prayers were asked to be with Cathy B.'s daughter, Elizabeth, following a break-in at her home.

I. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm