

# **St. Francis' Episcopal Church Bishop's Committee**

**Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021 @ noon**

**Members present: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Jackie Selle (Bishop's Warden), Bill Thompson (Junior Warden), Sylvia Ahmad, Donna Bernert, Herb Smith, Mary Ann Kinder, Doris Schaefer, Jack Laules, Jeff Reinbolt, Sue Schmidt**

**Non-Members Present: Michael Booker (Clerk), Kathleen McDonald, Marsha Smith, David Lucas**

**Attending Virtually: Jim Bowlin (Treasurer)**

**Meeting Opened at 12:17**

The meeting opened with a spiritual reflection and prayer by The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti.

Meetings of the last meeting were reviewed. Herb Smith offered several corrections, which were made to the draft. Mary Anne Kinder moved to approve the minutes as amended; Donna Bernert seconded. The BC voted unanimously to approve.

Jim Bowlin presented the financial report. He discussed adjustments to the items included in the church's balance sheet (previously reported in an email to the BC). He discussed clarification of the church's custodial accounts held by the Diocese. The new format for the financial report includes a percentage calculation for all variances. The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti expressed appreciation for the work that Leslie Heberlie, Jim Bowlin, Bob Schaefer and Doris Schaefer had done to sort out the church's finances. Bill Thompson moved approval of the financial report; Sylvia Ahmad seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Marsha Smith invited to report out on drainage repair to property. She was able to obtain a grant to support fixing existing problems near the Memorial Garden. The Re. Laurie Anzilotti expressed her sincere appreciation for Marsha's hard work.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti reported that we have added 16 new members in the past six months. The BC was asked to come up with ways to integrate and welcome the new members. Ideas from small groups were collected for analysis and review.

Jackie Selle gave the Bishop's Warden's Report. The Nominations committee will be formed to determine new prospective BC members. She reviewed the submissions made to the ministry reports. By-Laws review was disseminated and Herb Smith suggested an official policy amendment that two spouses not serve on BC at the same time. The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti suggested that we frame the language to prohibit having two individuals from the same household on BC at the same time.

Motion by Herb Smith: In the requirements for BC, "that employees, their family members, family of clergy members, and multiple members of the same household be ineligible for membership on the Bishop's Committee." Seconded by Jeff Reinbolt. Approved unanimously.

Herb Smith also suggested that we revise language about the publication of BC Minutes, since we are not following the guidance as published. That policy will be reviewed by The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti.

Approved 10/17/21 at BC meeting

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti asked that all BC members be active in some way in worship (as most already are).

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti reported that we have cancelled an unneeded service plan to our security system contract, saving the church over a thousand dollars a year.

Bill Thompson gave the Junior Warden's Report. Roof work continues to be an issue and repair is scheduled. The sewage system had to be pumped and is now scheduled for routine pumping twice a year. It is possible that the existing system pump may be undersized. There will be a building inspection in October as a part of a larger Diocesan initiative.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti gave the Vicar's Report. A new music director has been located and hired on an interim basis. The new stewardship campaign is under way. She will be taking a week-long Foundations of Christian Leadership program.

Under Old Business, a draft revised rental contract for the community room will be distributed for next month's meeting.

The parking lot concert at the start of the month went very well. We are looking to continue the program in the future.

Under New Business, we are looking at having trunk-or-treat this year.

Eureka Days is the next major community event, followed by the Pet Blessing.

With financial support from the Diocese, Partnership for Renewal will send us a consultant to assist in the creation of a new strategic plan (a "Divine Plan"). Donna Bernert moved that the BC approve the funds needed to support this initiative. Doris Schaefer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti closed the meeting with prayer.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:50.**

*Michael Booker, Clerk*