

St. Francis' Episcopal Church Bishop's Committee

Date: Sunday, August 15, 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

Members Absent: Sue Schmidt

Non-Members Present: Jim Bowlin (Treasurer), Michael Booker (Clerk), Bob Schaefer.

Meeting Opened at 12:05.

Bill Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Meetings of the last meeting were reviewed. Donna Bernert moved to approve as written; Mary Ann Kinder seconded. The BC voted unanimously to approve.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti announced the appointment of Michael Booker as clerk to the Bishop's Committee until January.

Jim Bowlin presented the financial report. He discussed how he intended to improve the formatting of the monthly reports to better explain the church's finances, especially in the area of in-kind donations. Jim Bowlin thanked Bob Schaefer for his support in clarifying the church's finances. Donna Bernart thanked Jim Bowlin for the clarity of his reports. Michael Booker offered to investigate the possibility of using the Amazon Smile fundraising program as a replacement for Schnuck's now-cancelled eScrip program. Sylvia Ahmad moved the approval of the report; Bill Thompson seconded. The BC voted to approve unanimously.

The Bishop's Committee spent 25 minutes in breakout groups discussing updating a church brochure.

Jackie Selle gave the Bishop's Warden's Report. She distributed a handout entitled, "Conflict Resolution from a Referee." She stated that the tutoring program would need new leadership if it continues. She also discussed the Ministry Reports and noted that it was now available to all church members in response to a request in the last BC meeting. She also noted that Cheryl Foster will be relocating to Colorado and will need to be replaced as musical director.

Bill Thompson gave the Junior Warden's Report. Much of the discussion concern the church's roof, which sustained damage during the storms of August 12th. An inspection of the roof is scheduled to determine if parishioner repairs (by Paul Becker and Herb Smith) the next day were sufficient, and to look at drainage issues over the child care center wing.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti gave the Vicar's Report. She announced that deacon-in-training David Lucas has been assigned by the Bishop to train at St. Francis' for the upcoming academic year. She also asked that "bombshells" be spared on Sunday mornings due to necessary focus on liturgical and pastoral priorities.

Under Old Business, the community concert on August 7th was quite successful, with 80 guests, roughly 55 not members of St. Francis. The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti spoke with each guest and many expressed curiosity about the church.

Under New Business, it was moved that we need an inventory of all church property of value over \$500. This was moved by Herb Smith; Doris Schaefer seconded. The BC voted to approve unanimously.

Jack Laules and Jeff Reinbolt were appointed as check signers for the church's checking account by the Rev. Laurie Anzilotti. They accepted those appointments.

Also under New Business, it was moved that we make the church's Community Room available for community rental. The rate for rental will be \$100 for a day or \$50 for 4 hours or less. Community groups will also be required to post a cleaning deposit (determined by the actual cost of cleaning) that will be returned if they thoroughly tidy up after themselves. Donna Bernert moved the resolution; Mary Ann Kinder seconded. The BC voted to approve unanimously.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti discussed the need for physical copies for future Bishop's Committee meetings. She will only make the few needed for specific individuals who request them.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35.

Michael Booker, Clerk