

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

**Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 @ noon**

**Members present: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Bill Thompson (Junior Warden), Donna Bernert, Herb Smith, Mary Ann Kinder, Doris Schaefer, Jack Laules, Sue Schmidt**

**Members Absent: Jackie Selle (Bishop's Warden), Sylvia Ahmad, Jeff Reinbolt**

**Non-Members Present: Jim Bowlin (Treasurer), Michael Booker (Clerk), Joe O'Reilly (Convention), David Lucas, Katherine McDonald, Marsha Smith**

**Meeting Opened at 12:05.**

The Meeting opened with a discussion about prayer and spiritual growth. The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti said that she would follow up on that period of reflection with David Lucas and Paul Jokerst.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti offered an opening prayer.

Meetings of the last meeting were reviewed. Bill Thompson moved that the minutes be accepted as written; Jack Laules seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jim Bowlin presented the financial report. He talked about upcoming formatting changes to his report. Mary Ann Kinder moved to accept as written; Doris Schaefer seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti noted that we need to account for online processing fees now that we are set up to receive electronic donations. This requires the addition of a budget line item. The cost for online donations is 2.99% plus a fee of \$0.45. The fee will be added to the amount of the donation, but it must be tracked. Donna Bernert moved to add that item to the budget; Sue Schmidt seconded. Approved unanimously.

Doris Schaefer wants an item for Godly Play expenses in the budget. The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti added that we will need one for Theology of Space as well. These will be included in the proposed 2022 budget, and voted on at that time.

There was no Bishop's Warden Report.

Bill Thompson gave the Junior Warden's Report. Agents of the Diocese came to the church for a real property inspection (something that is taking place across the Diocese) and will give us a report. Based on that report, the Building Committee will prioritize needed repairs and improvements. Bill reported that 38 batteries are needed for all emergency lights in the building (at \$14 each due to discounts from Batteries Plus). We need a power washer to clean exterior, Joe O'Reilly and other parishioners indicated that that had some that the church can use. A roofing drainage estimate is will be forthcoming.

With regard to snow removal, our snow removal person from last year is no longer available. We have thus far only received one bid of \$355 per snow event with an additional cost of \$75 for subsequent plowing. A motion was made by Donna Bernert to contract that service; Mary Ann Kinder seconded. Approved unanimously, but with a request to see if there might be an option for reduced service since Friends of St. Francis is no longer in operation.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti gave the Vicar's Report.

She asked that the church office close for Christmas week (from the end of service on December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>). Doris Schafer moved the proposal; Bill Thompson seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti reported that the Ministry Reports are in and highlighted some of updates contained therein.

Under the subject of food, the Diocese says that coffee hour is allowed, but we need social distancing (half capacity) for group eating. Will try next Sunday (October 24<sup>th</sup>) with cinnamon rolls and casseroles. Mary Anne Kinder moved that we go ahead with this plan; Jack Laules seconded. Approved unanimously.

Under Old Business, The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti indicated that the members had received copies of the new draft rental agreement for community groups using the church building. Bill Thompson moved approval of the new form; Doris Schafer seconded. Approved unanimously.

Herb Smith introduced proposed revisions to the church's Bylaws. Mary Ann Kinder moved acceptance of the revisions; Donna Bernert seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti noted that the Nominating Committee will start its work soon.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti announced that Partnership for Renewal will present on creating a "Divine Plan" at the Bishop's Committee retreat in February of 2022.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti shared a request from Deaconess Anne House that we become one of their sponsoring parishes. The cost at present would be \$345 per year (based on a rate of \$5 per ASA). After discussion, Jack Laules moved that we enter into that relationship starting this year; Bill Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously. As this is a non-budgeted item, The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti said that she would report back next month to inform the Bishop's Committee of the existing budget line used to pay for this commitment.

David Lucas offered a closing prayer.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:30.**

*Michael Booker, Clerk*

**Approved by Bishop's Committee November 21, 2021**