

Epiphany Episcopal Church  
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2024

**Present:** Lois Phillips, Helen Minchin, Fr. Steve, Jon Morrison, Jason Simmons, Ben Bankson, Brewster Bird, Annie Danielsen, Clerk

**Not present:** Carolyn Jokinen

**Guests:** Rev. Linda Wilson, Mike Danielsen, Vicki Kelsey

**Meeting opened** at 5:35 p.m.

**Apologies** from Carolyn Jokinen.\*

Meeting opened with Jon introducing a respectful listening exercise – *Asking – 1. What is your hope for your service on the Bishop Committee? & what gifts do you bring to the BC, 2. What are barriers that you perceive?; 3. How are you feeling today? (summary of responses below)* All those in attendance responded to the questions presented.

Jon read the second lesson for Sunday – 1 John 3:16-24 – Truth and action

**Opening prayer** – Fr. Steve

Fr. Steve brought to the BC the form from the Diocesan office that needs to be submitted for both Jewels and Bill, as candidates for priesthood. There was some discussion around the signing and feedback on the form. The forms were signed and amended by signers.

**Meeting minutes from March meeting** – Brewster moved to accept the minutes as amended, Lois seconded. Helen offered amendments to add Susan Stone as guest and additional clarity about the discussion regarding Student Suppers use of paper products. Annie will make corrections.

**Congregational comments:** Vicki stated that NMT provides food and where that is located on campus. She indicated that Amelia Pond (studying regional student food insecurity) will be posting signs on campus with details. Vicki proposed that during the summer months Epiphany sponsor a potluck the first Wednesday of each month (June, July, August). Lois moved

to offer a dinner the first Wednesday of the month during the summer (maybe brats and burgers), Brewster seconded and all approved.

Vicki introduced discussion regarding supporting a positive experience for parents of LGBTQ (PFLAG). This discussion was tabled til next meeting. Helen suggested to place a rainbow flag on the website and since June is Pride Month suggested a rainbow flag could be flown in front of the church during our Sunday worship service. Lois suggested that we fly both the church flag and the rainbow flag on Sundays. Brewster moved to approve a rainbow flag and flag holder – Helen said she will purchase the flag and holder – Helen seconded purchase and all approved. In July the flag hanging will be reviewed.

There was some discussion around hate crime issues Vicki will do some research on this and on use of buildings by non-inclusive groups.

**Treasurer's report** – Jason reviewed the report – indicating there are monies being held for Fr. Steve's pension. Fr. Steve stated he will get back to him on where these monies should be placed. Brewster moved to accept the treasurer's report, Ben seconded and all approved.

Helen asked about Good Friday collection, was it taken? The answer is no.

**Building maintenance** – Jon will be contacting his guy to change the pads on the parish hall cooling system and he will look into maintenance on the A/C in the sanctuary

Fr. Steve reminded all that a serious review of the budget was to take place in June, as agreed upon in the annual meeting.

**Annual Audit** – needs to be timely, by the end of May. Facility use form seems to be an issue. A form has been put in place. Annie will get this information to Jason.

**Date for our next meeting** will be May 15 @ 5:30 pm

**Closing prayer** – delivered by the Rev. Linda

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm**

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