

## Bishop Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 5:30

In attendance: Chris Kurtnaker, Bill Stone, Fr. Steve, Fred Phillips, Ben Bankson, Jason Simmons, Bill Harris, Eileen Comstock, Annie Danielsen Guests – Mike Danielsen, Frank Kurtnaker

Opening prayer – lead by Fr. Steve.

Approval of October meeting minutes – Bill H. moved to accept the minutes as presented, Fred seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's report – Bill S. noted that we are running in the red @ \$2000. Annie moved to accept the treasurer's report with comments, Eileen seconded and all approved.

Vicar's report – Fr. Steve asked specific folks to oversee the hospitality committee. Two have agreed (Carolyn Jokinen & Jon Morrison), awaiting decision from one other person.

At convention we were reminded that some of the canons were changed to reflect a new category to worship locations – specifically the addition of Chapels. We may need to look at this. A chapel would be able to operate with small numbers in the congregation. They may have a priest only so often.

Budget – Bill Stone reviewed that last year's pledges \$81685. So far our pledges are at \$70900. If people still coming continue their pledges, ~\$85000. 8% increase would be \$88200. Bill will get the expense budget together and sent out to the Bishop Committee sometime next week.

Upcoming events – December student dinner will be on Dec. 7th

Wassail performance will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM.

Advent – Susan has agreed to lead an Advent study based on the book of Matthew, it will be Tuesdays @ 6pm...Soup, bread and study.

Fr. Steve indicated he would like to have a liturgy committee meeting in the next week or so.

Christmas – Decorating of the Christmas tree will be on Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Christmas eve service will be at 7 pm. No Christmas service at Epiphany this year. New Year day we will have lessons and carols

Other business

What does church membership mean in a time of COVID? – Ben – There was discussion about continuing to live stream.

Bill S. suggested that in one of our future Chats we may want to consider a discussion on “God’s assistant gardener”. Resources may be available at the diocese office. Ben suggested that a committee be formed to look at future Chat speakers.

Time to start thinking about nominations

3 for Bishop’s Committee (Fred, Bill H, Chris rotating off)

Delegates/alternate (Susan, Bill H delegates? Alternate?) (2 year terms)

Audit committee (Taffeta Elliott, Judy Bechtol, Bill Christy again?)

Our annual meeting may be on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Closing prayer – Jason lead in a closing prayer

Our next meeting will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30