

Epiphany Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes -18 October 2023, 5:30 pm

In attendance: Bill Stone, Annie Danielsen, Ben Bankson, Fr. Steve, Jon Morrison, Jason Simmons, Carolyn Jokinen, Brewster Bird
Guests: Lois Phillips, Rev Linda Wilson (not present – Eileen Comstock)
Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening prayer

Approval of September minutes- Jon moved to accept minutes, Jason seconded and all approved

Treasurer's Report – Ben moved to accept the treasurer's report, Annie seconded and all approved.

Vicar's report – Fr. Steve mentioned their were a number of animals at the Blessing of the Animals (Rev. Linda mentioned good press with the sheep in Magdalena) He thanked Linda for being present for the Magdalena blessing. Upon reflection Fr. Steve suggests to build future blessings into a congregational event for critters.

Tomorrow Fr. Steve and Fr. Mundy will be picking up 4 tons of dried pinto beans in southern New Mexico for distribution to Socorro Storehouse and several other locations. Jon will be meeting them at the storehouse to unload their portion of the beans.

Fr Steve spoke with the Bishop about various lay ministries, discussing which lay ministries require licensing and what the responsibilities of the various ministries call for. He will be sharing this information with the congregation.

Fr. Steve expressed his gratitude for the behind the scenes work that the Pastoral Care team folks, lead by Beth Simpson.

Postulant's report – Bill attended the Bishop school this past weekend. He indicated that the Bishop will be meeting with the Bishop school members on a monthly basis via zoom. He will be gone in November for a week.

Upcoming events:

Stewardship drive – Bill will be reaching out to the congregation for volunteers to share their experience with stewardship on Sundays, a 3-5 minute presentation. Ben offered to do the first presentation- Nov. 5th, All Saints Day. Bill will be conducting an Evening Prayer service on All St's Day.

Advent – For 3 Sundays a word or two from that week's gospel will describe the theme for the sermon. On Wednesdays during Advent there will be an evening prayer with soup supper, using the Gospel from the previous Sunday to reflect on . Susan Stone and Rev. Linda will hold a Quiet Day on Dec. 2 from 9-12/

Convention – Fr. Steve, Ben and Susan will be attending as delegates

Friendsgiving Dinner (Thanksgiving day) – Bill will announce on Sunday to see if anyone is interested in organizing this event.

Luncheon at 12:30 on Nov. 14th. – Ben is sending out invitations. Fr. Woody will be presenter.

New business

Tuning piano – Eileen has a piano tuner in town and suggest that we might use them – Jon moved to have the piano tuned. Ben seconded and all approved. Bill will let Eileen know

Pruning trees in parking lot – A proposal was presented from Manuel Lucero – Jason moved a motion to have trees trimmed, not removed, Carolyn seconded and all approved. Annie will contact Manuel and request proof of liability insurance for \$2 million and let him know that we will be moving forward with his proposal.

Closing prayer – Rev. Linda

Adjourned at 6:40

Next meeting will be on Nov. 15th @ 5:30 p.m.