

Epiphany Episcopal Church Bishop's Committee Meeting  
December 19, 2023 5:30 pm

Attendees: Bill Stone, Fr. Steve, Ben Bankson, Brewster Bird, Carolyn Jokinen, Eileen Comstock, Jon Morrison (via zoom), Annie Danielsen

Not present: Jason Simmons

Guests: Linda Wilson, Christie Smith

Call to order at 5:40 pm

Opening prayer – Lead by Rev. Linda Wilson

Approval of December minutes – Brewster moved to accept the meeting minutes, Annie seconded and all approved.

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

Vicar's report – Fr. Steve shared a written Vicar's report\* to all BC members via email prior to our meeting. He reviewed his role as vicar and that the bishop will appoint new Bishop Committee members. Fr. Steve suggested that those folks interested in becoming Bishop Committee members to submit a bio – Ben suggested using the bio which was used by delegates for the past convention. Ben agreed to look for the bio to use as a template. Bill will announce at Sunday service.

Fr. Steve met with Eileen today regarding Christmas Eve worship music.

Jon shared that the Bishop will be visiting for our pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday.

Housing allowance – Fr. Steve suggests to raise the housing allowance to \$2000 per month, or \$24000 per year. Brewster moved to provide \$24000 in 2024 for the Vicar's housing allowance, Jon seconded and all in attendance approved.

Budget – Bill indicated that we have not yet received enough pledges to support the proposed budget. We will have to discuss the budget at the January BC meeting.

Jerusalem Fund and other designated funds – some discussion about helping the Episcopal church in Gaza – Brewster moved to send \$120 (collected for Jerusalem) + an additional \$100 from various funds to AFEDJ, Eileen seconded and all approved.

Upcoming events

Christmas – services are planned for morning prayer on 12-24 with Christmas service at 6:30pm in the evening (6 pm will be caroling)

Epiphany visioning workshop is planned for Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – we will have eucharist

On Epiphany Sunday – (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>) - we will serve the King's cake which is currently fermenting.

Old Business: Annual meeting - Bill suggested that the Annual Meeting be on Jan. 28' 2024. Ben moved to have the meeting on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, Annie seconded and all approved. At the annual meeting we will have a booklet with committee reports, bios on the BC candidates (2 new members), 2 delegates will be elected and one alternate, and an audit committee will be elected.

Our January meeting will be on January 17.

Closing prayer – Fr. Steve lead in prayer

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

\*Vicar's Report: The vicar's email contained information on the church canons that govern missions.