

**St, Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting
Sunday, April 23, 2017**

Present: Karen Nichols, Sr. Warden; Laura Jacobs, Jr. Warden; Sandy Carlson, Liz Benson Johnson, Dave Johnson, J Laundergan, Brian Lundberg, Kinnan Stauber, The Rev. Marta Maddy, Jean Laundergan, Clerk.

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

The April meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Karen N. and Rev. Marta opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reflection – Luke 24: 13-35

Sandy C. read the first half of today's reflection and Brian L. read the second half. There were three questions for thought and discussion: "What words/phrases stand out? What is the Gospel saying to us? What is Jesus calling us to do or be?"

Marta told us about the retreat she recently attended at the Audubon Center in Sandstone. We might consider going there sometime.

Minutes – March 19, 2017

The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Laura J. and seconded by Sandy C. and passed unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer: Kinnan S. presented two financial sheets. The Profit & Loss Budget Performance for March 2017 shows total income down slightly and expenses up slightly. The Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2017 shows total assets (3/31/17) at \$595,823.56 compared to 12/31/16 - \$599,304.87. Total liabilities ((3/31/17) \$135,546.87 compared to 12/31/16 - \$137,271.17. Total Liabilities & Equity (3/31/17) = \$595,823.56 compared to \$599,304.87 (12/31/16).

What should we know for the coming months?

Marta prepared a calendar for April and May including dates, activities and meetings. The "75th+ Birthday Party" will be on Saturday, April 29th. Additions to the calendar include National Neighborhood Night Out at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, August 1st. Sandy also reminded us of the Dine Out for Life fundraising event at some local restaurants. The Bishop will be at St. Andrew's on Sunday September 17th – a Service of New Ministry. Bonnie & Tom Malterer will be accepted as members of the Episcopal Church. A Picnic will be planned for that Sunday. September BC Meeting and CHUM sandwiches on the 10th. Marta will be taking vacation time in May 17-20 and June.18th. She will get supply priest for that Sunday. Myra Stauber is graduating this spring.

Old Business

Change in Marta's Status: becoming our Vicar (currently is a Priest in Charge). The necessary work is underway for this important change.

Landscape Update: Dave J. has not heard from Matt and will contact him. What are our building needs? We need to prioritize and the work must be done in stages.

Perrault Construction: new gutters will be installed, exterior doors and window frames are deteriorating. Approx. cost of materials & labor is \$4,522.00. We will not do the stainless steel ramp. Some doors need to be moved. The Columbarium needs to be securely attached to the wall in the Sanctuary. The motion was made by Sandy C. to go forward with the Perrault work with a new quote (at current amount or below). Start date to be determined. Liz B-J seconded the motion. It was decided that we will wait and do the changing of the doors all at one time.

Television: Dave J. said that the equipment needs to be upgraded. The TV in the Mission Hall might be donated to the Steve O'Neill apartments (Dave will take care of disposing of the old TV.) Brian L. made the motion to purchase a special high-tech projector which includes a speaker, blue tooth, tripod, and external DVD drive. The motion passed unanimously.

Brat & Book Sale: This will be held during the Park Point Rummage Sales June 9-10. A meeting will be set to prepare for the book sale. Proceeds from the sale will be for St. Andrew's youth and city youth. Perhaps Mary A. might be willing to be a co-coordinator? Ideas – children from Steve O'Neill apartments? Sponsor Maddy & a friend for camp? Sponsor Lily and Wyatt for camp? Perhaps Jonah L. for ECMN Music Camp (similar to TEC)? Other suggestions?

Sunday Service Welcome: May – Brian L., June – Sandy C., July – Liz B-J, August – Karen N, September – Dave J.

New Business

Vestry Covenant: 1. To love and support one another by... 2. To seek God's will in striving for unity in all matters through... To be an example to the congregation by striving to... Our discussion included: An introductory paragraph for the Vestry Covenant; participate; encourage direct communication; support ideas of the Vestry even if you might not agree with the ideas; respect one another's time in Vestry meetings; strive for unity; seeking God's will in all that we do; refrain from discussions that are divisive or gossip, etc.; listen; always seek to understand others; start BC/Vestry meetings with a Reflection; meetings should be more than just business; act positively on behalf of anonymous critics, make suggestions; don't take things out of context.

Marta told us that Bonny Copenhaver expressed sincere thanks to St. Andrew's for its support in her discernment. Bonny has decided to not continue with discernment at this time.

A Reminder: The May "Grains of Sand" deadline is tomorrow (April 24th). Dave will write an item for the newsletter. Sandy & Brian will put an item in the Park Point Breeze.

Marta closed the meeting with a Blessing. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Laundergan, Clerk