

**St. Andrew's by the Lake  
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, August 9, 2015**

**Present:** Marta Maddy, Priest-in-Charge, Karen Nichols, Jr. Warden, JC Curtis, Dave Johnson, J Laudergeran, Ken Oliver, Bob Owens, Mary Ellen Owens, Kinnan Stauber, Treasurer, Jean Laudergeran, Clerk, Roberta Cline, Visitor/St. Andrew's representative to ECMN Region 2, Absent: Mary Anderson, Sr. Warden (out-of-town).

**Call to Order:** The August meeting of the BC was called to order at 11:05 am by Karen Nichols, Jr. Warden.

**Opening Prayer:** A prayer to begin the meeting was offered by the Rev. Marta Maddy

**Minutes – June 14, 2015 Meeting:** Jean reported that she made an error on page 2 of the minutes which was pointed out by Mary A. Brat Sale Summary: “started with \$350 cash, receipts approx. \$3,014.71, expenses approx. \$1,288.72. Profit: approx. **\$1375.99** (not \$3,000!). The motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob O., seconded by J Laudergeran, and passed unanimously.

**Reports**

Roberta attended the ECMN Region 2 meeting which was held on Saturday in Ely. 1) There will be a Mission Area gathering on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Trinity. 2) Has St. Andrew's paid the Region 2 dues? 3) Marta asked about Confirmation and when the Bishop would be available to attend. 4) Officers were elected: Bruce – St. Paul, Will – Virginia, Kathy is Secretary, Mel is Treasurer. There are three St. Andrew's churches in the region: Cloquet, Duluth, and Moose Lake. The Convention will be held in St. Cloud. Roberta will send in her registration.

**Treasurer:**

Karen said that the Finance Committee met recently re: sharing the Audit with Trinity. They might meet again this week to get acquainted and make preliminary plans.

Kinnan presented the Balance Sheet – July 31, 2015 and the Profit and Loss Budget Performance – July 2015. The figures were reviewed and discussed. Income is down \$5,000. Ken reported that \$225 was collected today for the CHUM backpack project (backpacks containing school supplies).

It was suggested that the budget contain a line item “Funds Received for Transfer” to be used for “in” and “out” monies (ex: CHUM backpacks).

The budget shows an Altar Guild expense of \$177.50. Clarification of the expense will be sought.

Profit & Loss – July 2015: Net income is minus \$2,994.16 (7/15); Budget is \$1,037.19; Jan.-July 2015 is \$12,924.19; YTD Budget is \$13,934.34; Annual Budget is \$19,159.97.

Balance Sheet – July 31, 2015: Total Assets = \$587,592.52; December 2014 = \$522,101.09. Total Long Term Liabilities = \$148,487.67; December 2014 = \$153,074.03; Total Designated Fund Balance = \$89,668.89; December 2014 = \$32,515.29; Total Liabilities & Equity = \$587,592.52; December 2014 = \$522,101.09.

**Old Business**

**National Night Out** ~ This was a good event - many compliments received. Perfect weather! More than 100 people attended, 47 from St. Andrew's. The only expense was for the

meat (hamburgers, brats and wieners) – but we got a ‘good deal’ on the price. Next year only hamburgers and brats will be served. Much food was donated – side dishes, bars, cookies, etc.

**St. Andrew’s Logo** – Dave J. said that two samples have been presented and are being revised. Dave obtained the signs for National Night Out that were posted along Park Point.

**Building Rental/Alcohol Policy** – Marta started the discussion re: **“Use of Church Facilities by Contributing Members, Their Immediate Families, and Non-Profit Organizations”** and **“Use of Church Facilities by Non-Members”**. The two policies were written in 2009. Jean has the documents on her computer. The subject was brought up because of an upcoming wedding at the church for a former member. It was decided that only beer and/or wine can be served (no hard liquor/mixed drinks). The renting party must hire an off-duty policeman to be present at those events. The two policies will be revised and updated.

## **New Business**

**Worship** ~ Marta announced that a **“Liturgy/Worship Forum”** will be held after church next Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this planning session. This fall we’ll be using a narrative lectionary (a different approach). The bulletin will have inserts. Soup suppers and discussions during Lent is another possibility.

**Landscape** ~ Dave J. has talked with a landscaper (Matt Daley) re: how to improve the area in front of the church. Several ideas were discussed. Plans will be presented. Funds are available from the bequest St. Andrew’s received recently.

**Education Update** ~ Marta said that Brian will continue with Confirmation. There are Confirmation materials on line which can be accessed if a student can’t attend on Sunday morning. Mary A. hopes to find someone to work with the younger children. Adult Ed was mentioned also. We have had women’s groups and men’s groups in the past. The “Grains of Sand” newsletter could be used to get feedback

**Calendar** ~ Marta is working on a 9-month calendar for September through May. She will be on vacation September 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

September 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Bishop’s Committee Meeting

September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Fall Gathering (picnic/potluck) after church

September 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Altar Guild Training; Altar Guild is seeking new members.

Blessing of the Animals ~ October? Date?

October 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Visioning and Gathering ~ What should it look like? It will be a time to bring the congregation together to discuss ideas.

November 1<sup>st</sup> ~ “Share the Love Concert” (Bill & Laurie Bastien). Desserts @ 4:00, concert at 4:30. Fund-raiser for CHUM.

In August there will be a gathering of Clergy in Minneapolis to discuss how to organize a congregation. There is a new person for “Church and Community” in the Exec. Office in the Twin Cities.

## **Old/Other Business**

**Bequests** ~ Possible uses for the bequest monies were suggested. Money has been given by Jan Peterson to be used for Music. Charlene Shimmin gave money to St. Andrew’s to be used for Landscaping. Not all donations are designated.

**Columbarium** ~ The beautiful wood Columbarium, which was constructed by Bob Anderson a few years ago, has been moved from the Memorial Room to the Sanctuary, to the right of the Altar. Brass plates for names will be needed. A note of sincere appreciation and thanks will be written and sent to Bob.

**Peace and Justice** ~ The committee is gearing up – they would like to be more ‘hands-on’ in addition to just monetary. Outreach decisions need to be made.

**Request** ~ A letter was received from the Native American community requesting a monetary donation for a Non-Profit facility for people in the Duluth Area.

**The Park Point Breeze** ~ JC again mentioned that St. Andrew’s has not had an article (or ad) in the Breeze for several months. The motion to place a ¼ page ad in the Breeze was made by JC, seconded by Ken, and passed unanimously.

**Sunday Morning Welcome** ~ August: Bob & Mary Ellen Owens; September: Jean Laundergan; October: Dave Johnson.

**The next meeting of the Bishop’s Committee will be on Sunday, September 13, 2015.**

**Adjournment** ~ The move to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. was made by Ken Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jean Laundergan*, Clerk