

St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church – Bishop's Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 12, 2017 meeting.

The meeting was held this evening because of the special service Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop will be with us to celebrate Marta's New Ministry (Vicar) and Bonnie & Tom Malterer will become church members.

Prior to the meeting those in attendance enjoyed a chili supper prepared by Marta.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Karen Nichols, Sr. Warden, and Marta opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

The Reflection for this meeting was "CROSS+GEN" – Share – Read – Talk – Pray – Bless. This prompted good discussion among the BC members. The pineapple and the wooden spoon are symbols of hospitality. Be involved in community, appreciate everyone. Learn from each other across the generations.

MINUTES: The minutes from the August 20<sup>th</sup> BC Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Laura to accept the minutes, J Laundergan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER: At this time St. Andrew's is ahead in pledges and behind in expenses. Sandy moved to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded by Laura and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will not be a Saturday evening service on September 30<sup>th</sup> because there will be a wedding at St. Andrew's. The "Blessing of the Animals" (St. Francis) will be held in the Mission Hall on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The ECMN Convention will be at the DECC Convention Hall in Duluth on Friday & Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Liz Benson Johnson and Jean Laundergan volunteered to assist with registration. Jonah Laundergan will be an acolyte. TEC will be held in Austin, MN the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Jonah Laundergan plans to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Johnson & Mary Anderson are heading up this project. Dave is getting bids from contractors for the sidewalks from KTM and Sinnott for sidewalks & tar. The two neighbors across the street end – Carmacks and LuAnn (last name?) will be consulted re: the work to be done. Cost estimates are higher than anticipated (Miller Creek & others). Jean Laundergan suggested contacting Phil Aili of Esko.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion re: conversation with the Bishop: Diaconate – 3 or 4 years, cost of \$9000. Compensation and stewardship (pledging) update, Christian Formation for youth - (Brian): Jonah Laundergan (new book); Olivia, Wyatt, Caleb & Elizabeth, Maddy, Lily, Edward & Isaac. Suggestions: Get mini-groups together (children, teens, 20s, 30s, 40s...) and sit together

during coffee hour. There are 168 hours in a week – ½ hour of Sunday School, develop 5 minute teaching moments.

OTHER: Sandy reminded us about the deadline (September 25<sup>th</sup>) for the October Grains of Sand. “Share the Love Concert” to benefit CHUM with Bill & Lauri Bastian in October? **NOTE:** It will be on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 pm. (What is the \$ amount that they charge?)

Episcopal Relief and Development: donate loose offering for Hurricane Relief.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION: Historical information about St. Andrew’s. Sandy: new ‘automatic’ soap dispensers for bathrooms and kitchen – we agreed and Kinnan will be consulted. Celebration of New Ministry, Our appreciation of Elena’s gift of music.

As there was no further business for this meeting, we adjourned at 7:50 pm. Marta said a closing prayer. Go in Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Laundergan, Clerk*