

**St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church**  
**Bishop's Committee Minutes**  
**Sunday, March 16, 2014**

**Present:** Aron Kramer, Vicar, Roberta Cline, Sr. Warden, Mary Anderson, Jr. Warden, Kinnan Stauber, Treasurer, JC Curtis, J Laundergan, Karen Nichols, Ken Oliver, Jean Laundergan, Clerk. **Absent:** Cameron Hubley.

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened at 11:15 a.m. with a prayer given by Aron Kramer.

**Minutes – February Meeting:** After a brief discussion, the minutes were approved as written. The minutes are sent by e-mail to BC members; JC Curtis receives a printed copy by US Mail.

**Sr. Warden's Report:**

There was discussion about the Memorial Funds – some of the funds have been designated, some have not. A notice will be placed in the Sunday bulletin and in the Grains of Sand asking members for their assistance in determining if memorials were given generally or for a specific purpose. Roberta indicated that she has not yet received the minutes from the January BC meeting from Cindy Hendrickson.

The dates for the Bishop's Committee meetings for April, May and June are being changed to the first Sunday of each month, due to scheduling conflicts: **April 6, May 4, and June 1**. Those present agreed to the change. The third Saturday of the month is designated for Mission Gathering.

**Jr. Warden's Report**

Mary did not have a report today.

**Vicar's Report**

Personal: Aron is continuing work on his MBA/MAM at St. Scholastica, which includes a Marketing course and an on-line Economics course. His weekly schedule will change until Fall – Eliot & Naomi will be with him during the week in the summer.

St. Andrew's: \* Share the Love Concert was a success (over \$1,000 raised for CHUM)...

\* Lent/Easter Adult Education – going well. \*Ash Wednesday (2 services) had good attendance. \* Holy Week is being planned: Good Friday – one service; Easter Vigil on Saturday evening at 7:00 – a happy celebration with appetizers (as in the past), Mimosas and M&Ms (new – per Aron!); and an Easter Sunday service at 9:45. \* Mission Area Gathering (yesterday) was well attended and was a good start. Congregation needs to get involved – raise awareness. Aron hopes that the youth will be involved, too. The group liked that they came together at the end of the session to share thoughts and ideas. There was discussion about how to proceed with this new concept. Aron commented that the Mission Areas are lots of work.

Roberta said that Dave Johnson spoke with her after church today about a fund-raising idea for the new Steve O'Neill apartments (CHUM) – doing a WALK and having a type of “gift registry” for items to be given so residents can furnish their apartments. This idea will be pursued.

It was noted that the Brat Sale is coming up in June (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) during the annual Park Point Rummage Sale. The youth will not be doing a popcorn sale during the Park Point Art Fair. Also, it was mentioned that it might be a good idea for St. Andrew's to join the Park Point Community Club.

Episcopal Church in Minnesota: Aron reported that he spoke with Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer; Aron is participating in Great Northern TEC which will be March 28-31 in Hibbing. Aron realized that he missed the “Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows” which was held March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's. Aron will be attending the Clergy Conference April 29 – May 1.

Community: The service last Sunday with Lee Stuart, the new executive director of CHUM was very interesting and informative. She will be invited to speak again at St. Andrew's.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kinnan did not have a financial report today. There was discussion about changing the dates for the monthly reports. Instead of first-last day of month, could the report cover mid-month to mid-month?

## **Volunteer for April Welcome and BC Closing Prayer**

Karen Nichols did this for the month of March. Mary Anderson volunteered for the month of April.

## **Upcoming Dates & Events**

TEC – Hibbing, March 27,28,29,30  
“Noah” – Movie outing, April 5, Noon  
Palm Sunday – April 13  
Maundy Thursday – April 17  
Good Friday – April 18  
Easter Vigil – April 19  
Easter Sunday – April 20

Aron developed a March-April Calendar which contains dates and significant events. BC members expressed appreciation for this. The calendar is in the current Grains of Sand, also.

## **Other Business:**

There was further discussion re: memorial Funds; the possible purchase of new Altar Hangings; and submitting expenses for reimbursement (this process was outlined during last month's BC meeting). Jan Peterson submitted a request for reimbursement for the “Share the Love Concert.” For previous concerts, she paid the expense. Aron indicated that he will approve all expense reimbursements. It was agreed that Jan should be reimbursed for her out-of-pocket expenses.

The Altar Guild has not submitted a ‘formal’ request for the purchase of new altar hangings. Both the red and white cloths are worn. The cost estimate is \$4500-\$5000. The purchase would include: altar cloth, fair linen cloth to be placed over the top of the altar cloth; veil for a casket; veil for an urn (there was some discussion – not needed?); two prayer desks; chasuble; stoles for Vicar and Deacon. Note: Aron stated that we will have a deacon! The “pall” was used to cover the casket to show that all persons are equal (rich or poor).The Altar Guild will be asked to present a written, detailed proposal which will include all items and all prices, including shipping, handling, etc.

Mary Anderson emphasized that we need a clear idea of how much Memorial Funds we have and which of those funds are designated. A request for information will be announced, as well as a notice in the Sunday bulletin and the Grains of Sand.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 with a closing prayer given by Karen Nichols.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Laundergan, Clerk*