

St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Minutes
Sunday, September 7, 2014

Present: Mary Anderson, Jr. Warden, JC Curtis, J Laundergan, Jean Laundergan, Karen Nichols, Ken Oliver. **Guest:** The Rev. Michael Pipkin, ECMN. **Absent:** Roberta Cline, Sr. Warden (out-of-town), Cameron Hubley.

Mary called the September meeting of the Bishop's Committee to order at 11:15 a.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer: *Psalm 133*, which was very appropriate.

The order of the agenda for this meeting is being changed.

The **Rev. Michael Pipkin (ECMN)** officiated at this morning's worship service. He attended the Bishop's Committee meeting and explained the church's procedure which is used when a complaint is brought against an Episcopal priest. There was discussion about the current situation faced by St. Andrew's and The Rev. Aron Kramer. The Rev. Pipkin stated that he is available to come at any time at our request to assist St. Andrew's. His area of expertise is "sustainability".

Minutes

The motion to accept the minutes of the August 3rd meeting was made by Ken Oliver and seconded by JC Curtis and were approved unanimously with one correction: **Under "Christian Formation Update" delete the sentence "Seth and Erin (new members) have volunteered to assist.** (The Clerk misunderstood what was said at the meeting.)

REPORTS

Treasurer

Kinnan reported that stewardship has been behind (June - \$3,500, July - \$5,500, August - \$5300). But income is coming back up, expenses have been less, St. Andrew's is in the black at this time. It is expected that attendance (and offerings) will increase now that summer is ending.

Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski had a church credit card which she has not used since her retirement so it was inactive. Kinnan will take care of having it canceled.

Dave Johnson is working on the insurance issue re: the Fern Valley 5K race on September 28th.

Church E-Mail Acct: Cameron Hubley is responsible for checking the e-mails which come in.

Church Voice Mail: Jean Laundergan dials in to the church phone every morning to check the messages. Usually there are none. When there are messages, she handles them.

Fern Valley 5K Race

Karen N. reported that she and Dave J. are meeting about the 5K regularly. Sponsors and Participants are needed! They are attempting to get the race on the "Race Calendar". The green part of the race is that green bags have been donated by Whole Foods Co-op, race numbers will be made from used Ty-Vek and the numbers stenciled with spray paint (hopefully donated). Bins will be available for recycle, compost, trash. Erin works at Advantage Emblem and is getting t-shirts. The entry fee is \$25 plus a \$2.50 fee for the race registration website which is being used for this race. Participants can register on race day. At least 300 participants are needed.

Old Business

Christian Education

Mary has talked with Brian Lundberg and he has agreed to be in charge of Christian Education this year in addition to his responsibilities for Youth Activities.

Misc.

Who is doing the lawn mowing? It needs to be done regularly. It's important that St. Andrew's has a well cared for appearance outside as well as inside.

What about snow removal during the winter – sidewalk and driveway plowing? In the past Bob Boynton has plowed the driveway. JC will check with him. The arrangements need to be made soon.

Mary expressed concern re: Pastoral Care. Recently, we have not been notified when someone is in St. Mary's Hospital. Barb Elliott has done some visitations for St. Andrew's. Mary said she will look into this – it's a very important ministry. Please see addendum at bottom of page.

The fall church gathering "Welcome Home Sunday – Harvest Potluck Picnic" will be on Sunday, September 21st. Burgers and Brats will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

New Business

Adult Education will not be held until further notice.

Blessing of the Animals

This is scheduled for October 5th – but might be postponed. Jan Peterson is in charge of this annual event.

Stewardship

We need to begin work on the pledge campaign for 2015. J Laundergan volunteered to chair the committee. Mary will check to see what has been done this far. Jean L. has some documents from previous years on her computer and will forward those to Mary.

NE Mission Area Meeting Report

Sandy and Gene Carlson attended the meeting on August 9th in Grand Marais. Jean L. read the report which they submitted. Highlights/Ideas include: "All Hearts are Open: Exploring Liturgical Possibilities @ St. John's in Linden Hills, Nov. 7-8, 2014; Deepening Roots – A Course in Formation – see poster on bulletin board; have an outdoor Eucharist service on Lake Superior Day next July at nursing home on Park Point; Episcopal Convention is on September 26-27 in Bemidji (Sandy and Gene plan to attend); St. Andrew's dues are paid up for 2013 and 2014; book recommendation: "Bread for Tomorrow: Prayers for the Church Year" edited by Janet Morley; check out the Heart of the Continent Partnership website.

Ongoing Commitment

The ECMN emphasizes the great need for feeding the hungry and contributing to local food shelves.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. and Mary closed the meeting with a prayer: **Psalm 121** (again – very appropriate for today).

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Laundergan, Clerk

IMPORTANT ADDENDUM re: Pastoral Care: (Mary Anderson, Jr. Warden, forwarded the reply e-mail she received from Barb Elliott on Tuesday, Sept. 9th)

"Hello Mary, from my travels in Vancouver...yes, I am away until the 15th, but would be able to help with Pastoral Care after that as needed. St. Mary's has made the decision that the confidentiality laws and restrictions mean they cannot contact churches to let them know a parishioner is hospitalized. The patient and/or family/friends need to convey that information. Perhaps you should announce that or put it in the bulletin? In any case, that is a frustration for more than St. Andrew's! Greetings to everyone there."