

Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes ~ Sunday, January 21, 2018

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

Call to Order: Karen called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Rev. Marta opened the meeting with a prayer. She also reviewed what is happening during the coming week. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th (next Sunday) following morning worship.

Reflection: Sandy Carlson read scripture from Mark Chapter 1, verses 21-28. There was good discussion about the meaning of the terms 'rabbi' 'teacher' 'scribe'.

J Laundergan distributed copies of a document titled "21 Million Taxpayers Will Stop Taking the Charitable Deduction Under the TCJA (tax cuts & job act). How will this affect giving to churches and charitable organizations?"

Minutes: The Minutes of the December BC meeting were reviewed. There was one correction: Sandy said that the fund raiser for CHUM will be "Chai Tea Mix" and "Cocoa Mix" (not soup mix). The jars (decorated for Valentine's Day) will be sold for \$2 each; Jean offered to make ingredient labels for the jars. Laura made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Dave and passed unanimously.

Reports: Kinnan and Karen presented the Financial Reports which were projected on the screen and there was lengthy discussion and explanation regarding the line items and which category should be used. We had an energy audit and it showed that the new LED lights are saving electricity. The Memorial Fund is used for repairs to the church building. The December 2017 Profit & Loss Budget Report Total income = \$8,981.91; Budget = \$8,412.09, YTD Budget = \$104,490.00. The motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Sandy, seconded by Laura, and passed unanimously. The Draft Budget for 2018 was reviewed.

Marta said that there is a new report – "Community Engagement" – it should include such things as weddings, funerals, building and grounds, 'greening' of the facility (example: energy efficient light bulbs, landscaping).

Church Calendar: Creative Hands is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27th, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will continue thru April. Saturday evening worship will be held from 5:00-6:00 pm. through April. Holy Week begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) The worship service will be at 7:00 p.m. The **Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 28th, following morning worship. The Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Wednesday, February 21st. Monday Study Group will meet on Jan. 22 & Jan 29; Feb. 19 & 26 at 9:30.

Landscape Project: Dave gave an update on the plans and progress: the outside wall of our church building (including ramp & steps) is in the 'street'. There are several things to be considered: The \$700 cost for the architect's plans/drawings; are the steps and ramp legal? (yes – we think that Howard Jacobs took care of that); 3 feet of grass needed for water runoff. There was discussion and it was decided that for now we will forgo having the street end paved and will proceed with the front landscaping. Mary Anderson has suggested that we ask the city to designate two Handicapped Parking spaces (w/signs) in front of the church. This will be pursued.

Fund Raiser for CHUM: Cocoa & Chai Tea: \$2.00 each; Cups decorated for Valentines Day; Ginny is making the mixes, getting & filling the cups and putting on Chai Tea & Cocoa labels; Jean L. offered to make ingredient labels for each to attach to the back of the labels. The first batch will be 30 cups of each type. The cups will be for sale beginning Sunday, 28th, before & after the Annual Meeting.

Old Business: 1) Sunday Morning Welcome: Laura volunteered for February; Dave & Liz volunteered for March, and Karen volunteered for April. 2) Sandy said that we owe \$900 for our St. Andrew's Ad in the Park Point Breeze monthly newsletter. There was a mix-up and we owe \$300 for each of 3 years. Dave made the motion to pay the bill and Sandy seconded, motion passed.

New Business: 1) J Laundergan is stepping down from the Bishop's Committee. Tom Malterer was suggested as J's replacement. Tom agreed to join the BC. The motion was made by J, seconded by Dave, and motion passed unanimously. 2) The Draft Budget for 2018 was presented and discussed. 3) Pledge Update: 40 pledges have been received, the number of pledges is down from last year and the dollar amount of the pledges is down approx. \$5000. 4) Annual Meeting will be next Sunday (28th) following morning worship. JC will be contacted and asked to get the rolls for the meeting. Reports will be presented at the meeting. The results of the Parish Survey will be presented and discussed at the meeting. 5) Jean suggested that during the announcement time in the Sunday morning worship service we should ask if there are visitors/new members and introduce them to the congregation. 6) We need to check with Ken Oliver re: the account he set up with Twin Ports Paper & Supply re: how purchases are handled, etc. 7) Topics for the Weds. Night Lenten Suppers include: Loaves & Fishes, CHUM, the Native Community, Muslims, Safe Haven. 7) Liz suggested that we get more involved with CHUM fundraisers (ex: Rhubarb Festival, Basket Auction).

As there was no further business for this meeting, we adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, *Jean Laundergan*, Clerk