

**St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church**  
**Bishop's Committee Minutes**  
**Sunday, November 2, 2014**

**Present:** Roberta Cline, Sr. Warden; Mary Anderson, Jr. Warden; Cameron Hubley, J Laudergeran, Jean Laudergeran, Clerk; Karen Nichols, Ken Oliver, Kinnan Stauber. The Rev. Linda Lundgren, Interim Vicar for St. Andrew's. (JC Curtis is playing the organ at Trinity Church and will be late to this meeting.)

**Call to Order**

Roberta called the November BC meeting to order at 11:10 am and opened the meeting with a prayer. She thanked The Rev. Linda Lundgren for attending today's meeting and asked each member present to introduce themselves.

**Minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup> BC Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented. The minutes from special meetings held during October were reviewed: **October 19<sup>th</sup>** (special congregational meeting), **October 26<sup>th</sup>** (special congregational meeting), **October 26<sup>th</sup>**, (special BC meeting following the congregational meeting). The minutes of the special meetings were accepted as presented. **Note...**The minutes of the Special BC Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> were accepted with one clarification/correction: "Mary announced that The Rev. Linda Lundgren was formerly associated with Trinity Episcopal Church in Hermantown." The Rev. Linda Lundgren is still affiliated with Trinity Episcopal.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kinnan stated that she didn't have anything 'big' to report. She will get information to Shannon for loan balances. Mary will send a copy of the Bishop's letter re: St. Andrew's building loan from the ECMN Trustees being 'forgiven' to Shannon.

Kinnan said that generally the income/expenses are OK. Income is approx. \$77,000 and should be \$83,000. St. Andrew's is approx. \$3,000 'in the red'.

Mary commented that some bills have piled up and will be forwarded to Shannon. Shannon will be added to the St. Andrew's e-mail list.

There was some discussion about requesting a 13<sup>th</sup> month pledge to help make up the deficit.

Ken O. reported that during October contributions were substantial.

Pledge statements have been sent out to members.

**Old Business**

**Stewardship:** J Laudergeran said that the Pledge Letter and Pledge Form are being prepared and will be mailed out very soon. Address labels will be updated using the current parish list.

**Status** (re: current situation): Mary reported that she had a conversation with Bishop Prior on Monday. A letter will be forthcoming with his responses to her questions. In terms of the period of no contact with Aron – at least one year. Aron has not been informed that a letter requesting 'dissolution' has been written.

Karen N. said that she has talked with Aron; she felt it was necessary because they work in the same area of the UMD campus.

**New Business**

**Nominating Committee:** The terms of BC members was discussed. The usual term is 2 years, but a member could serve a second term of two years if they are willing. A notice will be

placed in the bulletin asking for possible ‘candidates’ for the BC. It was decided that this issue will be tabled until the December 7<sup>th</sup> BC meeting.

**Request from Trinity Church in Hermantown:** St. Andrew’s has been asked to partner with Trinity in their endeavor to create a community garden at the new Steve O’Neil apartments (CHUM). We agreed that we will support their efforts.

**Welcome Greeter for November:** Ken Oliver volunteered to do this.

**Discretionary Funds:** Lengthy discussion about who requests money and how much money is available to give. Perhaps the ‘loose offering’ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month could be reserved for this purpose. A **Motion** was made by Ken O. and seconded by J Laundergan that a \$15 Holiday Gas Card and a \$20 Super One Grocery Gift Card will be purchased and kept on hand in the office. The motion passed unanimously. Ken volunteered to purchase the cards.

**Printer/Copier/Scanner for the church:** Currently, the printer/scanner is leased; there was a recent phone call from Metro Sales that the lease will expire in a few months. The monthly lease amount is high. It was decided that we will not renew the lease because it is too expensive. Ken Oliver volunteered to go to Office Max and see what is available that will suit our needs and a new printer/copier/scanner will be purchased for St. Andrew’s.

**“Blessing of the Animals”:** Jan Peterson is organizing this annual service which will take place on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**“St. Andrew’s Day”:** Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Following the worship service there will be a potluck meal in the Mission Hall. There will be a Bagpiper and a Talent Show.

**Opening Prayer for December 7<sup>th</sup> BC Meeting:** The Rev Linda Lundgren offered to do the prayer for our meeting.

As there was no further business to come before this meeting, it was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. Roberta C. closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jean Laundergan*  
Clerk