

Minutes: Bishop's Committee, St. Andrew's by-the-Lake

February 17, 2019 5 pm

Marta Maddy's house

The meeting was held as a dinner at Marta Maddy's house to introduce and welcome new members. Attending were current members and partners:

Liz Maeshima, Jr. Warden; Karen Nichols, Treasurer; Tom Malterer; Liz Benson Johnson; Dave Johnson; Laura Jacobs, Senior Warden; and the Rev. Marta Maddy. Absent were Karen White, Clerk; Jenny Peterson; and Brian Lundberg. Guests included John Nichols and Bonnie Malterer.

Meeting commenced after dinner with an opening prayer.

1. Get to know one another. What brought you to the congregation, and what made you stay?
  - a. Themes: welcome; community; common values; broad view of the world; don't have to "check your brain at the door"; generosity; ability to contribute to vision, make it happen; history and structure, but forward-looking; humble
2. What is your role as a leader? The balance of self and serving the interests of the congregation, including discernment and support of those seeking orders
3. Review/discussion of the draft Bishop's Committee Covenant. Marta distributed the draft written in 2017.
  - a. "To love and support one another by:
    - i. *...Supporting the decisions made by the Bishop's Committee even if we don't agree.*" Discussion of difference between 'supporting' and similar statement on 'upholding' decisions.
    - ii. *...Hearing every voice.*" Discussion of emphasis. Seeking to hear every voice? Listening vs hearing?
  - b. "To seek God's will by striving for unity in all matters through:
    - i. *...Upholding decisions even if we disagree.*" Discussion of how the statements are different, and whether it belongs in both places.
    - ii. *...Listening deeply and seeking to understand the views of others.*" Discussion: are we listening under the words? Are we listening to all, or just the loudest?
  - c. To be an example to the congregation by striving to:
    - i. *...Make an annual pledge to support the ministry and mission of the church.*"  
Correct word
4. Review draft of the *2018 Report of Episcopal Congregations and Missions* (Parochial Report)
  - a. Corrected #2, "decreases in membership." Corrected typographical error, #24, "Number of adults engaged in religious education or spiritual formation."
  - b. Motion: (Liz Benson Johnson/Liz Maeshima)"Move we approve the report of the episcopal congregations and missions with the 2 minor corrections as discussed."  
Approved unanimously.
5. Liz Maeshima volunteered to read the 'welcome' during March

Adjourned 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Laura Jacobs, acting clerk