

Minutes Bishop's Committee Meeting 6/9/2026, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Rev Stacy, Sandy Riley, Wendy Arntson, Shannon Verbal, Pam Heidt, Jackie Shock **Absent:** Ransom Duncan. **Guests:** Len Arntson, Michael Champ

Agenda: Approved. **May Minutes:** approved by email.

9:35 Stacy opened the meeting with a prayer from the conclusion of The Church Cracked Open.

1. **Spiritual Formation:** The conclusion of the book is: "God Bless the Cracks." We talked about where cracks occur and the need to accept we can only be as diverse as our community allows. Still, we can always be welcoming!
2. **Report from the Search Committee:** Michael presented their report to us. After some discussion, Wendy made a motion to accept the report; Jackie, seconded; all in favor.
3. **Staying Connected with Parishioners:** Meals continue to be available for Roger and Robin. Jack will be returned to the list when he is back at home. The take-away from last month's coffee hour session on being a welcoming church for people with memory issues: be kind; listen, even if they have told you the story before; be supportive in any way we can.
4. **Building and Grounds:** Len wants everyone to remember that the change of seasons brings challenges to keeping the buildings comfortable. If you change the thermostat, please reset it before you leave. Flowers, grass, blocks have been placed around the sign in front. The table and Adirondack chair received new paint in time for the Pride Picnic. Other projects will continue throughout the summer.
5. **Outreach:** Jackie and Megan agreed to concentrate on providing paper towels and rice to Puentes. The children from Hearth to Hearth sang songs for us during a May coffee hour. There were technical difficulties, Julie Lowery is hoping to make a video available to us at a future time. The Pride Picnic is scheduled for this Saturday. The Schantz and Pomerantz "girls" will be helping Jackie at Crossroads on July 1, along with Sandy Riley and Kristen Novak.
6. **Sunday School Update:** Shannon reported the kids are enjoying their time in class (the girls enjoy the crafts more than the boys). They all enjoyed the last day picnic—especially running around the yard! Carmen Piggins invited us to engage in her new "Children's Development Ministry Residency Program." After discussion with Carmen and our teachers Stacy recommended we wait on this. All agreed
7. **Rector's Report:** Stacy was approached by a local transgender person who suggested we list ourselves in GayChurch.org. We will debrief after the Pride Picnic and perhaps have a discussion during Coffee Hour. She reminded us we all need updated Safeguarding our Children records (Shannon just completed hers!) and Anti-Racism training. Sr Vee's programs at the Diocesan level are highly recommended. If necessary, she can be invited to present to us in person, too.
8. **Finance Committee Report:** May monthly operating income of \$16,648.82 was \$795.82 better than the budget of \$15,853. Expenses for May were less than the budget by \$1500.53. Sandy moved to accept the report; Jackie, seconded; all in favor. The 2025 audit report was received. There was discussion on how to set up an Amazon Business account; Stacy will direct this topic to Teri, Julie

Lowery, and Janet Cook.**Jackie reminded us about talking to the Diocese about the Mort Cox funds and how to ensure sustainability.**

9. **Adjourn:** Jackie made a motion to adjourn at 12:10; Shannon, seconded. All in favor. Stacy closed with a prayer from The Church Cracked Open.

**** The BC will NOT meet in July.****

Next meeting: Next BC will be on Tuesday, August 18, at the church from 9:30 -11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Arntson, secretary