

Bishop's Committee Meeting

April 24, 2019

Approved 05.15.19

Present: The Rev'd. Roger Haenke, Holy Cross Interim Vicar
Tom Mauro, Senior Warden & co-Administration and Stewardship
Ministry Leader
Larry Kucera, Junior Warden & co-Administration and Stewardship
Ministry Leader
Susan Baas, Co-Worship and Formation Ministry Leader
Stacy Craft, Co-Worship and Formation Ministry Leader
Karen Sanchez-Co-Evangelism Ministry Leader
Brian Petersen, Co-Outreach Ministry Leader
Marcia Pierce, Co-Pastoral Care Ministry Leader
Muriel Wahl, Reporting for Larry Sebastian, Treasurer
Marci Stafford, Co-Evangelism Ministry Leader

Excused: Judy Cater, Parliamentarian

Guest: Art Wahl, Muriel Wahl

Rev. Roger led readings and contemplation, followed by a prayer. Larry Kucera opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and pronounced a quorum present. Rev. Roger thanked all present for being there for Holy Cross.

Called to order by Larry Kucera

March minutes were approved, according to amendments made in Consent items agenda M/S/C Brian/Marcia.

March Treasurer's Report

Larry Sebastian gave detailed report on financial status for year-to-date.

See attached March comments. Document available in pdf form.

Treasurer's report approved. M/S/C Sue Baas/ Stacy Craft

Old Business

1. Ministry Goals

Rev. Roger passed out one-page list of specific committee goals for 2019 to be discussed. No changes were required by ministry leaders on Worship and Formation, Outreach, Evangelization, Stewardship, Administration or Pastoral Care. The list included goals and date by which they should be accomplished. M/S/C Karen/Marcia

2. Caring for God's Creation

-The new nametags will be ready to go out in June. A picture of them will go to Karen for the newsletter to announce the use of new nametags.

-The Buccaneer Beach Clean Up will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19th.

-Rev. Roger Increased font size for worship readings, without requiring additional paper use.

3. Stewardship

-Tom Mauro noted that at the BC retreat, the BC talked about a new stewardship plan. The BC is considering how to best approach parishioners for their pledge discernment. Representatives from St Peter's have had success with a new plan and will come speak to us on that subject. Someone from St. Peters will be invited to come speak during a regular BC meeting, possibly June 19. M/S/C Tom/Brian

4. Holy Cross Bylaws Review

- In preparation for our upcoming vicar search, BC members were asked to review the by-laws provided at the retreat in March and provide comments/suggested changes at the May 15th meeting.

- On January 16, 2019, the BC approved a non-voting parliamentary role at BC meetings. Rev Roger consulted with the Diocesan Standing Committee on this position and was advised that our current by-laws should not be changed to reflect this position at this time. Rather, we should utilize a period of time to evaluate the role and then change the by-laws should we determine it to be beneficial to have this role on a standing basis. BC discussed and agreed to evaluate in conjunction with the upcoming annual meeting in January 2020.

M/S/C Sue/Stacy

Rev. Roger asked BC to review updated bylaws and discuss at May meeting.

5. Search Process – Art Wahl talked with Canon Allison Thomas and will be meeting with her May 2. A meeting with BC search committee with diocese, to discuss launch of search, was proposed for a Saturday before May 14.

- CAT survey. Karen reached out to those who have not opened the CAT e-mail. About 74 were sent out. The have received about 30 completed.

- Marci and Karen met with web master Cliff regarding updating the website. Cliff is making some changes, Marci and Karen will be reviewing content and will make additional updates as needed. Some of the needed changes will require an outside consultant as they are hard-coding changes.

- Financial review for profile committee. Larry S., the profile committee chair and the search committee chair need to meet with Rev. Kirby Smith from diocese, to get picture of financial position of Holy Cross prior to launch of search. Larry S will take the lead on setting this review up.

-An interpretation session will also be planned for CAT results. Nancy Holland is asking for date for that. Tentatively planned Wednesday, May 22. BC members asked to change to May 29. Brian P to confirm date.

New Business

Formation

-Bible Study – Sunrise Senior Living has asked Holy Cross to run a Bible study on their campus. Bob Meloon has agreed to lead a 5 to 7 session Bible study.

-We have asked B'nai Tikvah to join us in an interfaith study of the Book of Genesis in June.

-Rabbi Ben has letter from survivor / holocaust remembrance day. BC in favor of having it read. Rev. Roger will talk with Rabbi Ben on how to incorporate it. Should we attend Shabbat May 2 or make time in our May 4 service for letter reading?

2. Evangelization

- Communications

Rev. Roger pointed out we communicate through newsletter, bulletin, website and announcements. He suggests we limit announcements at worship, not repeat entire bulletin. Just highlight things that are about to happen. Not ongoing programs.

It was agreed that bullet points will be prepared for BC members to read.

- Karen suggested changes to bulletin for newcomers or an extra page listing information on church.

-Karen and Marci will be forming an Evangelism Committee, inviting parishioners to join.

3. Administration

Volunteer Ministry Coordinator Position: Prior to Rev Laura's departure this position was created to provide staff support during the interim period. Following discussion, it was agreed to review the role and needs of this position.

m/s/c Sue/Stacy.

-Audit Committee has been formed to conduct a review of our internal processes per Diocesan requirements. Members of committee will be Mike Collier, Pat Canney, and Jim Zolner. Have submitted form to diocese. Audit will be in September.

4. Outreach Ministry

-Peace and Justice Committee – Grant Ford and Brian Petersen May Outreach – Diocese has outreach sharing. Grant now attends. He has been designated the official representative with Brian as alternate.

-All Saints Cemetery upkeep project. Kelly Peterson runs the clean-up but is looking for help. Brian commented that in the coming months we will need to review this ministry with regard to leadership and direction.

-Wounded Warriors May outreach. Delivered invitation for commanding officer to come to HC in May. Will get date set when she returns.

Upcoming Special Events:

-Rev. Roger was approached to provide communion preparation and first communion for Megan. The Episcopal Church theology has evolved to consider baptism as full and complete initiation into the Body of Christ and therefore, all baptized individuals are eligible to receive Holy Communion. As this was a request from a parent and faith formation is not "one size fits all" on Sunday, May 12th we will celebrate Holy Communion with Megan. Abigail and Emma, while already receiving communion, will be joining Megan.

Rev. Roger closed the meeting with prayer; the BC adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gillette
Clerk