

Holy Cross Episcopal Church Bishop's Committee Meeting

Bishop's Committee Meeting Sept. 18, 2019

Present:

Rev. 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

Brian Petersen, Co-Outreach Ministry Leader

Susan Baas, Co-Worship and Formation Ministry Leader

Stacy Craft, Co-Worship and Formation Ministry Leader

Karen Sanchez, Co-Evangelism Ministry Leader

Marci Stafford, Co-Evangelism Ministry Leader

Marcia Pierce, Co-Pastoral Care Ministry Leader

Larry Sebastian, Treasurer - absent

Judy Cater, Parliamentarian - absent

Deacon Seth Longacre - absent

Guests: Art and Muriel Wahl, Pat Canney

Bishop's Committee was called to order by Larry Kucera at 6:05 p.m. who pronounced a quorum present. Rev. Roger thanked Art and Muriel Wahl and Pat Canney for attending.

Consent Agenda approved. Karen, Stacy M/S

Treasurer's Report – August 2019

Art W. presented treasurer's report in Larry S.'s absence. Positive YTD over budget.

M/S/C: Stacy C., Marci S.

Muriel W. and Larry S. will meet and prepare a 3rd quarter report.

Old Business

1. Committee Audit

Pat Canney presented a report of annual audit just completed. Audit committee Pat, Mike Collier, Jim Zolnar. 6 sections, submitted electronically this year using Smart Vault. No irregularities.

2. Stewardship

a) Campaign Plan/Process

Tom Mauro reported. The theme is "Shining Our Light" as recommended by the Diocese. The pledge drive will start Oct. 6 with a kickoff sermon and a letter to congregation.

There will follow a schedule of testimonials, sermons and ministry messages ending Nov. 3, followed by pledge level updates, finishing with a Thanksgiving theme.

b) Ministry leaders assigned ministry/date for stewardship message. Outreach - 10/13, Pastoral Care - 10/20, Evangelism - 10/27, Worship and Formation - 11/3

3. Search Process

a) Search Committee - Art W. noted that the committee received a nice note from Rev. Laura re: our transition. Steps to begin the process have been outlined.

b) Profile Committee report - Karen Sanchez said Rev. Laura has OTM and HC profile documents and will get them back to Holy Cross for adjustments. She asked that the committee revisit the offered salary, which was discussed later in executive session.

4. Diocesan Convention

- a) Rev. Roger noted that Joyce Nehlsen had stepped down from her role of delegate, so Karen S. and Bob Meloon will be the attending delegates to the convention.
- b) The Bishop's Committee discussed if the parish should, and could, pay for clergy and delegate registration fee and lodging. A motion was made that the parish would pay for registration and **for cost of lodging for one night, not to exceed \$150; and reimbursement for mileage.** M/S/C Sue B/ Stacey C.
- c) In addition, Rev. Roger queried about the parish paying for clergy to attend the upcoming Clergy Conference. It was moved to cover the cost of registration and lodging for both Rev. Roger and Deacon Seth L. M/S/C Stacey C./Brian P.

New Business

1. Common Life Share Pledge 2020

The committee discussed how much is scheduled to be paid for this year's Common Life Share Pledge to Diocese. It was moved to donate \$28,752.36, or 10.5% of parish income. M/S/C Stacey C. /Karen S.

2. Ministry Activities

- a) Rev. Roger passed out a list of our current ministries, and asked that the BC consider what ministries we are currently committed to and determine if they can be sustained. Committee members offered input and decided to drop some scheduled ministries and add others, based on parishioner involvement. A revised list will be made of continuing activities and when they will be scheduled, and will be made available.
- b) The BC also agreed to invite other congregations to the Blessing of Pets, to be part of regular Sunday liturgy on Oct. 6.

The committee went into executive session to discuss salary issues.

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting: Oct. 16, 2019, 6 p.m.

Upcoming Special Events:

Friday/Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9 – Diocesan Convention, St. Margaret's, Palm Desert