

**Holy Cross Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting
May 19, 2022**

Present: Deacon Brian Petersen, Senior Warden Karen Sanchez, Junior Warden Katie Ho, Controller Erin Pineda, Treasurer Grant Ford, Allen Zych, Michael Collier, and Clerk Robyn Hill

Call to Order and Spiritual Reflection

Deacon Brian Petersen opened the proceedings with a spiritual reflection from the book "Here and Now" by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Consent Calendar

The previous meeting's minutes and various reports were unanimously approved.

Controller's Report

Controller Erin Pineda reported that April financials are in line with expectations. With particulars on screen for explanation and discussion, she noted that the church has been breaking even for the first four months of the year. There has been a reduction in the cash position, which she will be monitoring, particularly in view of upcoming changes to the lease, compensation for Brian's time, etc. After reviewing the "Controller's Notes", there were no questions and the report was unanimously accepted with gratitude.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Lease

Senior Warden Karen Sanchez updated the BC on the pending lease agreement with JCO, including an issue regarding insurance that needs to be resolved with the Dioceses, but she is optimistic that a mutually agreeable solution will be found and that the process will proceed smoothly. She believes that everything will be wrapped up by the end of June. Following her report, Rev. Brian Petersen added more details about the negotiations, including service and access times per conversations with nearby Christ Presbyterian. Given that no options are available for office space at JCO, other possibilities are being explored.

NEW BUSINESS

Certify Delegates

Per guidelines, in order to certify HCEC delegates for the convention, two alternates must also be named. Allen Zych volunteered to be an alternate. Junior Warden Katie Ho offered to submit her name as a place holder. A formal vote on the alternates was unanimously approved.

Outreach: Camp Stevens

Traditionally, the loose plate from the 3rd Sunday in June is donated to Camp Stevens, but since the plate has been low, the BC approved June as outreach month for Camp Stevens with an emphasis on the Refugee Net children who will directly benefit.

Outreach: We Care Bags

Bella Usova financed and completed a delivery in December, but has inquired about additional funding. There are no available funds in the budget, but after some discussion, the BC will encourage parishioners to donate directly to this cause in kind or with monetary donations.

Relocation Task Force

Once the move is approved, Rev. Brian Petersen would like to create a task force to handle the logistics, physical moving, promotion, outreach, etc. for the transition.

Storage

In order to lower rental costs, HCEC must carefully consider what items can be donated, sold, or kept elsewhere. Volunteers and appointees for this task will be named in early June. Discussion ensued.

Pentecost

Rev. Brian Petersen is interested in engaging the congregation regarding everyone's gifts and talents and how those can be harnessed to benefit HCEC. He suggested an upcoming explanation and discussion around a "ministry fair" to better involve the congregation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM Pacific Time.

Next Meeting

The BC will meet again at 5:30PM Pacific on June 16, 2022.