

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 15, 2020

Via Zoom

Rev. Richard Hogue called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Present were: Rev Richard, Karen Sanchez, Brian Petersen, Marci Stafford, Dennis Baggett, Katie Ho, Larry Sebastian and Dave Dana.

Rev. Richard shared that Bob Meloon had resigned from the committee due to health reasons.

Rev. Richard led a spiritual contemplation on responses to scarcity and passion.

The consent agenda which includes the minutes of the previous meeting and the warden's reports were unanimously approved. The Warden's report to be attached to the minutes lacks the church attendance numbers because of the corona virus gathering disruption.

Old Business

Rev. Richard reported on his unexpected transition to Holy Cross, highlighting his appreciation for Karen's help and thanks to all.

Coronavirus Update

Kathleen furloughed, being paid per diocese recommendation, working on projects as able. Mail, voicemail checked twice/week, expense check's issued weekly, deposits made once/month. Cleaning service continuing weekly with instructions to sanitize office due to usage. Grant reported paper towels/other cleaning supplies were missing – he is checking with cleaning company to see if he can figure out what is happening.

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Expenses: bills continue to be paid weekly: consider exploring automating payments for cable, SDG&E and similar.

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The diocese has applied a PPP loan on behalf of mission churches, application status is now pending.

Adult Formation: Bob and Rev Richard led a marathon Bible study during Holy Week on the last week of Jesus' life. Rev. Richard reported people enjoyed and it was a great way for him to get to know folks. Will continue with programs during this time of quarantine.

Brian described recent events at Neighbors in Faith reorganizing because Carlsbad City prohibited group gatherings. The groups reorganized ways to distribute food to the needy, and now every night meals, sanitizer, and masks are still given out. We received a donation of 2 gallons of hand sanitizer made by a distillery in Vista, purchased travel sized bottles on Amazon to fill and gave out 60 bottles to our homeless friends.

Human Resources Update: Deferred to future meeting

B'nai Tikvah: Moved out on 30th and we have refunded their security deposit.

BC Retreat: Cancelled until such time as we can safely gather in person

New Business:

Monthly Outreach: All monthly outreach programs, except for Neighbors in Faith, are on hiatus until further notice.

Brian is in the discernment process. Next step is a psych evaluation (\$300). We are asked to contribute ½ the cost - \$150. Karen moved, Dennis seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry presented the Treasurer's report. He noted plate payments were down, pledges were over budget due to prepaid pledge and investments were down due to an unrealized loss. Brian moved to accept the report, Marci seconded. The motion passed.

Following additional discussion it was moved by Karen that we liquidate \$10,000 of our John Hancock Bond fund, which has a gain, to bolster our cash position for the next 2 – 3 months given the lower than expected donations. Dennis seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Dana,
Clerk