

**Prince of Peace Episcopal Church**  
**BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
September 28, 2022

The meeting was postponed a week in order to incorporate congregational feedback from the forums on the book *Part-Time is Plenty* by G. Jeffrey MacDonald.

The meeting was held in-person and on Zoom.

Supper was served and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Present in-person:** Marcia Kelley (2025), Sr. Warden; Sue Rembert (2024); Bill Dalton (2025)

**Present on Zoom:** Steven Ellis, Interim Vicar; Rachel Bertoni (2023); Diana Rainey (2023); Nick Fortey (2024), Jr. Warden; Barbara Ross (Clerk)

**Excused:** Mary Macy (2025), Treasurer; Ann McBride (2023)

**Guest:** Charlie Rembert

**Agenda:** As had been announced by email, the agenda for this meeting was limited to two main topics so that ample time could be devoted to the question of whether we want to pursue the possibility of sharing a priest with St. Thomas, Dallas. The other topic considered at this meeting was the safety protocol.

**Bible Study:** None

**Opening prayer:** Because he was not feeling well, Steve+ requested that Senior Warden Marcia Kelley lead the meeting. She opened with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. Minutes from the July 20 meeting were approved. M/S/P

**Fiduciary Matters:**

1. The balance sheet as of August 31 that Mary posted on September 21 was accepted.  
M/S/P
2. It shows our income is down by \$6300 reflecting the usual summer lull.
3. According to Mary, we are in better financial shape than we were last year at this time.
4. Although she couldn't be present at this meeting, Mary is happy to answer any questions people may have.

*(We took a short break due to a medical emergency experienced by our guest. Fortunately, the Fire Department was able to provide help and all was well.)*

**Interim Vicar's report:** No report at this time.

**Senior Warden's Report:** No report at this time.

**Junior Warden:** No report at this time.

### **Old Business:**

1. The Garden Committee's proposal to establish a scholarship fund was deferred to a future meeting.
2. The inventory of worship books has been completed:
  - a. 80 Books of Common Prayer
  - b. 81 Hymnals
  - c. 76 *Gather* songbooks
  - d. 12 Bibles
  - e. 6 Spanish-language Books of Common Prayer
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3. Rachel reported we only use about 40 of each book. After some discussion it was decided to keep all of the worship books for now. Rachel will look for appropriate storage.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Lease Negotiations with Peace Lutheran**

- a. Prince of Peace has sent an initial letter to Peace Lutheran and a response has been received.
- b. Discussion of next steps will be deferred to our next meeting.

#### **2. Sharing a priest with St. Thomas**

- a. The consensus from the forums is that people are supportive of sharing a priest.
- b. Marcia reported that The Rev. Chris Craun has been in conversation with two priests who might be interested in the shared position. One is no longer available, but the preferred candidate is still interested.
  - i. This person was ordained later in life and has five years of experience as a priest.
  - ii. This person retired from a career in business.
  - iii. Estimate of the total compensation package would be \$90,000. An equal split with St. Thomas of \$45,00 each would be doable for us.
- c. People from St. Thomas suggested that the two BAC's meet together to discuss process, logistics, etc.
- d. Bill made a motion to proceed. After some discussion and several amendments, the following motion was approved: *I move the BAC on behalf of Prince of Peace authorize the Senior Warden to communicate to The Rev. Chris Craun and St. Thomas that we would like to explore the possibility of sharing a priest. M/S/P*

#### **3. Safety Protocol**

- a. Steve+ expressed appreciation to Nancy Mortenson and Bill Dalton for the work they did in pulling together information from the Greeter's Meeting to create a safety protocol for Prince of Peace.
- b. Concern was expressed about use of the phrase "concomitant activity".
- c. Rachel moved for acceptance of the draft of the security protocols as presented with the deletion of the phrase "concomitant activity. M/S/P

- d. In response to a question, Steve+ said he had already shared the draft with the leadership of Peace Lutheran. He would like to have a forum on the subject.

**Action Items:**

1. Marcia will contact Mary Macy to request a statement about our income.
2. Marcia will notify The Rev. Chris Craun that we would like to proceed in discussions with St. Thomas about the possibility of sharing a priest.

**Good of the Order:**

1. Rachel expressed her concern about the rent negotiations with Peace Lutheran and not being able to discuss them at this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

1. The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:**

1. The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be October 19.
2. (Following the meeting, a special Zoom meeting to discuss the rent negotiations with Peace Lutheran was scheduled for October 5.)

**Closing prayer:** Marcia led the closing prayer remembering the victims of Hurricane Ian.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Ross, clerk