

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 15, 2022

Meeting was held in-person. Supper was served and meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Steven Ellis, Interim Vicar; Marcia Kelley (2025), Sr. Warden; Nick Fortey (2024), Jr. Warden; Mary Macy (2025), Treasurer; Rachel Bertoni (2023); Diana Rainey (2023); Sue Rembert (2024); Barbara Ross (clerk)

Absent: Bill Dalton (2025); Ann McBride (2023)

Guests: Charlie Rembert and Harriet Neely

Bible Study: Nick led reflections on a passage from II Samuel.

Opening prayer: Steve+ opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes from the May 11 meeting were approved. (M/S/P).
2. Rachel requested we refer to Peace Lutheran as Peace Lutheran rather than "The Lutherans."
3. Thanks were expressed to Marcia for taking the minutes.

Approval of Agenda: M/S/P with two additions

1. BCP inventory
2. DACA update

Interim Vicar's report:

1. Steve+ welcomed Nick as the new Junior Warden.
2. Steve+ announced the email lists are now up-to-date. There are two lists – one for members and another for friends. It is important to use the correct list.
3. There was discussion as to when it is appropriate to Bcc: and when it is OK to Reply to All. Marcia prefers we use Bcc: most of the time.
4. There also was discussion about who should receive the Zoom link.
5. Directory updates are in process.
6. Steve+ requested we send documents for the Dropbox in PDF format.

Senior Warden's Report:

1. Marcia reported that the discussions regarding sharing a priest with St. Thomas, Dallas and St. Edward's, Silverton continue. She reported on the June 12 meeting that was held in Dallas. The next meeting will be June 29 in Silverton.
2. Marcia passed around a sheet for people to indicate dates they are not available to meet for the BAC retreat.
3. Property discussion
 - a. Regarding getting the property posted, Ray is willing to do some work and recommends we use metal electrical conduit as it is stronger.
 - b. It was decided the entire property should be professionally mowed 3x per year.

- i. Harriet said the Garden Committee would be willing to keep the area around the garden mowed more frequently and Marcia has donated a corded mower that can be used.
 - c. Discussion then moved to the possibility of setting up Stations of the Cross as way to remove the property from the tax rolls.
 - i. Mary shared from her successful experience with Elk Rock Garden that the paths were “used regularly for contemplation and prayer.”
 - ii. Stations of the Cross could be advertised on our calendar and webpage and members of the congregation could schedule and lead walks.
 - iii. Walk would need to be developed, graded, kept mowed, etc.
 - iv. Mary said the application time may be limited and we may have to have the walk in place for up to a year before there is any tax relief.
 - v. Treated Station of the Cross signs are available for approximately \$2500.
 - vi. Sue cautioned we need to keep the master plan for building and plans for garden expansion in mind before locating the walk.
 - vii. Marcia suggested we contact the Polk County Assessor for more information.
 - viii. Rachel reminded us we have three parcels and each will likely be treated separately.
 - ix. Mary suggested after the property is mowed, we all go out and take a look to see what we think might be possible.
4. Marcia attended a Zoom meeting that The Episcopal Church held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Immigration is a non-partisan issue that the church can be involved in. She will share information with the congregation.

Junior Warden: No report at the time.

Fiduciary Matters:

1. Mary distributed copies of the financial reports.
 - a. She is concentrating on revenue so she can get pledge statements out.
 - b. Comparing 2022 to 2021, our pledge income is holding strong because of the faith pledges.
2. The May rummage sale grossed \$1041.36 and netted \$841.36.
 - a. Concern was expressed for the amount of work for the amount gained.
3. \$643.12 was collected for Ukraine. It will be sent to ERD.

Old Business:

1. Steve+ reported that Nancy, Katrine, Joan, Mary K. and Rachel are doing a great job of reorganizing the office and files.
2. A volunteer has stepped up to do the worship scheduling.
3. Rachel reported that monthly costs for our storage unit increased from \$99 to \$162.
 - a. Rachel, Nancy, and Mary K. have moved everything except two heavy bookcases out of the unit and into the sacristy for storage.
 - b. The Godly Play materials are neatly stacked.

- c. Goal is to be totally out of the unit by the end of the month.

New Business:

1. Ukraine outreach

- a. Sue reported that our musician Asya's husband is Ukrainian and has family members in Ukraine who are fighting.
- b. Other family members have been able to resettle in Spain and here in Salem.
- c. Asya and her husband are trying to financially support their family.
- d. Asya is participating in fundraisers at local wineries.
- e. It was decided to share this information with members of the congregation and to collect funds to help.

2. Italian Dinner, August 27

- a. Rachel announced that Peace Lutheran is planning an Italian Dinner on Saturday, August 27 and would welcome Prince of Peace's help with it.
- b. Mas was suggested as a possibility.

3. Garden Committee Requests

- a. Harriet announced the Garden Committee would like to collect an educational gift offering to present to Pedro Govea, in honor of his high school graduation.
 - i. Pedro is the son of one of our gardeners and has worked in the garden since he was a young boy.
 - ii. In addition to his work in the garden, Pedro serves as a translator.
 - iii. Pedro now serves on the Garden Advisory Committee as the official liaison to the gardeners.
 - iv. Rachel moved that we invite members of the congregation to contribute to a gift for Pedro to further his education. (M/S/P)
 - v. It was decided we would collect funds during the month of August.
 - vi. Mary will research the best way for people to contribute.
- b. The Garden Committee's proposal to establish a scholarship fund to assist other children of our gardeners will be considered next month.

4. BCP inventory

- a. Rachel will inventory our collection of BCP's, hymnals, and blue books.

Announcements:

- 1. Chris Craun of the Bishop's Office will provide three copies of the book *Part-Time is Plenty* for members of the BAC to read.
- 2. Guy Smith's Celebration of Life will be Saturday, July 2 at Prince of Peace.
- 3. It appears that August 12-13 will be the best dates for the BAC Retreat.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30.

Closing prayer: Steve+

Minutes submitted by Barbara Ross, clerk