

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

Bishop's Advisory Committee

May 11, 2022

Minutes

Present: Marcia Kelley (Senior Warden), Mary Macy (member and Treasurer), Sue Rembert, Diana Rainey, Rachel Bertoni, Ann McBride. Not Present: Interim Vicar Steven Ellis (ill), Nick Fortey (ill), Barbara Ross (Clerk) (ill).

Senior Warden opened the meeting

Opening Prayer from Prayer book Quiet Guidance

We welcomed Ann McBride as a member through January completing the term of Susan M.

Approval of the Agenda M/S/P

Interim Vicar Report: None as ill. Believes will be there on Sunday. Discussion of morning prayer if not.

Senior Warden: Vicar on Vacation May 16-29. Pastor Joe of Lutheran Congregation will be available for spiritual needs as well Mother Ann Emery of St. Paul's. People should contact Marcia and she will put them in touch with one of those covering.

Discussion about responsibility for property on Brush College Road. Suggestion that we ask Ray Berhorst (who seems to feel called to do repairs etc) if he would be Sexton for property. If does not want title, would he still oversee the issue of post and signs.

Junior Warden: Vacant. No Report

Old Business:

Refresh points from all church meeting for May 18 three church meeting. Consensus was Barbara's notes were so good no need to discuss. We should urge those attending to review Barbara's notes. Marcia noted she had already sent Barbara's notes to Ray.

Posting the Brush College Property and requirements of City of Salem. Marcia noted that the city of Salem requires No Trespassing, and it can also be in Spanish. She had information on process from website. It does not mean we cannot have a sign welcoming folks to treat the property God has given us with respect. Discussion centered in if we could fence property. Suggested that post could be installed that would eventually accommodate wires. See additional discussion from above regarding potential Sexton. Marcia suggested seven rather than 6-foot posts.

Narthex Door. Lutherans have said they have fixed the door so that it shuts properly. Suggestion that we still make sure it is closed and locked rather than totally trusting the fix.

Junior Warden: After discussion of who could be Junior Warden along with other family responsibilities the consensus was Marcia is to ask Nick to take on the job. Others can share with the duty of making sure the church is locked up including the ushers. Nick could oversee delegate other activities. Property off Brush college is big issue as Lutherans are responsible for building.

New Business:

Outreach Committee Report: Marcia said that three of the four members had met a couple of weeks and decided on Welcome Kits (2) for the refugees that Salem for Refugees needs. They are receiving refugees in Salem steadily. Marcia has a sheet so that people can sign up for new items. She will provide the plastic bins. Choice was one Personal Kit and one Kitchen 2 kit. Items need to be new.

Eligible Activities for Tax Abatement on Brush College Property . Several weeks ago, Sue R suggested the idea of a labyrinth on the property that others could use for meditation. It requires flat land. It caused Rachel to think about the idea of Stations of the Cross on posts that folks could walk. It would have to be open to the public and we would have to ascertain if the Assessor would consider that religious use for the exemption prior to undertaking such a project.

Communication Committee Request. The communication committee wants a more defined charge. They feel that the new newsletter, the sending out of announcements weekly and the verbal announcements and website are doing a great deal to provide internal communication. We discussed external communication. Ideas were finding out what publicans are available in Polk County, continuing with an Interfaith group and potentially having cards made up with service times. They will work on those ideas. Marcia urged everyone to make use of the logo and the correct mission statement in all endeavors. A discussion ensued about adding color to the logo.

Garden Committee Request: Marcia reported that the Garden Committee had requested that we (the BAC) approve an ongoing scholarship program for children of the gardeners and find resources for the monetary amounts. Father Steve and Marcia referred the request back to the committee to develop criteria and funding plan first.

Storage Rental: Rachel brought up the storage unit. She, Nancy, and Mary K have been strategizing on how to best use the space we have to store items in house and avoid the cost of the storage unit. Most importantly is safe storage for the Godly Play items. The additional cost of the storage unit would go toward the rental increase we anticipate the Lutherans will ask of us.

Service Coverage for Interim Vicar Vacation: Rev. Chris Craun+ will officiate and preach on May 22. She is the Diocesan Missioner for Thriving Congregations and will be

collaborating with any congregation in the search process. We decided to read the service of morning prayer on May 29 as it is a holiday weekend and the day after women's spirituality day.

Coffee Hour on May 22. As Rev. Craun will be with us for service Diana will ask Mary Knudsen to head up a simple coffee hour so we can interact with Rev. Craun+.

At 7:45 PM we closed with a prayer for evening from the prayer book.

Notes by Marcia Kelley

Action Items:

Marcia asks Ray to take lead on Trespass signs at the property with or without the title of Sexton.

Marcia will talk with Nick about Junior Warden position.

Garden committee to develop their request.

Diana asks Mary K regarding coffee hour on May 22.

Mission: Worship God, Grow in Christ and share the gifts God has given us with the world.