

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 20, 2022

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

Present: Steven Ellis, Interim Vicar; Marcia Kelley (2025), Sr. Warden; Mary Macy (2025), Treasurer; Diana Rainey (2023); Ann McBride (2023); Sue Rembert (2024); Barbara Ross (Clerk)

Present on Zoom: Rachel Bertoni (2023); Bill Dalton (2025)

Absent: Nick Fortey (2024), Jr. Warden

Bible Study: None as Nick was absent.

Opening prayer: Steve+ opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes from the June 15 meeting were approved and later corrected. (M/S/P).

Approval of Agenda: M/S/P

Interim Vicar's report:

1. Steve+ expressed appreciation for the way the clergy/lay partnership is described in the book *Part Time is Plenty*.
2. Steve+ proposed we hold a forum series on the book in September and the group agreed.

Senior Warden's Report:

1. Marcia announced the dates and times for the BAC Retreat
 - a. Friday evening, August 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m. including dinner
 - b. Saturday, August 13, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. including lunch
 - c. Will be held either at Prince of Peace or at St. Paul's which has air conditioning
 - d. Steve+ will plan the program. Input is welcome.
2. Property issues
 - a. Marcia received a Letter from the City of Salem concerning the native Oregon White Oaks that were cut as part of the new apartments being built next to our property.
 - i. The City will require replanting.
 - ii. There was a short time to respond.
 - b. A neighbor wants to use corner of the property for a flea market.
 - i. Property is zoned residential.
 - c. The Garden Committee held a meeting and worked on resolving some communication issues.
 - d. The property was mowed in June. Marcia has been working on the blackberries.

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 be 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