

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

Bishop's Advisory Committee

December 14, 2022

Minutes

Attending: Father Steve Ellis, Interim Vicar, Marcia Kelley Sr. Warden, Nick Fortey (Zoom) Jr. Warden, Mary Macy, Treasurer, Sue Rembert, Bill Dalton, Rachel Bertoni, Ann McBride  
Excused: Diana Rainey, Barbara Ross, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 and began with opening prayer.

The minutes from the Nov. 9, 2022 were adopted as corrected.

The minutes from the joint meeting Nov. 13, 2022, with St. Thomas, Dallas were adopted.

The Interim Vicar did not have anything to report. Items are on the agenda.

Sr. Warden:

The candidate for priest in charge submitted two sets of dates for an in person visit. Marcia provided a potential timeline for the candidate visit that has been cleared with Rev. Chris Craun, Missioner for Thriving Congregations. A robust discussion followed. Marcia will check with the candidate about the early January date (6-12) and see how it works. We could change the order somewhat depending on availability.

Rachel wanted a report of any activity between the Senior Warden at St Thomas and Senior warden of Prince of Peace. Marcia shared that they had lunch and discussed some aspects of sharing. While the candidate indicated one place to have office, we all think that some availability at both locations would be ideal.

Regarding the land use issue, Marcia reported that the applicant had called and left voice mail. Marcia emailed our letter to the Bishop, but as Bishop Diana was on retreat she had not heard back. Rachel offered to call the applicant if Marcia felt uncomfortable. Marcia suggested that we wait for the Diocese to give us guidance.

Nominations were discussed. Marcia clarified that last year we thought she had a vote as President of the Convocation. That was not the case only council, standing committee and board of trustees lay order have votes, and clergy have votes already. Mary Macy will have a vote this year as she is Convocation Representative.

Rachel stated that although she had originally wanted to go off, she has decided she will run again for BAC. There was discussion regarding Ann McBride remaining with a shorter than three-year term.

Treasurer: We are doing ok but her eye surgery has made some things more difficult. All pledges have not been tallied. We have not received any unemployment request. Mary Macy requested that we get an updated Office software as we are encountering issues with the older version we have.

We discussed the Garden Committee's request for a scholarship fund. We think they have done good work and it is a commendable idea. Members of the BAC are willing to work with the committee to find a funding stream for the scholarship.

Father Steve said that he had met with Rachel on the electronic file situation and passwords required so that when he leaves he does not capture anything that should stay at Prince of Peace. This effort needs more work.

Marcia asked that the BAC decide how often we have supply after the first of the month. We decided that 2 times per month with morning prayer alternating would be a good solution. Marcia will coordinate the supply starting with January.

Father Steve asked about purchasing a printer for the bulletins. The office printer does not do color. He said it would be about \$400 and has ink tank. Nancy Mortensen has been doing the bulletins and Father Steve wants to get it set up before he leaves. M/S/P

The Diocese is sponsoring Vestry Days for each convocation to meet together in February. Willamette Convocation will be February 11 at St. Paul's in Salem.

Rachel was appointed chair of the bylaws committee and Sue Rembert will also serve. Rachel will ask Mary Kim Wood if she would like to serve.

As we need BAC elections prior to that date the Annual meeting will be held Feb 5, 2023.

We will need nominations for both BAC and Convention Delegates. Sue R will ask Diana about serving on the nominations committee.

Father Steve suggested that we have a committee to provide a project time line for being able to worship on our property. Marcia reported that the Diocese is interested helping congregations with their property development or redevelopment. We need to contact Bishop Diana and Rev. Brendan Barnicle to alert them to progress and get their input. Nick, Rachel and Ann will serve on the committee and we suggested asking Ray Berhorst for congregation perspective.

Rachel suggested that as we had such a good group of congregation members that we have some BAC meetings on Sundays. Mary suggested no oftener than once a quarter.

Father Steve reminded Marcia that the task of the parochial report needs to be completed by the Senior Warden and the Treasurer so the BAC can sign off at the February meeting.

We had a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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