

**Bishop's Advisory Committee
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2023**

Recorded by Nick Fortey

Attendees: Ann McBride, Nancy Mortenson, Barb Barb, Sue Rembert, Nick Fortey, Mary Knutsen, Mary Macy

Meeting began with an opening prayer read by Nancy

Delayed meeting minutes approval (from last Wednesday's meeting)

Mary Macy discussed recent positive conversations she had with Linda Potter and Bishop Brian Prior which, thematically, provided support for our work with St. Thomas and our efforts to develop our property.

Mary indicated that we are more on track than in past years in meeting stewardship goals. Sue asked about the future stewardship campaign with her interest in focusing on the "care" of the congregation.

Sue also noted the desirability of doing a "check-in" on congregants via email or text.

Senior Warden (Nancy) report was delivered previously via email. Some changes to the previously emailed report were then noted: office location (proposed) is relatively far and we may be able to set up a remote working option to allow office functions from home(s) in Salem. Office payment of \$1000 (in proposed budget).

Sue is working on other location options with Nancy

Mary Knutsen related a conversation from Steve Buresh who had spoken with leadership at St. Thomas who has indicated excitement at prospects of further connections between our two churches. Nancy reiterated that they have two offices off the Fellowship Hall as well as space to accommodate our bench and have WiFi available in the Hall and offices. Their Sacristy is well-organized though there are further conversations planned to see how to store supplies and effectively share space if this option is pursued. Currently plans would be for each congregation to be responsible for two Sundays a month with the Fifth Sunday (occurring four times a year) would be handled as Morning Prayer. Further, each congregation would be responsible for their own supply priest.

Discussed draft survey questions which would be distributed to congregation via email with intent to get survey responses back by November 12th.

Nancy requested comments on the organizational chart, setting out various Church organizational responsibilities, by October 31st.

There was interest in Nancy pursuing follow-up with the cold-call letter from the firm interested in options for a cell tower on our property. Motion from Sue and Second from Ann (unanimous).

Action items: complete comments on survey to congregation, need to work on action items in preparation for moving, likely will need follow-on meetings

Members voiced their assessment of where we were at the concluding check-in.

Meeting finished with a closing prayer lead by Nancy.