

*Faith Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting
September 21, 2014*

Members Present: Cindy Louter, Joan Milliman, Betty Mitchell, Geof Farnsworth, Bryan Price, Nancy Skelley, Janet Chisholm, Father Kirby Smith, Deacon Andrea Paddock

Members Absent: Nancy Davis, Deb Hartman

1. Opening Prayer/Meditation: Joan Milliman

2. Affirmation of Mission Statement: Geof Farnsworth

3. Approval of Minutes: Joan Milliman moved to approve the minutes for August 17, 2014. Seconded by Bryan Price. Motion passed with one abstention.

4. Treasurer's Report: Janet Chisholm shared the Profit and Loss Budget Performance and Balance Sheet for August, 2014 and reported that finances are getting tight. The Finance Committee met via e-mail and there may be a need to pull some funds out of the Morgan Stanley account. Nancy Skelley moved that the Finance Committee have the authorization to withdraw \$5,000 from Morgan Stanley to help cover expenses from now, September 21, 2014 until the end of the budget year, December, 2014. Joan Milliman seconded. Motion passed. Nancy Skelley moved to approve the August, 2014 budget report. Seconded by Geof Farnsworth. Motion passed.

5. Warden's Report: Cindy Louter stated that she had no major issues to report because important business items will be addressed in other committee reports listed on today's agenda.

6. Vicar's Report: Father Kirby Smith shared details of Bishop Diane's visit to Faith on Tuesday, August 19, 2014. The Dioceses Convention is scheduled for December 5 and 6 in Ontario, California. Geof Farnsworth and Janet Chisholm are primary delegates. Due to a scheduling conflict Janet will not be able to attend and Julie Larsen, an alternate delegate, will be attending in Janet's place. Attendance at Faith's Sunday worship service is a concern and the Bishop Committee was asked to share ideas for boosting attendance. The general consensus was that Faith's name needs to get more community promotion, possibly through local newspapers. Joan Milliman and Bryan Price are interesting in coordinating this process, but are unsure of how to initiate the process. Cindy Louter will ask Barbara Kimler, our communications liaison, to contact Bryan and Joan with ideas/ways to contact local papers. Father Kirby will contact Soka University to see what communication avenues may be available.* Blessing of the Animals is Sunday, October 5, 2014 and will be held inside the church.*

7. Committee Report

A. Children's Christian Education: The Fall schedule has been assigned and posted.

B. Building and Maintenance:

*Cross Design: Bids for the bulk of the work, wood work and iron work, have been received. Costs are approximately \$3267 and partial deposits are needed to initiate the work. Geof Farnsworth moved that \$3500 be withdrawn from the Sutton Trust to build the cross. Seconded by Betty Mitchell. Motion passed. Father Kirby will send an e-mail to Bishop Bruno reminding him of his generosity to gift Faith a new cross.**

*Roof: Bryan Price has volunteered to handle the bidding process for Faith's roof replacement. * Joan Milliman moved to delegate authority to the Building and Maintenance Committee to get and approve a final bid for roof replacement, and submit a withdraw request to the Treasurer for the bid amount. Seconded by Bryan Price. Motion passed with one abstention. Roof bids will be presented to the Bishop Committee at their October, 2014 meeting. The attic needs to be organized. The Bishop Committee will coordinate the organization with Cindy Louter and Lorelei Auld overseeing the process.**

*Worship: Father Kirby will be meeting with the Worship Committee on Sunday, September 28, 2014.**

8. Report on Task Items:

A. Pompeii: Patti Farnsworth and Cliff Chally will coordinate/organize a trip to Los Angeles to view this exhibit during the month of October. A sign up sheet will be available Sunday, September 28th.

B. Audit: The 2013 audit is about to be finalized, but needs an amendment to the June 16, 2013 minutes. The minutes stated that "the Finance Committee met and discussed options for funds from the Morgan Stanley account." The conclusion for withdrawing funds from Morgan Stanley was not stated in the minutes. The minutes need to reflect that decision with an official motion from the Bishop Committee. Joan Milliman moved that the Bishop Committee amend the June 16, 2013 Bishop Committee Minutes to read "that the Bishop Committee approve the withdrawal of \$15,000 from the Morgan Stanley account for general operations." Seconded by Betty Mitchell. Motion passed.

9. New Business:

*A. Stewardship Campaign for 2015: Father Kirby Smith shared his ideas for moving forward with the campaign. Ideally, the campaign needs to start in October and last 4 to 5 weeks. He would like the Bishop Committee to be actively involved and introduced members to "Walking the Way," a Stewardship Narrative Series and The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. Janet Chisholm and Joan Milliman volunteered to co-chair Faith's Stewardship Campaign for 2015.**

10. Old Business:

*A. Chili Cook-off Wrap-up: Geof Farnsworth reported and pointed out that planning needs to start early and look at the possibility of coordinating with other Episcopal churches. Geof Farnsworth and Bryan Price have agreed to co-chair the 2015 Chili Cook-off event.**

11. Closing prayer and adjournment: Father Kirby Smith

** Denotes Action Items*