

## Bishops Committee June 27, 2015 (corrected)

The agenda includes

Minutes;

Treasury Report;

Reviewing Application for Fair Share Relief;

Up-dates on Summer evening services,

Vacation Bible School, and Stewardship;

Next Steps Regarding Bedford;

Vacation Bible School;

calendar; and

Reviewing some Proposals for our Lease Agreement with the WMCT.

Documents to be discussed:

1) The proposed changes from the WMCT

2) a report from Pat's meeting with Therese to review the proposed changes.

3) "Final Lease" is the document itself in case you need to refer to what we signed last year.

Present: Pat Henking, Bob Hughes, Therese Wright, Sarah Forhan, John Hodge, Jane Howard

Absent: Dawn MacKechnie, Stephanie Holdgate

Nancy Couret is having another knee replacement July 21.

### Thoughts for the day

"An ever-receding Jesus constantly beckons us into our future" one of the inmates.

We are currently electing a new presiding bishop.

### Minutes

Be it known that the yard sale is the July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes accepted

### Treasury report

Sarah says a lot of things need explaining/correcting over time.

Outstanding bills are still here like last month.

Eversource bill is only \$79.00

Pete already changed the electric bill to Wheeler Chapel. He will change it back if we want.

Sarah worked with the diocese who are absolutely awesome. Solomon fund payment was received.

Went for exactly 7 % of Solomon fund. Previous numbers were approximations.

We will pay taxes and payroll.

Pat says 75\$ gift needs to go to discretionary fund as designated contribution.

Accumulated thank offering money is now included in obligated funds.

Motion to accept

Passed

It was suggested we (I) make a monthly income chart and graph for the newsletter.

Therese discussed the Application for relief from Fairshare. Therese says we do one hell of a lot of stuff, which makes writing the Fairshare reduction application harder than otherwise.

Application date is in Feb which is before we find out what our Fair Share is until March.

Some of the cover sheet data is only available from treasury records.

Most recent revenue and expense report

Budget draft for 2014

Solomon fund money made it look like we were making money when we weren't

Pat says give them the whole annual report

Add comment about bishop advised us not to take more from Solomon fund.

Records were not kept of where the missing IRS money went. (which is why it's missing).

First \$400 was held in escrow for months and then went back into the general fund because the IRS never asked for it. IRS refund money was used to pay bills. Refund was because we paid bill but forgot to file paper work. (We could claim this was really the IRS's fault because their accounting system is so bad.)

We are still waiting for diocesan audit. (We could claim lack of proper oversight.)

Another \$2000 is dedicated to fair share.

If we ask for \$8000 in additional "pledges" and make it we may go over. The 8 would be 4 from Pat plus 4 from the congregation. \$12 849 is the actual amount we owe. So this would be 62 % of Fair Share.

We need \$5123 more to cover.

We should attach the Annual report.

Should figure out what we borrowed from Solomon and how much it raised the amount of fair share owed.

2016 goal should be posted and added to Stewardship package.

Marriage equality has just passed.

Gene was a key player.

We should add this to facebook page

Gene is at convention right now.

(Does faith church have a face book page?)- should be on web page with link.

Still need to confirm final numbers

Passed motion to ask for relief

### Lease

The church should have the opportunity to have a telephone.

That's not actually our responsibility

Trust has an interest in having a land line.

Right now phone is not working.

Currently callers get a recording.

Who checks the messages? Scott used to.

Landlord –insurance?

Was fixed. We have renters insurance/liability etc.

Trust policy requires renters to have insurance

It should be just called rent.

In addition Church shares its assets. Responsibility for use of equipment.

Must stress responsibility for anything that is damaged.

Vote on language in bold as replacing section in lease that starts in lieu of rent but keep part about use of equipment

Vote carried.

Access to a land phone if church chooses to provide it. Language is not changed so we don't have to vote

2<sup>nd</sup> page- disagree with language about giving approval to landlord to move stuff.

Pat wants landlord to have to have permission to move the font, the organ and stained glass. We just have to say "no" don't have to propose alternative language.

Trust needs to approach faith church to negotiate removal/ re-covering of the certain objects.

Trust needs to make counter move

Last thing is a liason from this group to that group

As long as there is a common individual- could make it a duty of a particular position or person.

Could be vicar.

Need to remember to ask for yard sale date.

Bob should send Calendar to WMT monthly.

Pat will be liason.

The liason does not have to go to meetings.

### Updates

Main needs are for the fourth of July. We volunteered to help Chamber of Commerce.

Evening services= Matt from parks and rec. Band stand won't work

Watson park is available ok pat will take care of it.

Gazebo has seating?

Theme will be Nobel peace prize winners

Donna and Pat are trying to put together vacation bible school

May end up in August during Pat's vacation

Hupper clan may want to participate

Want to make first communion on labor day weekend.

### Bedford

Pat went to lunch with Riverside. Ray is retiring

Ron Moore- Assemblies of God -Church of the Intersection

Amherst church- Nathan or Nathaniel project ministry to men who are sex addicted

Father and daughter shooting event

He lives in Bedford

Make appointment with Presbyterian church

Then make appointment with John Hodge, Steve and Tom –because they are in marketing.

Bethany Covenant on 101  
Already got Wes's thoughts on it.  
Check out Bedford library- see what groups meet there  
Need to put supper and games on calendar  
Bible-opoly, Game of life  
Origami elephant of \$20 bill

Movie  
Story of Joseph to show as movie  
Because it's about money

Next meeting  
Yard sale on 25<sup>th</sup> (Im not there)  
18<sup>th</sup> is good.  
Adjourned

Bob Hughes  
Secretary