

Bishops Committee Meeting Oct 31, 2015

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

Absent: Stephanie Holdgate and Dawn MacKechnie

### Minutes

Motion to accept

Point to note: Meeting announcements need to make sure everybody knows when the meeting is.

Accepted unanimously

### Treasurer's report

Things to note

Fundraising 4<sup>th</sup> of July came in

Fair share \$1625

Sarah is paying bills as they come in so reserve is very low- about \$400 at the moment

Disbursement and a Yard sale will occur before the next payroll.

Sarah intends to Pay payroll first? This was the committee's consensus.

The budget work sheet needs a field for designated outreach. All these things are now included in special offerings. We need special offering –designated/undesignated categories. We no longer need Christian Childrens fund line. Outreach special offerings need to be included under income so that we can track their disbursement. This was agreed to unanimously.

Chips -some checks that said Diocese of NH were deposited in our account in error. The money will be sent back out to Chips.

The Thank Offering is traditionally split half and half. This year it's \$924. UTO is half of that. Funds collected in Nov and Dec will go into 2016. Motion to accept/Unanimous.

### Things to do upcoming:

2016 budget- We usually do this in Dec and Jan before annual meeting.

We also need to look at the bylaws again. Pat thinks there are unrecorded changes.

Sarah is requesting an independent look at her records at the end of the year.

We received the Episcopal diocese audit report which is attached to these minutes.

Insurance is renewed in April. Maybe we should take photographs and video of objects that are insured.

Need to look at Solomon fund disbursements.

Diocese is looking at a new Capital funds drive.

Health care for 2016- changes are being made.

Online open enrollment thru Nov 6. Going up but it's very confusing. Two options – We are required to take the least expensive option presented, but can opt to spend more. Pat will meet with Therese to discuss insurance options.

Sarah will mail Chips money. Thank offering will go to general convention. (Jane)

Sue Leseur needs to close John's discretionary account. We have to authorize it. It contains \$200 or so dollars. Motion to close: Unanimous. Pat suggests just adding it to the discretionary fund line in the current budget.

We need a reminder to go out this afternoon that the Yes-vember service is later and the clock is earlier. Breakfast will be served beforehand. (Bob)

Come print your own money. Packets will be ready for the following week

Ingathering is Dec 6. And what about people who don't turn it in? Should be a follow up to pledges

Pat requested that \$300 from discretionary income be sent to the Diocese instead of the General Seminary as in the past. Motion passed

Remind people that next Sunday will be last to contribute before the convention.

#### Four Directions

Pat attended the Albert Schweitzer conference on continuing education recently. She connected to South Dakota residents who may help direct Four Directions outreach to that area.

#### Relicensing

Time for relicensing everybody who helps lead worshipping. Debbi Granberg, Pete Linkroum, Rita MacAuslan, Dawn MacKechnie, Patricia Mellor are currently licensed as communion givers(? Right word?). Vote to relicense. Unanimous.

All have also been licensed as worship leaders Pat doesn't know that we need to do that. Anybody should be allowed to lead worship.

#### Calendar

Church and trusts google calendars are interlocked? This is as yet unexplored as the secretary doesn't understand google calendars.

December 5 next meeting

Vicar's brunch: Jan 3

Dec 6: Pat's 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Special remembrance for John sometime this month. Last year we had a Sunday to remember and pray for those we miss.

Adjourn

Bob Hughes Secretary.