

April 7 2017
Faith Episcopal Bishop's Committee

Present: Therese Wright, Jane Howard, Dawn MacKechnie, Pat Henking, Sarah Forhan, Bob Hughes and Sue Gaillardetz

Pete Linkroum (guest) Absent: Ryan Hupper

Minutes

March 3 minutes were discussed plus the resolution on housing allowance from December. Pat read the corrected version of the resolution and asked that it be reapproved. The motion passed.

Corrections to previous meetings: "Feb meetings" to "Feb minutes". "Jan" should be spelled out. One period after goods. Capitalization corrections. The minutes were accepted.

It was noted that someone needs to notify Chris Wright again that he owes us a PA system addition/modification.

Treasurer's report

For March. Pension has not been paid. March and April health has not been paid. IRS has been allocated Fair share was paid for January. Available operating funds- On Sunday we need \$882 additional funds, not allocated, to make payroll.

Fair Share this year went down over \$100/ month.
Next priority is health \$661 The report was accepted.

Phone bill: Pete (as representative of the Chapel Trust) asked that the bill for the two phone lines be moved to the trust. The Trust is expecting the church to pay the portion of the phone cost that related to the previous bill. The amount could be \$19.00.

There are two questions: 1) - who owns the lines? 2) who is responsible for payment?
Motion to move accounts to the trust. (Both phone lines) was passed unanimously.

Pat suggested we add voice mail service. Long distance was added to the bill last time it was changed. Do we need this? Does it cost anything significant? Therese will check.

Other business

Cleaning- Stuff in the attic was moved into the file cabinets The Current files are in Sarah's storage unit We should thank the mission resource committee for their efforts.

Check in on missing pledges.

Suzanne Schryver is helping the Trust write a grant request.

The next Yard sale is scheduled for May 27th

Pete will do the Easter envelopes.

Growing as a church that matters

The Joint church meeting was a success. The Methodists are having sunrise service 5:45 Easter Sunday morning. Pat at least will join.

A 2nd meeting was scheduled for April 27th at Our Lady of Mercy. Four churches were represented.

Therese says we should invite Betenu.

Is there an Islamic presence in Merrimack?

The Episcopal diocese is stating addiction recovery ministry will be the focus on Easter Three. Now extremely active and resources on diocesan web site -

<https://www.nhepiscopal.org/recovery-issue>

The Lay Leadership institute is all planned and up and running. Scheduled for Sat May 6 and dinner on the 5th. Some topics are really interesting including discernment and calling to ministry, eminar on the greening of the church, prayer and holiness, moving from the lightbulb to the spotlight (Laura Simoes). Pete and Rita have gone in the past. Jane has gone.

Ribfest is Fathers' Day weekend, June 17th. Dawn will make a sign-up sheet. There is no current news from the Turkish center.

The March for Science is on April 22. Jane, Lise and Pat are going. Brain hats are all the rage.

St James has a clothes closet. Low income people can pick out clothes for special occasions -job interviews, schools and stuff. It takes over a portion of their fellowship hall. We could forward some of our yard sale excess to them. We can contact the church office there- June Johnson. Calendar

Mother's day brunch the 14th

Pentecost is June 4th

No Jane at yard sale

Next meeting- Thursday May 4th. At the Wrights. Tell Ryan Hupper

BC meeting June 2

June 2 is the 38 year anniversary of Pat's ordination

Rebecca's 6th wedding anniversary

Summer yard sale July 8

Should we do the Compline thing again this summer? Pat will take August off and Sue will take services.

Pat has an appointment with the consignment shop at the end of the month. They are looking for spring or summer stuff.

Motion to adjourn. We be done.

Bob Hughes, Sec'y