

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Bishop's Committee Minutes February 20, 2007

Meeting began after a prayer and dinner, in the Parish Hall, at 6:35 p.m. Committee members Terry Milsom, Nancy Nash, and Katherine Benke were present, the Rev. Dawn Simpson was also present.

Post agendas and minutes, and email them to Erin, Dawn, Terry, Katherine Benke, Julie, Pat and Bob,

Minutes approved

Financial Report:

No financial report until numbers are straightened out.

Dawn recommended getting Quickbooks. It's \$89.92. Katherine moved we buy it, Terry seconded. Nancy will buy it from WalMart.

Cindy Walters will burn information from last year to balance current numbers.

Old Business:

Budget: Nancy and Dawn will work on a more inclusive budget for the remainder of the year.

Nancy researched a high-interest, high-liquidity savings account for the building maintenance fund. The deposit will include \$7200 from the Quick Foundation, \$2500 from LD Cavanaugh, \$400 from Audrey Guyer.

Action: Nancy will call to research

Upcoming maintenance expenses: Moving water drainage away from foundation, replace windows in kitchen and North end of building, fix radiator and heat in sacristy

Action: Dawn will get information from Tawney. Steffens Plumbing estimated \$495 to fix radiator and add baseboard heat in sacristy. Vendola and others have not returned calls.

Congregational Enrichment:

Dawn Simpson is drafting a plan for stewardship. Bob and Pat Ashley will spearhead the activities.

Draft letter of agreement to designate Dawn as curate.

Action: Dawn has contacted diocese, waiting for reply.

Safeguarding God's Children: Training for Sunday School teachers: Nancy and Trish will go on March 10, and Joanne, Kate Simpson, Mary Sparrow will back-up,
Action: Nancy is following up on background checks on March 10

Dawn is working on calling tree.

Action: Katherine contacted MacGilliavry, he posted fliers and will talk with music leaders, we'll talk again on Feb 8.

Katherine will check in with OMS about a spring concert.

Vision and mission: Terry is excited about more attendance – his vision is to fill the church every Sunday. Nancy talked about reaching out to children and families – Sunday School and Summer Bible School. Katherine envisions a church that feels inclusive and welcoming to both conservative and liberal members – possibly with different services to accommodate both styles. We want to be stable, with a full-time priest. We also talked about outreach to our elderly members – offering assistance for home maintenance, rides, etc, and checking in on their needs every 6 months or so. Creating a forum to call members after they've missed two services. Nancy will maintain a checklist, and divide calls among the bishop's committee. Katherine suggested talking with Teri Ebel at Tu Casa about a monthly girls' slumber party, ages 12-16ish...

Action: Nancy will assemble a checklist for attendance, Katherine will call Teri.

We talked about mission: "We are here to help people find their purpose, and to support them in fulfilling their purpose." (peace, social justice, outreach)

Nancy mentioned that we should secure a priest for our Christmas service. Scott Hollenbeck or Tom Barrington are possibilities.

Community Outreach:

Upcoming dates:

Feb 21: Ash Wednesday service 6 pm

Feb 28, opening Brown Bag study, *Beyond the Biography of Jesus*

--We need to form an outreach committee that can write grants and meet needs in the community and state.

Ongoing events calendar:

Sundays: 9 a.m. Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist

Mondays: 7 p.m. Open AA meeting

Wednesdays: 12 noon Brown bag lunch

3 p.m. Home schooling group

8 p.m. Closed AA meeting

Thursdays: 6:30 a.m. Open AA meeting
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist service with twice a month prayer and healing
Saturdays: 1 p.m. Study, *Living The Questions* at Sarah Rierson's home
6 p.m. Open AA meeting

New Business:

Dawn moved, Katherine seconded to approve the parochial report

Congregational Enrichment

Empowered leadership workshop, Apr 21, Pagosa Springs

Community Outreach

Dawn read a letter from the Sudanese Community Church requesting prayers and money. St. Thomas will give \$100 and invite a speaker.

Website will have minutes, newsletter, mission, mission opportunities, Christian education, calendar of events and ongoing events

Nancy moved, Terry seconded that Dawn has authorization to open an account for her discretionary fund.

Nancy moved, Terry seconded that we change the authorized names on the Qwest account from Kathy Glenn to Nancy Nash, Terry Milsom, and Katherine Benke.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm with prayer

Next meeting Tuesday, March 20 at 6 pm – Dawn will bring dinner (The committee will call each other if any decisions need to be made.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Katherine Benke, Clerk