

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
June 24, 2020

Meeting was held by Zoom in keeping with the need to shelter in place.

Those present: Mary Knutsen, Sr. warden; Nick Fortey; Steve Buresh, Jr. warden; Rachel Bertoni; Massimo Brofferio; Mary Macy, treasurer; Susan McNaught, clerk; and Margaret McMurren, vicar.

Excused: Diana Rainey

Checking in: Diana' mother has passed away

1. Bible Study led by Nick: We discussed two passages, each with two translations. The passages were Jeremiah 31:31-34 and 2 Corinthians 3:1-6
2. Opening prayer led by Margaret+
3. Approval of agenda as amended: M/S/P
4. May 13, 2020 minutes approved as corrected. M/S/P
5. Sr. Warden report: Prince of Peace has its own Zoom account now. Mary K. will host the Bible Study group; we need to find someone to host the book group. She asked how the social went last week and Steve reported only about 5 but they enjoyed it. Mary suggested we explore other ways to help people stay connected; we worry about people feeling isolated.
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Jr. Warden: Steve shared a passage written by Dorothy Day about nourishing spiritually. He said Mary had done a good job of summing up our trip to the property. He appreciated Margaret's review of the history. He also thanked Mary K and Anthony for arranging for us to look at the space in the Masonic Temple.
7. Vicar's report: She has checked and the water on the property is potable. (This question was raised Saturday when we visited the property). She has started a Newcomer's class with Rachel and Harriet and it is going very well. She said she had heard there were discussions about when she was planning to retire. She has received permission(necessary since she is retirement age) from the Bishop to continue for another year—till March of 2021; she will make a decision at that time about whether to petition to continue for another year. She explained the process followed in the Episcopal Church.
8. Information about reopening: Margaret has been to lots of meetings about Covid 19 and re-opening. The Bishop is following the governor's directives for re-opening. We discussed the pros and cons and logistics of re-opening. One suggestion was for Carol to set up a church Zoom account. Margaret will ask her to do that. We do not want resume services at the church until it is safe. We discussed a number of strategies and decided to continue morning prayer by Zoom for the foreseeable future although we miss being

together. Rachel suggested we have virtual coffee hour during the week. We agreed that we would do this on mid-week evenings at 7:00. Starting May 19.

9. Care of the Congregation: We agreed that the evening Zoom meeting would be a good start and that the BAC members needed to check in with members of the congregation, especially those living alone. And, when we do, we need to let Margaret know so that nobody gets too many calls or gets left out. Margaret will resend the directory to help with this. Rachel reminded us to let Margaret know if we found errors on the directory as we are going through it.
10. Moving on to Questions asked last time:
 - a) How do financial decisions get made? The BAC makes decisions unless something comes up unexpectedly and then Margaret and Carol may need to make the day-to-day decisions. Mary M. said that the new accounting system will help establish a more consistent manner of doing things. After discussion, we agreed we needed to be a bit more organized in a number of areas. Mary M. reminded us that some things are determined by the diocese and we need to act in accordance. Mary M. and Steve will work on policy regarding the property. Rachel will work with Cindy on the garden agreement that tenants sign. Again, we want to reiterate that Rachel is not providing legal advice or serving as an attorney. As we discussed having Carol help with Zoom meetings, we realized we need to re-visit our job descriptions. Mary K and Diana will start on that. Margaret will email Carol's job description to Mary. We discussed various technologies for sharing information. Margaret will get Carol to create a Drop Box account.
11. Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting by zoom on May 27.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McNaught, clerk