

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Agenda for the Bishop's Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 21, 2023 @ 1:00 PM



Presiding Member: Rev. Daniela Lee (Priest-in-Charge)
Elected Members: Dave Castelli, Gidge Sundquist, Sue Hidley, Mary Allen,
Jim Meador (Junior Warden), and Rob Golding-Jaramillo (Clerk)
Ex Officio Members: Marilyn Oliver (Treasurer), Arianne Gage (Scribe), and
Taran Bhagat (Senior Warden)
Guests: None
Absent: None

Meeting opened at 1:12pm (Quorum Established)

I. Opening prayer

Rev. Dani led us in an opening prayer.

II. Spiritual practice

The spiritual practice was skipped for this month since Rev. Dani joined us via Zoom. Of those present, many agreed that the sermon offered today by Matt Jenks was thought-provoking and deeply spiritual.

III. Adoption of Agenda

No adjustments were needed to the agenda.

Motion: Dave moved to adopt the agenda as written. Rob seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

IV. Approval of December Minutes

Motion: Dave moved to approve the Minutes from December's meeting. Gidge seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

V. Approval of Reports

A. Priest-in-Charge

- Rev. Dani walked us through her report. She expressed that she felt pretty overwhelmed during Christmas Eve's services. She was pleased with how the children's service went, despite it being noisy and boisterous.
- She had a few frustrations about how the midnight service went this year. It was very full, very smoky from the incense (due to the substitute organist taking a very long and very slow time through the carols preceding the service), just waaaay too much all at once. Very stressful service.
- Rev. Dani is planning on holding three Masses next Christmas Eve/Christmas to help alleviate some of this pressure and stress. She hopes that our parishioners will feel more inclined to attend a service if there is another option for something less crowded.
- Marilyn expressed her frustration as well, and stated that she will not attend Christmas Eve's Midnight Mass next year if it looks like it will turn out the same.
- Ideas were shared about how to handle the overflow of people... More services, or maybe have a livestream going into the parish hall.
- Sue liked the idea of having an earlier evening service at like 8 or 9pm for the older parishioners who would like to be home before it's so late and super dark outside.
- Another very important factor with controlling the attendance for these services is the increased potential for fire and other hazards with so many people packed into our small Sanctuary.
- The topic of Easter came up, as an opportunity to try out some plans for overflow solutions. Rev. Dani is planning on holding two services for Easter Sunday to help alleviate crowding.
- Dave shared an idea of having a service that follows along the lines of a Eucharist, but without actually having Eucharist, just hymns, readings, and sermons.

B. Senior Warden

- Taran gave us a few highlights from his report. He is still in conversation with Big Game Construction for the siding project. The contractors are ready when we are, it seems, but they are needing to order supplies for the job. They are able to get started on the patch/repair needed above the kitchen, but it will be 4 weeks out for supplies.

Motion: Jim motioned to approve the contractors to get started on the repair above the kitchen. Rob seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

- In discussing the recent tuning of the piano and the notes left from the tuners, Marilyn asked a few questions about the piano tuners and their qualifications as HVAC experts.
- The placement of the piano is problematic for the piano staying in tune, and it has been suggested to redirect the airflow in some way to keep it from blowing into the piano. There were concerns shared that fully blocking this vent could cause stress to the furnace which could cause other problems.
- It was suggested to check on this with Gunthers.

C. Junior Warden

- The sink that Jim repaired recently is leaking again, but in a different spot now. UGH!
- It was suggested that we replace the faucet completely with something updated that will be less likely to break/leak as soon.
- Jim is going to look into options for new faucets.

D. Treasurer

- Gidge asked for clarification to ensure that she will still be able to count donations with Marilyn while she is in discernment. Rev. Dani confirmed that it is okay, and she can continue to count since this is not a volunteer task that requires making substantial decisions for the parish.

E. December financials

No discussion was had. The Financial report submitted by Andrew was helpful.

Motion: Sue moved to approve the Reports and December Financials. Mary seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

VI. Unfinished business

A. Siding options

- Please see discussion in Senior Warden's Report notes.

B. Copier replacement

- *Please see the included report from Arianne for further information about the models selected for discussion.*
- Arianne shared some highlights on the printers she researched. These printers are ones that she felt would do well for the office. Each of these printers allows for large prints (at least 11x17) and two of them have two trays for ease of printing on multiple sizes of paper.
- Of the three models presented, Option 3 (the Epson EcoTank Pro ET-16650) was selected for its ease and speed of printing in both black and colored inks. This model also allows for greater creation-care with its refill ink being available in bottles rather than in cartridges.

Motion: Sue moved to approve the purchase of option 3 printer with an extended warranty. Taran seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

Follow-up: Arianne will purchase this printer and get it set up once it arrives.

VII. New business

A. Outreach Committee

- Taran shared a few points of interest for this budding ministry.
- This ministry would cover things like charity events, community events, service opportunities, concerts/recitals, Food & Care, etc.

- These would be opportunities that we find beyond our churches walls that we could invite here or participate in the community with.
- This committee would also help with organizing fundraisers and money-drives from the greater community, with the hope that the community would be able to donate more funds to our church (because our parishioners are already pledging and donating frequently).
- Audrey Butler has been approached about being the head of this committee, with support from others in the parish.
- It was emphasized by many present that we would need to be sure there are strong boundaries in place to help ensure that this committee doesn't get too overwhelmed with musical elements, and to keep the approach broad throughout the committee.
- Rob made a great suggestion that we have a member of the BC installed as an advisor to the committee head, perhaps Sue Hidley, if she is elected as a BC member in next week's elections.

Motion: Taran moved to establish the Outreach Committee. Dave seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

Motion: Rob motioned to approve the assignment of Audrey Butler as the Chair of the Outreach Committee. Jim seconded this motion.

Vote: All approved.

B. Mardi Gras

- Dave mentioned that he will not likely be available to help with this year's Pancake Supper as his wife Pat is having surgery the day before.
- Mardi Gras will be held in place of Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00pm. We will have pancakes, fry bread, bacon, sausage, etc.
- Rev. Dani has contact with a drag queen who charges \$200 per event for family-friendly entertainment, who may be available to join us that evening.
- We will have a suggested donation of \$10 per person, or \$25 per family.
- Arianne has generated a shopping list, and will also pull up the tote of decorations we have downstairs to take stock of the supplies we have.

- Of those present, Rob, Marilyn, Gidge, Jim, Taran, and Arianne will be available to volunteer that day.
- Dave will be making pancake mix, and Rev. Dani will bring along some gluten-free mix.

VIII. Next meeting

- The Bishop's Committee Retreat was moved to Saturday, February 24, 2024. This will take the place of our typical BC meeting, and will be the first BC meeting with our new BC members.
- Sue Hidley may be able to host us at her house for this retreat.

IX. Closing prayer

Gidge led us in a closing prayer to send us home with.

Meeting closed at 3:25pm

Minutes taken by Arianne Gage

Clerk Signature
