

St. Michael's Bishop Committee Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2023

In attendance: Gail Scott, Sr. Warden; Willsie Scott, Jr. Warden; Terri Bonesteel, Wendy Reeder; Susan Van Hese; Mary Louise Kyler, Treasurer; The Rev. Terri Pilarski, Vicar.

Absent: Kim Bartlett, MaryBeth Goree, Jeanne Ketchum, Rosie McCoy

Pastor Terri called the meeting to order at 8:03am and offered a prayer. Gail Scott then asked for a review of the minutes from the November meeting. Several edits were made then Susan made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Wendy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Terri asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes were made

Terri reviewed the items in the mission field.

- Celebration of new ministry date – Serena emailed Terri to confirm that St. Michael's and Resurrection want to have a shared celebration of new ministry. Terri replied to the email and suggested that a date be selected in the spring, when the weather warms.
- The Stewardship season has progressed with daily meditations emailed to the parish for five weeks, culminating on Dec. 17 with an in-gathering of pledge cards.
- Companion church Resurrection has invited St. Michael's to join them any month that has a fifth Sunday for a potluck at noon. The next potluck will be Dec. 31.
- Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday – a pancake supper will be shared with Resurrection at 5pm on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13. Terri may hold a imposition of ashes on Tuesday night for Resurrection who may then take ashes for imposition on Ash Wednesday (Ashes to Go) in Gilbert. St. Michael's will hold an Ash Wed. service at noon on Feb 14
- Christmas Eve falls on the fourth Sunday of Advent. We will have one service at 3pm that will begin with a brief portion of Advent 4 (Collect of the day and a reading) and then transition into Christmas.

Mary provided the treasurer's report, there was about \$100.00 more in the account at the end of November than at the beginning. The report was reviewed by the Bishop Committee members. There were no changes, edits, or clarifications. Gail made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Wendy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Willsie and Gail presented the property report. Several down spouts have been replaced, there are five or six more to replace. Replacing these will help, perhaps even eliminate, the water leakage in the building and down the walls when there is heavy rain.

The plaque has been added to the cross, honoring Jean and Carl Gehrke. Willsie and Gail confirmed that there is no mold damage despite the water damage.

Committee members discussed blessing the new cross on Easter Day with either an outdoor service or beginning the service outside.

New cabinets for the sacristy are planned for early 2024. A discussion with the carpenter who made the cross recommended keeping the existing cabinets, repairing them and adding new counter tops. A second bid and proposal will be sought, perhaps with new cabinets.

Susan provided the report for the Women of St. Michael's. Sales at the Thrift Store are increasing as Christmas approaches, bringing in close to \$300 per Saturday. Help is needed to set up and clean up each Saturday, particularly setting up outside tables and moving items out and in. Currently there is \$7,973.00 in the bank, plus the savings account.

No old business. No new business.

Terri adjourned the meeting at 8:41 with a prayer.