

# **St. Francis' Episcopal Church**

## **Bishop's Committee**

**Date: Sunday, Nov 21, 2021 @ noon**

**Members present: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Jackie Selle (Bishop's Warden), Sylvia Ahmad, Bill Thompson (Junior Warden), Donna Bernert, Herb Smith, Mary Ann Kinder, Doris Schaefer, Jack Laless, Jeff Reinbolt**

**Members Absent: Sue Schmidt**

**Non-Members Present: Jim Bowlin (Treasurer), Michael Booker (Clerk), Joe O'Reilly (Convention), David Lucas, Katherine McDonald**

**Meeting Opened at 12:05.**

David Lucas offered an opening prayer.

Meetings of the last meeting were reviewed. Doris Schaefer noted several errors. Jeff Reinbolt noted that he had not been present. Mary Ann Kinder moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected; Jack Laless seconded. Passed unanimously. Several members of the BC asked that corrected minutes be re-distributed to the BC.

Jim Bowlin presented the financial report. Online giving has been working very well. Sylvia Ahmad moved to accept the report as written; Bill Thompson seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti discussed the pledge drive. Overall results were extremely positive, better than 2021 pledges, and we look to meet or exceed 2020 pledge levels.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti requested a budget line item number to support food ministries. Bill Thompson moved approval; Mary Anne Kinder seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jackie Selle gave the Bishop's Warden's Report. She noted that ministry reports have been updated.

Bill Thompson gave the Junior Warden's Report. We have a very favorable rate for snow removal from Brookdale Farms. Cleaning costs are up. Moving mulch away from the building has been keeping bugs out of the building.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti gave the Vicar's Report. She talked about the leadership training week that she attended in Texas. Jack Laless asked about providing full support for her training, as some expenses had been paid out-of-pocket. That discussion was tabled until December's BC Meeting.

The recent Veteran's Day event in conjunction with the local school district went very well.

We may be able to invite refugee cooks to prepare our meal for Annual Meeting through Welcome Neighbor. The idea was well-received and we will discuss details next month.

Under Old Business, Jackie Selle discussed the progress of the BC nomination process.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti said that we have received a special donation for Deaconess Anne House. Their service corps members will be preaching here on Palm Sunday.

Donna Bernert is working with a team to upgrade the Eureka Community Center so it can get up to code so it can support an interfaith food ministry. Volunteers are coming out of the proverbial woodwork. Donna is also exploring grant opportunities to build and expand this program.

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti has been connecting with the local school principal to build connections for our outreach ministries. We are hoping to reboot our Wednesday evening tutoring program. We still need a coordinator.

Under New Business, Michael Booker presented a request from Friends of St. Francis Child Care Center Board to dissolve that entity. He explained the challenges pre-COVID and the greater challenges in the past two years and explained why no path forward appeared feasible. Sylvia Ahmed moved to close the 501c3. Doris Schafer seconded. Passed with one abstention.

Laurie offered a closing prayer in the childcare wing.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:35.**

*Michael Booker, Clerk*