

BCC Meeting 9/15/2022

Fr. T - Father Tim Backus
NJB - Deacon Nancey JohnsonBookstein
SM - Sean McGaughey, Bishop's Warden
JN - Jeff Nieusma, Property Warden
AF - Alicia Florin, Children and Safety

TP - Tracy Platz, Member at Large
GSC - Geri Sue Coe, Member at Large
VE - Vicky Emerson, Member at Large
JT - Jim Thoming, Treasurer
MM - Michelle Mrsan, Clerk

Guests:

The FSV = members from the BCC as well as Demi Prentiss and Laura Lewis
Ginger Miller - Is working on a grant proposal and would like to listen in on the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Fr T

Check in for the BCC and clergy

Core Values:

Children:
Outreach:
Hospitality to All:

Christian Formation:
Caring Well/Home:
Safety:

Approval of Minutes from 8/16/2022

Discussion from Congregation Development day: Fr T

FSV conversation on Estimate of Giving campaign

Bishop's Warden notes: SM

Conversation with Audit from St. Albans and Trinity
Gathering with FSV and BCC reschedule a date in November
Rolling off of BCC: AF
Dea Labuda-Hodek (Barb's last year)
JN

Property Warden's Report: JN

Treasurer's Report: JT
Budget process going into Q4

Outreach and Safety: NJB

Technology Team: MM, GSC
Realm - Conversation with Bookie?

Vicar Notes: Fr T

Concert Sept 25th
Blessing of the Animals October 9th
General Convention - October 13th -15th
Halloween - Costumes?

Old Business

Fund Raising efforts
Mission Trip planning
Scout Troop Sponsorship

New Business

Vote on Grant
Prayers and adjournment

Meeting Start at 7:03 pm
SM and TP absent from meeting (Fr T running meeting in place of SM)

Opening Prayer: Fr T

BCC check in:

Core Values:

Children: Fr T

Christian Formation: JN

Outreach: GSC

Caring Well/Home: MM

Hospitality to All: JT

Safety: AF

Approval of Minutes: from 08/18/2022

Motion: GSC Second: JN Vote: unanimous approval

Discussion from Congregation Development day (CDD): Fr T started the discussion about CDD and asked the group what we thought were the top 3 priorities as shown by the voting on CDD. This conversation was long AND drawn out AND had many tangents. When Fr T artfully brought everyone back to the topic at hand, it was determined that the top 5 priorities were: Training, Landscaping, Children/Youth, Gatherings, Revenue

And the winners were: **Creating a Revenue Team, Start Gatherings/Parties, Supporting Children/Youth.** These will be St. Brigit's focus in the coming year. It will be a lot of work and we are small but we are mighty!

FSV conversation on Estimate of Giving campaign:

Fall Funding Campaign (FFC) - The FSV has set up the time line for the FFC but still needs a theme. The discussion about our top priorities gathered from the Congregational Development Day pointed towards wanting to get together more and trying to figure out how to make St. Brigit successful.

MM came up with the theme "Gathering Together and Getting Stronger". Demi Prentiss made a small edit suggestion of changing 'Getting' into 'Growing'. Everyone agreed on the FFC theme of "Gathering Together and Growing Stronger"

Ginger Miller/Grants - The group discussed some more grants for us to apply for; a Labyrinth grant from the Lily Foundation, a Rural Church grant (from the Roan Ridge Foundation - DP). We need to reach out to not only Weld county but to the state. We need to generate revenue through out and in reach.

Labyrinth - we need to reach out to the community and explain how to use the labyrinth.

Fund Raising Streams - MDM will look into forming a think tank group that will brainstorm for new revenue streams. AF suggests looking at what other groups do like Boy Scouts, other churches, etc.

Gatherings - Fr T a priority is to start planning some gatherings and parties.

Technology - Ginger - The office staff seems to be struggling and we should add updating the technology to the priority list. JT we updated the tech needed for Zoom church but we need to do the same for the office. Cyd has found a grant specifically for office programs.

Realm - We should evaluate Realm and whether we should keep it or not.

Bishop's Warden notes: SM

Conversation with Audit from St. Albans and Trinity - Everyone is ready to start the audits. The team is moving forward but still needs one more person, maybe Dom Florin?

Rolling off of BCC - AF, DLH, JN all rolling off. AF/DF may be interested in working as a team for Property Warden position. AF wants to have an information meeting of people who will be willing to help; JN, MW, DA, SA... She also wants to form a landscape committee.

Fr T says Jorge and Marsha Andrews have offered to help around the church both inside and outside.

Property Warden's Report: JN

Hot Water in Farm House - Dom Florin went to church and did troubleshooting, the pilot light was out on the water heater. We need to make sure we are sending out emails or making calls before we hire someone to fix problems. A plumber would have charged a lot of money to figure out what was wrong.

Humidifier in Sanctuary - There have been reports that the humidifier in the sanctuary was not working properly and needed to be fixed. With a little troubleshooting it was determined that the filter needs cleaning. Another issue that would have cost a ton if someone was called in to 'fix' the problem.

Fence - The fence is completed but some of the fence posts on the west side are a little loose and need some more packing.

ACTION ITEM(S):

Clean the filter on sanctuary humidifier

JN stop by the church and see what needs to be done before winter

Treasurer's Report: JT

General Report - Nothing unusual this month. CFB was cancelled so we will not be getting the budgeted 10K in proceeds. With had a predicted shortfall of 20K added to losing CFB, -10K, plus we are now about 5K behind what was budgeted so we are looking at a 35K deficit by the end of the year.

Transferring Money - The 10K was transferred from savings to operating.

Obligations vs Savings - We have 26K in 'obligations' for 2022 and 34K in savings. That leaves 8K left in savings that is not spoken for. We will most likely have to use it all to pay the bills. Now the question is should the BCC de-obligate some of the money that is not being used?

WE ARE IN TROUBLE! This will be presented to congregation during FFC.

CFB Accounting - How much money did we make or do we owe for CFB?

ACTION ITEM(S):

Fr T - Get an itemized list of expenses and donations. Find out what donations are being left in the CFB fund (from sponsors or non-refunded tickets) and what contracts we had to pay (or still have to).

Outreach and Safety: NJB

Team - the team has been decimated so not much going on. We need more members! It is just NJB and Laura.

Holiday Plans - Want to do a Thanksgiving food drive, Christmas tree presents for Thunder Valley kids or HELP center. Staying with the old faithful projects.

Hopefully as we gather together more than we will have more creative ideas for Outreach and more people getting involved.

Another idea - raise money to give a COW or CHICKEN? (I am not sure what this was, it was not explained well)

Vicar Notes: Fr T

Concert Sept 25th

Blessing of the Animals October 9th

General Convention - October 13th -15th

Halloween - Fr T wants everyone to wear costumes on Sunday, October 30th.

ACTION ITEM(S):

AF to get with Juanita Redfield and Amy Thoming about trunk or treat.

Old Business

Fund Raising efforts - MM will try and get a fund raising committee together and come up with some new ideas.

New Business:

Vote on Grant - The grant is from the Diocese for churches and missions. It includes monies for salaries and buildings/grounds. Fr T is in full support of applying for the grant. GSC asked when money would become available? October 1 is the application deadline and December 1 is when the award would be made.

Motion made to accept the Diocese grant writing as a group in order to get funds to support St. Brigit.

Motion: GSC Second: AF Vote: unanimous approval

Nothing new for the good of the order...Fr T house did not catch on fire, someone was just cooking at his house!

Oh wait! We kept talking...

NJB - we should plan a more involved Trunk or Treat and open it to the community.

Prayers and adjournment: Fr T