Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Mark's Plymouth and Ashland

Vestry/Bishop's Committee Minutes

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Present: Barbara Brooks, Paula Hancock, Kathy Lennox, Anne Hunnewell, Joan Bowers, Deacon Rev. Maryan Davis, Katie Laucks, Deb Holland, Angie Criscuolo, Rev. Kelly Sundberg-Seaman and Jan Crawford.

Absent: Lew Overaker, Kate Donahue, Dick Osborne, Bea Thibeault, Richard Bennett, Shannon Inkel and Katie Patten.

Rev. Kelly opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee Meetings January-June will be reviewed and approved at a meeting in the near future.

Wardens Report: The Diocese has notified Rev. Kelly that CHS and St. Mark's has been invited to participate in a joint effort of the Forward Movement and the Episcopal Church to intentionally renew the church. The effort is to collect information in a questionnaire/inventory format to show the vibrancy and renewal of our congregations. It will indicate our strengths, deficiencies, and where we need to grow. The project is called Renewal Works. It will begin in late summer.

St, Marks:. Pemi Glass has installed a new kitchen window in the kitchen of Sherrill Hall. The annual Ice Cream Social went well on Sunday, June 3. St. Mark's will seek several quotes for painting the interior of St. Mark's. The paint is beginning to gray.

Rev. Kelly's Report: Rev. Kelly reported that CHS and St. Mark's has had several funerals recently. Funerals are a healing, welcoming interaction to embrace the wider communities. Rev. Kelly advised that Rev. Josh Hill will be our supply clergy for Sunday, June 24. She is researching a possible supply priest for a Sunday in August. The Worship Schedule for the summer: Tuesday Healing Service with Eucharist CLC 11 AM; Thursday Healing Service and Eucharist at St. Mark's 11 AM. Sunday 8 AM Healing Service and Eucharist format for the summer. Saturday, 5 PM Eucharist at Holderness School.

Christian Formation: Our Christian Formation for the summer is a spiritual discipline sampler. The program will start June 14 with a presentation on Spirituality and Gardening presented by Jean Murphy and Shirley Splaine. The program will be at Sherrill Hall from 5-6:30 PM. Guy Tillson will make a presentation on mandalas; Joan Bowers a presentation on venerable prayer beads; Kate Donahue on spiritual writing; Roberta Nobleman, storyteller focused on Luke; labyrinth , Maryan; Guy on mosaics. On Thursdays in August Kelly will do a “Walk in Love” program teaching “Episcopal Church 101. Our church leadership needs to support our Christian Formation and worship efforts by simply attending many of our efforts.

Communication: Both congregations need to make sure that parishioners who do not have email are apprised of all events going on in both parishes. Our printed newsletter is being distributed to all shut-ins. Our e newsletter has been opened by parishioners at a 40-50% rate which is quite good. We use our announcement page for distributing information. In-house communication is good. Anne Hunnewell writes an article every other week and titles it “News from the Pemi Valley.” Shirley Splaine also does publicity. The two will work together to create a publicity schedule. All articles will be submitted to Rev. Kelly for review before publication.

Finances: Mr. Wayne Twombley is working with CHS and St. Mark's on their finances and financial records 3-4 hrs. a week. He is updating our computer program from a computer based program for individuals software to a computer based program for business software. He is consolidating and regulating our finances and financial records for both congregations. He will meet with the Vestry/Bishop's Committee at their July meeting to bring us up to date on our finances.

Concerns: Kathy Lennox suggested that the Vestry look into the cost of a free standing shed to store books for the monthly book sales as well as other items needing storage space. Dick Osborne, Junior Warden, will research this further. Paula Hancock + suggested that the storage area for the CHS altar hangings is currently too hot and too humid. She was concerned about how the heat is affecting the fabric. This issue will be researched further.

Next Meeting: Rev. Kelly will check on Wayne Twombley's schedule. She will contact the Vestry and Bishop's Committee on the date of the July meeting. The Bishop will visit CHS and St. Mark's on August 26 for his annual Visitation. Rev. Kelly will contact the Vestry/Bishop's Committee when more details about his visit are known.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Hancock