

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES - MAY 16, 2021

In attendance: Darlene Watson, Kevin Sangster, Sheila Williams, Margaret McCafferty, Regina Listman, Gail Cecchini, Carole Marella, Pat Schaffer, Lillian Knott, and Al King. Denise King has excused absence (passing of her father).

**Minutes:** There were no corrections to the Minutes from April's meeting. Gail Cecchini made a Motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Al King.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The question was asked if we were receiving too many Forward Day by Day booklets. Gail will call to get the number reduced.

We were not charged for the termite inspection for March.

There was no charge for South Jersey Gas in April. \$49.00 was the true cost. There is still a balance of \$51.00.

A Motion was made by Sheila to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Darlene. All were in favor and Motion passed.

**Junior Warden's Report:** The elevator was inspected and passed inspection. The cost of remove the elevator would be \$1,200.00.

The flag, which was only partly secured, was fixed. The 7-day candle was fixed. The cost of a new camera would be \$350, for a total of \$700.00 for two. Two new cameras for the outside of the church are needed and prices for same will be checked.

**Senior Warden's Report:** There were no questions on Kevin's report.

**Office Manager's Report:** There were no questions raised on Margaret's report.

**Yard Sale:** The Food Table took in \$234.00 but expenses were \$117.64, usable profit \$116.36. Donations of \$110.55 for food. \$5.81 was the true profit.

Next year we will solicit donations for individually wrapped food and we will use two tables for food and signs pointing to the food tables. It was suggested that we raise the price of the meatball sandwiches to \$5.00 and the hot dogs, chips, and soda to \$3.00.

We should look at renting tables next year for those who do not have them. It was suggested a thank-you letter be sent to the Hegeman String Band for playing at the Yard Sale.

We need to purchase a tent (with sides) and it was suggested an E-Z up tent, that BJ's carry ones with sides.

We could sell raffle tickets and Wawa hoagie coupons.

**Berlin Day:** We will get a table or two and sell the tickets we have and hand out brochures about the church.

Berlin might be having a Strawberry Festival (likely in June), but we need more information on same.

We need to purchase handbags for the Designer Bag Bingo.

**Outreach:** Pat called the Sun newspaper to try and obtain photo coverage of the Yard Sale but was never called back. Pat said she stopped by the Fire Company, and they were very pleased with the pizzas. The Police are seldom in the office, and it would be better to give them Dunkin' Donut coupons/gift certificates. The Methodist Church also gave to the ambulance squad too. Pat would like to get the String Band to play on Tuesday nights and we could sell hot dogs.

**Laundry:** Women of Hope disperse items to people in need. We could donate laundry soap, dryer sheets/liquid and clothespins.

There is a home for chronically ill children in Voorhees that houses 90 children.

Regina said St. Wilfred's gives out Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches, a fruit cup, a juice box, and a napkin so that people can eat in their cars. A pillowcase is given to the children.

**Correspondence:** There was an E-mail from the Bishop of our Diocese.

**Old Business:** We are now allowed to be open, with certain restrictions. There is to be singing only by the Music Minister, there must be social distancing in place and Communion will only be a wafer, not wine, and you must register with Kevin to make sure there is enough room for each person registered.

**Bulletins:** We still need to use the Bulletin and not the hymnals or Prayer Books

**Streaming the service:** Another person needs to be trained to run the computer for people watching at home, as Kevin may not always be available.

It was mentioned that a second laptop should be purchased as the one computer is quite slow and subject to viruses and malware. It makes financial sense to buy a new one.

**Zoom Coaching Session:** Fr. Droste has been hosting these sessions and the question was if these sessions were helpful and should we continue to be a part of same. Darlene felt they were positive, and we should continue with them.

**Meeting with the Bishop and the Lutheran Church.** The Bishop spoke with the Lutheran Church at the local level, meetings with Wardens and the church council and understanding what arrangements would be. The Diocese can assist if needed and can go to the congregations for an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). We should approach the committee and spend time getting to know each other. We are members of the GIFT program. We could do a joint Bible Study and VBS (Vacation Bible School) on the non-worship side of things. There are challenges doing things together as sometimes it is a territorial thing, so it will be better to go very slowly and meet in smaller groups to start.

Al mentioned that the Lutheran priest did not give off a friendly vibe. They have different programs, and we should give them a list of our activities. This will be a long process but the Bishop is optimistic. The Food Pantry people say Pastor Sara is easy to work with. Gail suggested we go to some of the Lutheran Church services and introduce ourselves. Kevin suggested not to rush too quickly and to do non-service-related meetings and approach this very slowly.

**Priests:** We have three different priests for three different Sundays. Fr. Chan for two remaining services – he is easier to understand but has longer sermons. Fr. Desmond's travel expenses (he used a bus and Uber) were \$135.00 whereas the other two priests were less expensive and do not have difficult transportation needs. He stayed in a hotel and then used an Uber to get to church.

Kevin is discussing with Fr. Chan regarding his being our long-time Supply Priest. If he is not willing/able then we would ask Fr. Pervez.

Kevin asked for a vote to extend the meeting another half hour. All were in favor.

**ECW:** Regina said on Sunday, June 6, at Grace Church, Haddonfield, there will be a meeting of the ECW outside. The meeting starts at 12:30 and you should bring your lunch. She mentioned all the ladies are friendly and they generally meet in the morning. The information re St. Wilfred's and what they do was mentioned earlier in the Minutes. This is Fr. Droste's project, but they have not had a meeting

with him. The ladies usually meet once a month and usually ask for some type of donation.

Kevin commented on the Denim shirt Margaret had worn with the church logo on it. Perhaps in the future we could take orders for T-shirts with the church logo.

**Organ:** The church organ was mentioned, and Margaret had been in touch with Fr. Van Sant. He will come by with his organist after the school year ends and look at the organ and give her opinion on what monetary amount their church should offer.

It was suggested that we buy a new keyboard with the profits from the organ. We could use the old keyboard downstairs for any meeting requiring music.

Kevin has asked Margaret to research the “free merchandise” website (NAEIR) to make sure their claim of “free” is true.

**Scholarship:** The proceeds from the raffle will go toward the General Fund. The funds from the Bag Bingo, 50/50 or raffle can be used to start the fund. Anyone can donate to the fund; however, the scholarship cannot use Fr. Smith’s name.

**DIT Resolution:** When Gail sends money to the DIT Fund, they send paperwork designating people to oversee the fund. They cannot divulge the names. We need two people to oversee the fund, and people to sign to have control of the DIT. Kevin and Gail need to be signers and they need a Gold Medallion. All were asked if they were in favor, and all were. The Resolution passed. Margaret will sign as the Secretary of the Mission Committee.

Darlene, Pat, and Al were Convention attendees. At the Convention it was voted the clergy rate be increased from \$185.00 to \$200.00 beginning July 1, of this year.

It was decided to use the elevator until it no longer works. A suggestion was made that a ramp be built from the outside to get into the basement. We could also investigate a chairlift, but would it fit? A grant from the Diocese to purchase a new elevator is a possibility but how much would a new one cost?

There is no phone number or website listed on the sign at the front of the church and those two pieces of information should be put on the sign.

When Andy is able, would he teach several people how to operate the Defibrillator, so that there would always be a qualified person in church should the need to operate it happen.

Brunch will be discontinued until further notice, but it was suggested that we could do “Brunch to Go” or sit just two people at a table when we are allowed to eat “in”.

We are thinking about a Founders’ Day celebration on Saturday, September 18, which would include a Barbecue outside to show appreciation of our members. Carole Marella is head of Hospitality, so she can organize same.

Our website: Information and documents are posted on our website, including the Newsletter, and Minutes from the Mission Committee meetings.

**Food Pantry:** Carole Alexander is asking if we can store some of the food pantry items here at Good Shepherd. Can Russ take care of the Yard Sale items, to make room?

Some clerical robes are dirty and need to be dry cleaned or new ones purchased.

Darlene asked for a date for the Bag Bingo and to make sure that Regina and Andy Listman are available. It was decided that November 14<sup>th</sup> should be the date.

The Meeting ended with prayer by Regina at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCafferty  
Mission Clerk Secretary