

**Holy Faith Episcopal Church
Port St Lucie FL
Bishop's Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2013**

Presiding: Father Orlando J. Addison, Vicar

Bishop's Committee in Attendance: Bonnie Claren, Sr. Warden, George Cleary, Jr. Warden, Leandus Campbell, Wayne Griffin, Elias Jensen, Aurora Mata, Carmen Mendoza, Aquinda Toppin, Hazel Walcott.

Treasurer: George Adams
Assistant Treasurer: Ceil Warren

Parish Administrator: Arlene Mighty
Recording Secretary: Marilyn Coffey

There were no guests.

Opening Prayer:

Adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting: Wayne moved to accept the meeting minutes from the April meeting and Aurora seconded the motion. All agreed.

Parish Information and Activities

Jazz and Spirit – Bonnie announced that Holy Faith gave good attendance to the last two events and the musicians are looking forward to returning in October. Bonnie also appreciated Aquinda for her efforts to clean the Parish Center for the evening. She indicated it was important that everyone who uses the Parish Center for any event must clean up after themselves for the next event. Chewing gum continues to be a problem.

50th Anniversary – Aquinda indicates she has a list of people who will work on this and will have that list available soon.

Evangelism (Back to Church Sunday) As with the Anniversary, Aquinda has plans for the Back to Church Sunday, and Father has requested that she present an outline of her needs at the next meeting so the Bishop's Committee can become involved. Wayne also offered to budget funds for whatever we may need for these two events.

Stewardship Campaign - The Stewards that Marilyn is working with will soon be making their announcements during church services. She is also currently seeking speakers for discussion groups to meet over the next several months. Aquinda offered to provide some names of people who might be able to speak to these groups. Marilyn offered her thanks to Aquinda for thinking of this.

Cursillo – There will be a prayer meeting in June.. Also there will be a Cursillo for youngsters in the near future.

Vision Ministry – There was a meet on Saturday, May 18 which was well attended. The next meeting will be June 29 at 10:00. We are currently looking at a ten year window.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training – There was a learning experience for all, but once the details were worked out, the training went on and now we're looking for certificates for those trained.

Hispanic Happenings in Honduras – This is for the young people of Honduras, and is planned on or around May 24.

Pentecost Sunday May 19 – We need people to come and help decorate on Saturday morning. This is a very special event and many hands will make light work starting at 10:00.

Liturgical Ministry Meeting and Sub-deacon Training 05/23 – The Liturgical Ministry meeting will be held on 5/23 at 10:00. The meeting will be for the leaders, choir, altar guild, readers, for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Sub-deacon Training will be offered on 5/30, at 10:00 to interested people to prepare for assistance at the altar. They help by turning pages during the service, and other tasks as decided by the Vicar.

Discussion (Vision and Mission)

Review of Holy Faith Ministries

Acolytes	Aurora Mata
Fellowship	
Altar Guild	Wayne Griffin
Bible Study	
Bldgs/Grounds	
Choir	George Adams
Cursillo	Olga Chavez
Daughters	Aquinda Toppin
ECW	Hazel Walcott
FinanceComm	Wayne riffin
Flower Guild	Aquinda Toppin
Greeters	Aquinda Toppin
Good News	
Lay Euch Read	Bonnie Claren
Lay Readers	
St Margarets	
Men's Group	George Cleary
Outreach	George Cleary
Pastoral Care	Bonnie Claren
Stewardship	
Sunday School	Bonnie Claren
Thrift Shop	Father Orlando
Ushers	
Vestry (Bishop's Committee)	
Vision	Father Orlando
Youth Group	Father Orlando

Father would like to have the indicated Bishop's Committee representative keep in contact with the leadership of each committee bringing any conflict or need to discuss to the Bishop's Committee.

Discussion of Church Property by George Cleary, Jr. Warden

Barbeque on June 22 is a fund raiser, presented by the Men's Group, and all are invited to participate. There will be work and fun enough for everyone.

There was a discussion regarding the cleaning schedule for the property, resulting in options available for Friday, Saturday, or Monday. Wayne made the motion and Aurora seconded it. The vote was divided, however the Monday cleaning schedule won, and the Junior Warden will discuss a written contract with the cleaners we already use.

The next item on the Junior Warden's list is that of paving the roadway between the church and the Parish Center. Again there was a discussion, this time regarding how we would pay the 6-8 thousand dollars to pay for it. We know we must research how to pay for this project without touching

our available funds. Details about how to proceed includes assuring that the contractor will be responsible for all permits for the work. Again Wayne made the motion and Aurora seconded it. The vote was unanimously in favor.

A concern was mentioned about cleaning up the various wastes throughout the week, and it was decided that members of the Bishop's Committee should do the responsible thing and when we find a half or three quarters filled waste basket, we bring it to the kitchen and dispose of the trash. This was agreed to by the Committee.

The project of the chairs in the Parish Center was discussed, and it was revealed that we have five volunteers ready to work, and the fabric (synthetic) has already been purchased. The plan is to set aside two Saturday mornings, (June 8 and 15) and welcome any others who would like to help out. There has already been a donation of \$100 from the Jazz evening to this cause, and we would welcome any others such contributions. This plan received a motion by Wayne, seconded by Aurora, and the vote was unanimous in favor. We respect the individuals who have come forward to offer this needed improvement to our Parish Center, and will not divulge their names unless they request us to do so.

Another item under consideration is the painting of the Parish Center interior. The Junior Warden wishes to change the color, and will bring us color charts to determine the color we would like to have.

A point was brought up that if a donation was offered for a particular purpose, and the church was not in accord with the purpose being offered, the Vestry, or the Bishop's Committee, needs to determine if they can, with clear conscious accept that donation, the point being that the Vestry or Bishop's Committee is responsible for all actions taken by that body and the acceptance of an illegal or immoral donation would reflect negatively on the church.

June 1 will be a clean-up day for Holy Faith and all are invited to come and help make our church shine. Bring a friend and your cleaning supplies and the work will be lighter and quicker.

Decisions

Treasurer's Report	Month to Date Actual	
	Revenues	16,040
	Expense	22,933
	Total	-6,893
	Year to Date Actual	
	Revenue	72,305
	Expense	73,485
	Total	-1,180

The differences are due to two large expenses. Father's final moving expense of \$2,600 and catch-up of his Pension totaling \$4,300. Aurora moved to pass the Treasurer's Report, and Bonnie seconded the motion. The item was passed unanimously.

Date of next Meeting: June 19,2013

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Coffey
Recording Secretary