

Faith Formation Meeting – May 22, 2018

Nan called the meeting to order and the April minutes were approved.

Reports:

- Stewardship -- the Stewardship [Finance?] Committee has noted that any funds not used to date (\$1600?) can be put back into the general treasury to help with unfunded needs. A decision on doing that was tabled until the June meeting.
- Children and Youth/Nursery – No Report
- Labyrinth
 - Debbie Evans reported that she is looking into getting speakers for special Labyrinth functions. Funding of such speakers was not discussed.
 - Debbie further reported that she and Deacon Sally are planning a summer solstice labyrinth walk the night of June 21st. This would include live music and refreshments from 7-9. Another event is planned for that same evening by another entity.
 - It was indicated that Debbie and Deacon Sally should contact State Port Pilot and recommend they do a story on both Summer Solstice events.
- Library – No Report

New Business:

- **Chilton Financial Report** – All the figures are not in yet but to date the following were reported:
 - \$250.00 from the basket offerings
 - \$400.00 is estimated from the Lunch
 - Final figure for book sales is not yet available – anticipate it will be a small amount.
 - Nan recommended that the Basket Offering amount become seed money for funding of future speakers. Canon Hanisian said this would need to go to Finance & Facilities to ask them to set up an Account for a Speaker's Bureau and also for the future look toward setting up an endowment after the Capital Campaign. This was agreed to by the Faith Formation Committee Members present.
 - Harriett Wheeler has reported that the Parish Life Board recommended the \$400.00 made on the lunch be split between them and Faith Formation. This was agreed to by the Faith Formation Committee Members present.
- Big Screen TV Purchase: Need Researcher
 - Nan recommended the purchase of a Big Screen TV to replace existing audio/visual equipment. New TV needs to be internet enabled to allow access

to videos; if not built in, it was recommended an AppleTV be purchased. Canon Hanisian agreed is needed but that the recommendation needs to go to the Building and Finance Committee so that the purchase and installation can be a part of the proposed Family Life & Christian Education Center. He also recommended that Bill Bittenbender needs to be brought into the conversation so that TV purchase can be part of the Capital Campaign. A person needs to be identified to take on these tasks.

- Interim solution – Canon Hanisian has a TV that he will donate and then St. Philip's would need to purchase an Apple TV hook-up (which would run off the church Wi-Fi) for the existing Parish Hall – this would allow internet access for hooking in computers as well as gaining access to YouTube Videos, etc. Nan will follow up with next steps

Faith Formation Planning

- June 10 – Adult Education – Nan will do a presentation on the purpose and mission of the Faith Formation Board
- June 24 - Adult Education – RenewalWorks findings will be presented. Nan asked Deborah Miller to prepare a Powerpoint based on the RenewalWorks Report. It was agreed that the findings should include proposed recommendations of the Faith Formation board, noting that over the summer the Board will be finalizing a plan for the Fall/Winter. Some of the Recommendations are as follows:
 - All Church meetings will begin with reflection on scripture. The Clergy is making a list of 200 bible verses to work with;
 - Prayer for Members of Parish – suggestion made that this should go to Daughters of the King to incorporate into their mission
 - Morning Prayer to be offered in the Chapel – would need 10 dedicated individuals to do on a rotating basis
 - Reading the Bible will be a major focus
 - Scott Gunn Blog -- get congregations involved in Bible Study
 - Read the Bible aloud marathon – intertwine with Capital Campaign and regular stewardship campaign
 - Bible study at St. James Community Center
 - Mini-course for small group of lay individuals who could be trained in leading Bible study
 - Women of the Bible suggested as a topic
 - Provide guidance to congregation as to which Bibles are authorized by the Episcopal Church along with websites where these are available electronically.
 - 10Whole Church Bible Study through small groups with month Adult Education meeting bringing all groups together