

Parish Life Board Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Attendees: Jane Mitchell, Michele Barkalow, Barbara Kanto, Ennis Hardin, Deborah Jordan, Rose Dahill, Mike Bearden, Steve Moore, Clark Sizemore

Steve called the meeting to order and asked Jane open the meeting with prayer.

Steve asked each member to introduce themselves and indicate the ministry they were representing.

Mike Bearden – Sunday Breakfast  
Rose Dahill – Welcome Ministry  
Deborah Jordan – Co chair Hospitality  
Ennis Hardin – Men’s Club history  
Barbara Kanto – Gather Round the Table  
Michele Barkalow – Vestry chaplain  
Jane Mitchell - ECW

Steve then asked Barbara Kanto if she was going to do Gather Round the Table in the fall. She indicated that she was planning to do so. **He asked if she would get the information that she would be sending out for people to sign up to him by July 25 so that he could get it into “Come and See” for August.**

Steve asked Deborah Jordan when the hospitality committee meeting was to take place. She said that the meeting would be Thursday, March 10 at 9:00 am. She and Shannon would set an agenda beforehand. Steve indicated that Brunswick Town service was to be May 1 and would be a “bring your own picnic” as it was the last time Brunswick Town service was held. He indicated that Hospitality would need someone to take the lead. Perhaps dessert might be something to plan.

Steve said Coffee Hour that was hoped to be for Easter but, since Parish Hall will not likely be ready until mid-May, then perhaps something could be set up for the Labrynith as the weather gets warmer. Hospitality would need to talk to Debbie Evans as she is in charge of the Labrynith.

Easter will have 3 services: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00.

Hospitality will need to plan on a once a month coffee hour, the annual meeting the first Sunday in December, and Homecoming which is the second Sunday in September as well as Brunswick Town service the first Sunday in May.

Mike Bearden talked about the kitchen needs in terms of furnishing with dishes, etc. He also said that he would like to do Sunday breakfast the first Sunday of the next month after we get occupancy. He wanted to put out info about what needs are and ask people to buy it on Amazon or contribute funds towards the purchase of said items. Steve mentioned that Barbara Kanto had given cases of wine glasses so there would not be a need for those. Steve also said that maybe a white on white Corelle china ware would be appropriate and not receive a single service or multiple services from people who might want to donate them. Deborah said glass serving pieces would be able to be donated. Basically it would be stocked with new items. **Steve to put a notice in the “Come and See” regarding anyone wishing to donate items to the kitchen furnishings would need Parish Life Board approval.**

Rose Dahill suggested that in the new member ministry that they could offer a coupon for breakfast for visitors. There was still a need to recruit greeters. They were still working on recruiting bridgers who

would be assigned to newcomers to help introduce them to other members and get them involved in activities.

It was time for another Newcomer Reception and a date of April 24<sup>th</sup> was being looked at. Have the meet and greet in the Chapel Annex and serve white wine, lemonade and water and some appetizers. Afterwards they would go over to the Sanctuary for an information talk. Maybe ECW members would be willing to provide appetizers. Steve is to do invitations if Hospitality and ECW will help with food. Lorraine is to send a list of the Newcomers to Steve and he will share it with Rose.

Jane talked about the Lunch Bunch meeting in March set for Duffers on Caswell Beach for March 24 at 11:30. She also mentioned that there would be a Shell Craft Workshop in the Chapel Annex on March 25 from 10:30 to 2:30 and again on April 22 from 10:30 to 2:30. There is to be the Spirituality Day on March 12 from 9 to 1:30 with Lisa Richey as speaker and brunch following. Lunch Bunch for April is also set for KoKo Cabana in Oak Island at 10:45.

Ennis Hardin gave a history of the Men' Club or Group that had been active at St. Philip's until Covid shut down activities. A group of the men in the church when Father Barry was here got together once a month on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm to share talents in various activities and to find out something interesting in the community. They usually had a guest speaker and the first guest speaker was the former sheriff, John Kerr Davis. The men wanted to help people in the parish so that was the formation of the OddJobbers. It was an outreach into the community as well and hence the workday at New Hope clinic about 3 times per year. Fundraisers included a yearly Lobster Sale with the men cooking at one time 1400 lobsters, a hot dog sale at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and the Tree of Lights at Christmas. They had a Frogmore Stew get together at Waterway Park in St. James in September each year. It was a social gathering.

Steve thanked Ennis for the informative history and said he wanted to pursue getting the group active again. He asked Ennis if he would do the Frogmore Stew and Ennis agreed. Ennis talked about the St. Philip's logo ball cap that he had and wondered if there were any more available. Barbara Kanto said she had gotten golf shirts for sale at one time with the church logo and that they were gotten from Queens on 13<sup>th</sup> street in Wilmington.

Michele Barkalow gave an update from the Vestry. There was a 2010 policy in place for use of the parish hall but Finance and Facilities was doing a proposed plan for using the new parish hall. They have started drafting a facilities reservation and use process. She suggested that Parish Life might want to be involved and to talk with F & F chairperson. **(Correction of word "told" to "suggested")** Steve mentioned that he wanted to get Hospitality and ECW to be involved as well. **Steve will put in writing a request to work with F & F on the new forms.**

Steve reminded Clark that he was scheduled to do Ministry Minutes for OddJobbers on March 20 at 8 and 10. Jane told Steve that Pat Bittenbender would do Ministry Minute on May 8 at 8 am and Jane would do it at 10. ECW Lunch Bunch and ECW Fall Festival would be the topics.

The June 5 Ministry Minute date is still open.

Steve reminded members of the Holy Week schedule shown on the agenda that he had handed out at the beginning of the meeting. He mentioned that perhaps Easter bags with filled eggs could be put together for any children visiting at Easter and for Hospitality to plan to do that.

Clark said that the workday for New Hope Clinic was set for March 18 from 8:30 to 11:30. It will be posted in the enews on March 11 and in the bulletin insert on March 13.

Steve reported that Bill Bittenbender would work with Parish Life on the dedication reception for the New Parish Hall.

**Next Parish Life Board meeting is Thursday, April 7 at 4 pm.**

Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mitchell, Communicator