

In attendance: Fr. Sandy Key, Terrence Green, Melody Wagstaff, Bill Schwartz, Anne Mavor, Kathi Bacchi, Olive Grant, Beth Ford, Danielle Sullivan, Sandra Clarke, Chris Mehan
-Owen Brisett for Formation and Report re Cricket Club

Opening Prayer

Formation:

- Discussed the book “Holy Currencies”; recap of Introduction presented
 - Discussed reflections, first thoughts

Report re Cricket Club: by Owen Brisett

- Discussed St. John’s Cricket Club; in league since 2005
- Dues: for use of field, insurance, uniforms;
 - discussed increased prices for use of fields
 - Approx. 6 hours needed for use field
- Asking Vestry for financial help with dues
 - in 2017 Fr. Jim gave \$400 for dues; received nothing last year
 - asking for at least \$500 this year
- Dues have increased because club now helps youth cricket players
- Club asks for \$100/year from participants;
- Deadline for dues is March 18
- Most players are from New York; 4 from Connecticut
- Team wears St. John's logo

Operations Update:

- Update sent via email
- Chimney needs to be repaired before we can complete installation of boiler
 - price range: \$23,000-28,000
- Photographs of chimney were taken;
 - aluminum piece should have never been installed in the chimney; no vent covering chimney
 - replacement needs to be stainless steel or sleet;
- Issues with bids: dying trade; faced with whatever the market dictates re price
- Need to set a spending range; if its outside of the range, needs to come back to Vestry
 - Range: \$23,000-28,000
- Discussed potential other options;
- Discussed need for bids to understand range; validate that companies are capable, legitimate and qualified
 - check references; BBB
- Met with boiler installation company:
 - says as long as we get stainless steel and it’s installed right it will last

- Discussed issues re cost of carry: electricity bills plus rental fee plus cost of diesel
- Motion to delegate ability, subject to the policy guidelines we agreed to last year and ensuring companies are vetted, to make a final decision to the executive committee, re contracting for chimney repairs within \$23,000-28,000 price range
 - seconded; no further discussion
 - all in favor, no opposition, no abstention

Diocese Acceptance of PPIC Candidate:

- Email circulated to Vestry re details
- Discussed setting up Skype interview; same process as last time
- Discussed potential issues re three year versus five year timelines
- By Friday, Vestry to decide whether or not we should proceed with a Skype interview of the new candidate

Volunteer Event

- Getting plans back on track for a Thank you to volunteers event
- Jackie Bembridge had expressed she is ready, willing and able to help with planning
- Timeline: should be after Easter;
- Details: slideshow of photographs, excerpts from Holy Currencies on screen
- Budget: \$1,500-\$2,000
- Discussed potential locations and themes for event

Staff Updates:

- Acknowledged Dante's hard work on boiler/chimney repairs
- High praises for Jane and the work she has done as administrator

Cemetery Fence:

- Discussed fence that is coming down in the cemetery behind St. Andrew's due to construction by Inspirica
 - cemetery owned by St. John's
- Suggestions: to have fence repaired or have a new one installed
- Photographs taken of cemetery; will follow up via email
- Tabled for next meeting

First Congregational Church:

- Church has sold their property and the back of their church will be demolished
- Church has lots of missions and ties to their community
 - specifically a thrift shop
 - services a lot of people in the community; also a social network for individuals
- Discussed potential places in St. John's to move thrift shop to
 - international institute room;

- Discussion re finances: figure out whether we would receive any money from it, whether current volunteers would continue
- Kathi to provide us a summary after meeting;
- Issues to consider:
 - individuals using parking garage: discussed ingress and egress and that individuals should not go through Epiphany's door to access room
 - space is directly connected to boiler; that room and Dante's tools need to be secured, accessible; current door is not a durable door
 - First Congregational's space is larger than international institute room

Rectory Update:

- Priority list needs to be worked on
 - some items can be completed while new person is in space
 - some structural items need to be completed beforehand
- Discussion re tabling painting until new person comes in; allows new person to contribute to choice of painting

Faithful Futures:

- Update on last meeting; Vestries decided on hosting an outdoor mass
 - to be scheduled in a local park, in support of DOMUS
 - Service, blessing of backpacks and school supplies
 - probably in early August
- All parishes to be involved
 - Kathi and Paula to assist in planning

Fire Marshall Update:

- Most of the exit signs are up;
- Some of the signs that electrical company said we have to rewire Dante examined and discovered that the batteries have died
 - so instead of re wiring, Dante ordered new batteries to try and see if that works

Senior Associate Rector Report: by Fr. Sandy

- Liturgy for Lent:
 - Ash Wednesday- 3 services: 7AM, 12PM - in the library; 7PM - all 3 languages in Eagle's Loft, with choir;
 - Fr Sandy doing all 3 services
 - Rite 1, prayer 1 during Lent; language is penitential
 - Services for the remaining Sundays in March:
 - Fr. Sandy on 2nd Sunday, Fr. Eddie on 3rd Sunday; Fr. Sandy on 4th and 5th Sunday
 - 5th Sunday in June – Fr. Sandy will be at St. Barnabas
 - Clergy meeting 2 times a month, discussion re liturgy;
 - For multi-lingual services: going forward we will have 3 different bulletins, each in their own languages

- Lenten series with all Episcopal and Lutheran churches in Stamford; Wednesday nights during Lent, 6:15-7:30PM
 - soup and 15 minute liturgy; teaching- all of the clergy in Stamford sharing their story
 - Fr. Sandy scheduled for 2nd week
- Fr. Sandy teaching a bible class on parables at Edge Hill Retirement center, working with a Presbyterian pastor
 - 6 week program, Thursdays at 2PM
- Holy Week: 1 hour long services (except Easter Vigil);
 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7PM, all 3 clergy;
 - 14/15 hour prayer blocks until 12PM on Good Friday; sacrament to be utilized at Good Friday service;
 - Good Friday service begins at 12PM with stations of the cross out in community, final station will be back in ladies chapel, veneration of sacraments and Good Friday liturgy;
 - Holy Saturday: 7:30PM at sundown for Easter Vigil- 1 hour 30 minute service; St. Andrews and St. Francis also attending, service in English
 - Easter Sunday – 8AM, 10:15AM, Betania at 12:30PM, Epiphany at 2PM
- 4/28 the following Sunday: visit of Bishop Ian Douglas to Betania
 - confirmations may be during that service
- Conversation re whether to have a dinner on Maundy Thursday or Wednesday before;
 - issues with people last year coming to seder but didn't come to liturgy
- Staff Updates
 - Reminder that Fr. Eddie does three services every Sunday at three different churches
 - Discussed heavy work load of clergy during week;
 - Fr. Sandy in office Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon & Thursday
 - discussed different standard for May, June, July re his obligations to St. Barnabas
 - Issues with pastoral care, limited home visits; discussed possibility of hiring another person to assist
 - working on having pastoral care visitors be set up for home visits;
 - discussed Olive's card ministry; Fr. Sandy's phone calls
 - visits with youth/children for Easter basket delivery
 - if interested in facilitating out of the box ministry, contact Fr. Sandy

Decision re Owen's Request re Cricket Club

- Discussed possible charity event for fundraising; Olive held a luncheon for him once
- Any donation is not classified as outreach
- Motion: to provide St John's Cricket club \$500, and offer them a format within St. John's to fundraise the amount
 - Seconded; no further discussion
 - 6 in favor; 2 opposed; 1 abstained

Other Parish Business:

- Coffee Hour Sign Ups
 - calendar to be posted online for sign up; need for advertising
- Vestry Meeting snack sign up to be sent out via email
 - Chris to cover April
- Holy Currency Formation assignments to be circulated via email as well

Closing Prayers