

# MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

**MARCH 13, 2002**

Attending: Kevin Sangster, Carole Marella, Darlene Watson, Lillian Knott, Marg McCafferty, Pat Schaffer, Regina Listman, Denise King, Sheila Williams, Al King, Gail Cecchini, and Andy Listman, visitor.

The meeting began at 11:02 a.m. with prayer led by Kevin Sangster.

Minutes: The Minutes were noted with changes and a Motion was made by Carole Marella to accept the minutes and Darlene Watson seconded same. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: Sheila Williams was thanked for the materials to drape the Cross.

The wiring in the cameras went haywire, and you couldn't see remotely. The fellow who came out before to repair the cameras will defer to a later date, but Paul Williams came in to check out the cameras and we thank him for that. The alarm system will stay "unarmed" until it is fixed.

Junior Warden's Report: The ramp will be power washed and non-slip strips will be installed. The sidewalks will be repaired. The outside lights are nice and bright. Street light issues will be brought up to the Borough. Solar lighting on our property is a possibility. The Borough will change out the piping in the basement to ensure safer drinking water. The alarm system needs to be upgraded from 4G to 5G and so the system is not working properly.

Treasurer's Report: We received a Dividend of \$1,050.46 from the DIT account, which is \$10.00 more a month. We received a nice donation from a member (non-pledge) toward targeting the homeless and for the general operating fund.

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

Fundraising: The Committee is sure the Yard Sale will take place. They are looking at ideas for fundraising and are submitting the permits for the Raffle shortly. It was suggested to reduce the winning amounts for first place from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00, second place from \$500.00 to \$250.00 and third place to a \$50.00 gift card to a restaurant. Kevin suggested we should keep the prize dollars the same last year but start earlier to sell. Sheila said she has a good relationship with Leroy Wooster and will call to try and get a substantial donation from him. Darlene said she also knows him from the Lions Club. Doing a basket raffle instead of a Bag Bingo would save money and potentially earn the same profit. The Committee is researching different halls, in the hope that they can rent one cheaper than the VFW which charges \$650.00. Villa Deli has a hall and would do a luncheon for \$24.95 with salads and desserts. We could sell tickets for \$35.00. There would be a tax of 6.6% but we could get an open bar and a bartender for \$100.00 a soda bar for \$100.00. They are also getting prices from Lucien's. Palladino's in Atco was also suggested as a place to hold the basket raffle.

GIFT/Outreach: Women of Hope will only take personal items at this time.

Pat will place a box from the Lions Club for gently used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. If anyone wishes to donate clothes, we will collect and deliver them to RISE. The Episcopal Relief & Development is collecting money for Ukraine.

ECW: We are trying to work with the district, and we will meet on Saturday, March 26, here at Good Shepherd to work on sewing pillowcases for Ronald McDonald House. They are asking for one hundred. Some women will cut, other sew and others will iron same. Gail will make soup, Marg will supply rolls and butter, and Regina dessert.

Sunday School: The children are paying close attention and are learning about Creation. The heat in the Sunday School room is warmer now.

Convention: The reception was not good and was difficult to hear. Clarity and ease of use were not good as the connection was poor. Black Ministry and Social Justice were hot topics.

Scholarship Fund: There are two categories: 1. For high school students and 2. For Deacon school or later-in-life college or further education. A committee will be formed later to manage the fund, but first we need to build up the fund.

A Motion was made by Gail and seconded by Darlene to accept the above topics. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Diocesan Rules: The Diocese is relaxing church practices and have deemed that masks are now optional. We are also using two chalices, one for intinction and one for drinking. You should receive the host in your hand and not touch it. The chalice bearer will take it from your hand and dip it for you. We will remove the tape from the pews and allow seating in all the pews.

Easter Egg Hunt: Kevin requested that all Mission Committee people take eggs home to fill with candy and/or money.

Good Shepherd Day Brunch: Kevin would like to have a brunch for Good Shepherd Day, which happens to be Mothers' Day, at church.

Founder's Day: Kevin suggested a Good Shepherd Award called Faith & Service Award. There will be a nomination process with a committee to vet nominations. The question arose who will be on the committee? He feels we need to give back something to our parishioners and make them feel appreciated.

Renovations and Outside Beautification: We are applying for another \$25,000.00 grant for the Sunday School as the total cost for the Sunday School, ceiling, windows, painting and electric will be \$40,000.00. The estimate will probably increase. There will be a meeting with the contractor to have him revise estimate as necessary. Hopefully there will not be too much of an increase in price. The additional \$25,000.00 will be for air conditioning units for the church and Sunday School. Al is getting estimates for the outside work which will include planting flowers.

The \$17,000.00 grant will be used to help the church grow.

The Altar candles we use are wax and Kevin is looking to switch to liquid, as they last longer. Also, we no longer have volunteers to clean the candelabras. A new Paschal candle will cost

between \$200.00 and \$300.00, but a hollow shell candle will last longer. Kevin will look to order the new Paschal candle in time for Easter.

Altar Linens and Robes: The robes need to be washed as they are yellowed and badly stained. They need to be sorted to see if they should be kept, donated or new ones purchased.

Curtains for the undercroft windows need to be purchased. There are five pairs in the hall and two in the kitchen, however, the kitchen curtains may need to be altered.

Growing our Numbers: Some suggestions were putting our church picture and information on placements for a local diner and putting flyers on cars in shopping centers. We need to check to see if flyers would be allowed to be put on cars.

New people came to church today and are related to Darlene Watson.

Advertising: Thought needs to be given to “giveaways” for the Fourth of July Parade. It was also suggested that we could stream our service to assisted living homes in the area.

It was noted that the Forward Day-By-Day booklets are not being used sufficiently.

Technology Guild: We need a few skilled people to work on this.

Flower Guild: We need some people to oversee the flowers and tend to them.

Carlos Guemes: If individual members wish to donate to Carlos, one check should be sent, but the checks should be made out to Good Shepherd and will be run through the Good Shepherd Family Fund. Carlos has no health insurance, but he is in good spirits.

Holy Family Bible Study: Holy Family does Bible Study Monday nights and is online.

A Motion was made by Carole Marella and seconded by Regina Listman to accept the above information. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

The Meeting ended at 1:15 p.m. with prayer led by Denise King.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret McCafferty

Mission Committee Secretary