

St. Hilda St. Patrick Episcopal Church Bishop's Committee (BC) June Meeting

6/15/2025

In attendance

Susy Hessel
Kerry Fitzgibbons, Junior Warden
Cris Simmons
Amy Squires
Carol Rypkema, Treasurer

Absent

The Reverend Joseph Peters-Mathews
Chris Kelley, Senior Warden
Gerry Thompson
Monica Isbell, Clerk

11:35am Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Kerry Fitzgibbons called the meeting to order. Kerry Fitzgibbons led the BC in prayer.

11:36am Routine Business Consent Agenda

- May Minutes
- May Treasurer's Report
- Vicar's Report
- Senior Warden's Report

Kerry asked for unanimous approval of the consent agenda. There were no objections.

11:38am Vote to Approve May Minutes

Susy moved to approve the May minutes and Amy seconded. Approved Unanimously.

11:40am Treasurer's Report

Carol noted some large plate donations. Moved 3000 from Reserve Savings to General fund. The numbers are lining up with the budget. We still have not heard back from the diocese about freeing up 50,000 from the fund. Susie moved to accept treasures report. Amy seconded, voted unanimously.

11:55am Junior Warden's Report

The split system has a broken drain and it is leaking into the building. The problem is the part can break further so we have a company looking into replacement under the 10 year warranty of the unit. The entire lock and handle finally went bad so that has been replaced by a lock

smith. Successful work party on Saturday. The last class room on the west side has rodent droppings in the cabinet. We need to possibly donate the acolyte clothing to the diocese. Possibly donate costumes. Some members are interested in keeping the clothing to help us if we grow. We may be able to take them to the dryer and keep the costumes in bins again.

12:05pm Voted unanimously to accept the vicars report

12:07pm Convene update

There was a seminar on connecting groups that feed the community together. There was a seminar on leadership and grounding and taking care of yourself to be an effective leader. Total Common Ministry was very fascinating. Churches of all sizes are involved. Many different setups for the structure and pastoral involvement. This was a different presentation to other information we received about TCM. Marketing with short videos on tik tok or instagram. We are on IG but only Lisa in the office can post currently. That can be corrected.

12:17 am Amy update on Sanctuary Taskforce

Not much to add beyond the updated corrections info.

12:21 Audit Approval

Suzie motioned to approve the 2024 Audit. Amy Seconded. Voted unanimously.

12:23 Dinner's for Eight Update

Cris's group met again and discussed strategies and ideas for growth. There were many ideas around growing group activities. Hiking groups, adult discussion groups and having more events like the BBQ. Cris brought up some of the struggles with growth and the idea the pledges and plate donations are not directly tied to more people in attendance. They also discussed what some people are willing to do with time and treasure to move growth forward.

12:33pm BBQ Update

The BBQ has been postponed reaching out to the AA groups, St. Albans and Goshen to include more people in the community.

12:35pm Good of the Order

Susy discussed that Fr Joseph and she were discussing digging into the current talent pool of the congregation to see who will be willing to work on many of the ideas that have come up for growth. Working on posting for IG or hosting some of the activities that have been suggested.

No other significant issues were raised.

12:45pm Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Susy made a motion to adjourn, and Amy seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Next BC meeting is July 20, 2025.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Cris Simmons.