

Board Chair and Communicator meeting 10/1/25

Present: Mother Betty Glover, Dave Ham, Ricky Evans, Paul Bailey, Liz Halbert, Karla Platt, Rick Pearce, Jane Mitchell, Deacon Pam Hayes.

Mother Betty opened the meeting with prayer.

Worship Ministry Board - Ricky Evans

- Preparation of altar flowers is a concern. The number of volunteers needs to be increased by 3-4. Two people responded to the Ministry in Focus appeal. Flowers may need to be purchased from the florist (at a large increase in cost compared to what is done now) if enough volunteers are not found.
- The Altar Guild Brunch has been postponed until November 22 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.
- The Summer Service was well attended throughout the summer. There were only 2 rainouts.
- Steve Russell is planning an usher training for the fall. Currently 25 ushers have completed the Red Cross Training.
- Celtic service may be revived as a lay lead service. Deacon Pam is reaching out to folks who usually attend that service for input and participation. There is discussion that this service would be held in the Chapel of the Cross at 5:00 on Saturdays without Eucharist.
- Grateful for Mother Betty's presence at the altar.
- Crossover with the Grounds keepers – may be able to plant things in Meezie's garden that could be used on the altar. The Grounds crews are also discussing cleaning up the "PO yard", fixing the fence in Meezie's garden.
- Further conversations between Worship chair and Facilities chair is needed.

Parish Life Ministry Board – Jane Mitchell

- Homecoming went well and was well attended. MOAM cooked chicken and sides were donated.
- Fall Festival is this Saturday, October 4. Set up will begin on Thursday/ Friday. Upstairs storage area needs to be addressed and organized.
- Parish Breakfast will be October 19.
- Newcomers reception on October 12 in the Chapel Annex after the 10:00 service.
- Lunch Bunch will be held October 30 at Koko Cabana..
- The Parish Annual meeting meal is being planned.

Outreach Ministry Board – Liz Halbert

- There was no August meeting
- Questions about the finances and Outreach endowment are being addressed to the treasurer.
- SOIIF representative Margaret Melando reported that SOIIF is planning to sponsor a choral concert next May 10th in Middleton park as a fundraiser.
- Interchurch Fellowship Walk is October 19.
- Sleep out Brunswick is planned for Friday October 24-26 . 10% of the proceeds will be donated to American Fish in the wake of the tragic shooting.
- Thanksgiving service will be at St. Peter Lutheran church on November 23 at 5:00 PM
- The Diaper ministry is very busy.
- Li'l bit of Help is going to Belize and will be taking donated vestments and serving pieces.
- ECW received a large amount of money from Wades jewelry store for donated gold.
- ECW is discussing how to manage their own finances. It has been the policy of Outreach that all donations come from “St. Philip’s” rather than smaller entities of the church.
- Bill Faherty is the new MOAM representative on the Outreach Board.
- The architect drawings for the remodel of the Chapel Annex will be reviewed and passed on to the Facilities Board to begin approval process.
- Grant requests to Outreach are being reviewed and scheduled for payment.

Spiritual Resources – no representative

- Men’s groups are going fine

Facilities Board – Dave Ham

- The newly developed board has had their first meeting with many topics being discussed and considered including insurance payments and “ready spares” – people to fill in when needed.
- The new air conditioners are leaking again. Steve Ammons is following up.
- Other minor leaks will be addressed and a roofer will be consulted to see if they can be fixed.
- The new chandelier has been delivered for the Chapel Narthex and will be installed soon.
- Installing an emergency water cut-off for the kitchen is also under discussion.
- The attic storage situation will be addressed by Craig Allan (MOAM), Jane Mitchell (ECW) and Ricky Evans (Worship) to organize, sort and label all the “stuff”. A progress report will be delivered at the next meeting.

Pastoral Care – Deacon Pam Hayes

- The Health Fair was an opportunity for many (12) providers to give information and answer questions. This was not very well attended by the parish, but lots of information was gathered and will be available in the Narthex for future use.
- FMG – Friday Men's Group – is considering a name change to honor David Gruber.
- Walking Through Grief will be starting a nine week session on Thursday October 9 at 3:00 PM.
- Prayer shawls are stacking up in Deacon Pam's office, so they will need to be blessed so they can be distributed.
- Spirit Sisters (led by Beckie Armstrong) is on hiatus
- The medical equipment library is well stocked and being managed by Michele Barkalow and Connie Palmer.
- Susan Chase will be the new Deputy Chair for Pastoral Care.

Communicator – Lorraine Beamer

- 2026 calendar books were passed out to those who wanted them.
- As we prepare for the Rector search, everyone needs to review their web page and notify the office of any changes.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorraine Beamer