

Culpeper Region The Diocese of Virginia Minutes

Tuesday February 11, 2020

Father Ben opened with BCP, p.818 "The Prayer for the Human Family"

Those present introduced themselves: Father Ben Shelton and Mary Ann Cowherd from St. Stephen's Culpeper, Hunter Miller, Cady Soukup, Mary Frances leMat, and Carolyn Emerick from Trinity Washington, Grace Cangialosi and Michelle Frazier from Christ Church Brandy Station, James Cirillo and Bryon Jacob from Grace Casanova, Pete Gustin and Youth Alternate, Noah Nye from St. Stephen's Catlett and Mandi Dillon from Little Fork.

The Secretary's minutes from December, 2019 were corrected to read "an organist is needed at Brandy Station", not a full-time organist. The minutes were voted as amended, with a motion from Bryon Jacob and a second from Cady Soukup. Approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was presented. There have been no deposits since the December 10 meeting.

2 withdrawals:

\$2500 to Shiloh Baptist Church for rebuilding, as voted on December 10

\$429.90 to St. Stephen's Catlett for reimbursement for lodging expense of 2 regional youth delegates.

Current balance is \$14, 056.72

Dean's Report given by The Very Rev. Ben Shelton

At present only Piedmont Church, Madison is without a rector.

Ben has met with the rector at Little Fork and her installation will be forth coming.

Bishop Susan has granted the Region work to the new Bishop who is adjusting to The Diocese.

Bishop Goff will be retiring in 2-3 years.

A Culpeper Region Rep was chosen for the Executive Board. Mary Ann Cowherd accepted.

The President's Report made concerning the Visionary Sessions throughout the Diocese. Any suggestions can be emailed to vision@thediocese.net . The 4 areas of discussion are

1. Healing Across Differences and Including All
2. Strengthening ~~over~~ Our Financial Health
3. Sharing the Faith of Jesus with Youth and Others
4. Honoring and Caring for God's Creation

The National Church and our Diocese are identifying Racial Reconciliation as a priority. A session was held January 25 with Dr. Catherine Meeks. The next step is to find diocesan trainers and to "Train the trainers." Several Resources, Films and Books were suggested.

The Region Meeting plans to have Bishop Jennifer and Paris Ball in April and June.

Noah Nye, Youth Alternate reported on his experience at Convention. He said he was nervous, at first, but did his reading homework and enjoyed his time. He remarked that there was much debated the 2nd day and he felt like it could be accomplished in one day.

Old Business:

Culpeper Region Day is being planned for Saturday April 25 to include all churches. Brad Jackson is leading a music program with hopes for good food, displays and informal music, as well.

New Business – reports from the churches:

Grace Church Casanova has their new roof and ~~gave their extra funds~~ **used some of their extra funds** (\$1,000) to Shiloh Baptist Church for rebuild. Jim will be retiring June 1. Their Chili Cook Off will be March 21 at 5:00 with ~~proceeds~~ **proceeds** going to Rise Against Hunger.

Christ Church Brandy Station is welcoming Shiloh Baptist to use their facilities at the present time. The visitors have worship at 11:00 a.m. and the church is packed. Bishop Susan is coming March 1 for Confirmation. March 22 the Brandy Station and Remington Fire Stations are holding a chicken dinner **fundraiser** for Shiloh Baptist.

Trinity Washington will be participating in the Lenten Preaching Service with several churches in the county participating. A potluck is enjoyed with 2 sermons and one choir leading the music. Money is collected for outreach - this year for the Rappahannock Food Pantry.

Little Fork is happy to have their new priest, Stacy Williams-Duncan. There is added energy and new people attending. Their organ needs works and they were looking for a piano. Funds were raised and one located. Adjustment must be made to a box pew to hold the instrument.

St. Stephen's Catlett is humming along with a March 1 date for Confirmation.

St. Stephen's Culpeper hosted a Jazz Concert last Sunday with students from the Blue Ridge School.

St. James Warrenton is missed.

There was discussion about the frustration of calls not being answered from the Diocesan Office.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.