

Deanery Assembly Minutes

Date: 19 September 2019

Host Parish: St. Mary's, Barnstable

Parishes Present: St. Mary's, Barnstable; St. Peter's, Buzzards Bay; St. Barnabas, Falmouth; St. Peter's, Osterville; Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans; Christ Church, Plymouth; St. John's, Sandwich; St. David's, South Yarmouth; Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham; Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole.

6:00: Brown bag supper. Delegates were seated around a square arrangement of tables and preferred this arrangement to individual round tables.

6:30: Assembly called to order by Connie Melahoures, Co-Convener

Opening Prayer: Ed Outwin, Retired Dean of Genesee, NY

Minutes: May minutes were accepted as printed.

Reports:

Co-Convener (Connie Melahoures): Thanked the assembly for being flexible about the last minute location change. We were in a small space but we made it work. Reminder date for next Assemblies: Oct. 8: Pre-Convention Forum in Plymouth; Jan. 19 or 26: St. Peter's, Osterville (Rev. Beth Grundy will let us know as soon as the Vestry decides); March 26: Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans; May 7: St. Barnabas, Falmouth.

Diocesan Council (Helen Gordon and Dave Fredrickson): Dave Fredrickson summarized Helen's report (here's the link to the full report: <https://capeislandsdeanery.org/mailings/2019-2020/2019-09-DeaneryDiocesanCouncilReport.pdf>) of the Diocesan Retreat where they discussed the budget and Dave noted that there has been a lot of interest in attending the budgetary formation meetings around the diocese. Martha Gardner, the Missioner for Networking and Formation for the Diocese, was at the retreat and does a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter is a fantastic resource and the link to one issue is here. To get on the mailing list, email Martha at mgardner@diomass.org. We have put a copy of the September newsletter on our website here:

<https://capeislandsdeanery.org/mailings/2019-2020/SeptNetworkingFormationNEWS.pdf>

Regional Canon Report: Not at this time.

Dean's Report: Dean absent.

Treasurer: Jared absent.

Communication: Dicky checked to make sure everyone got the minutes or could get them from the Deanery website.

Program

Sue O'Brien gave a presentation on the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) summer programs for children and adult choristers. Although there are many venues all over the US throughout the summer for these one week choir camps, she was here to talk primarily about the Newport program. Based at Salve Regina University, the attendees stay in dorms or converted mansions (adults) and eat in the dorm cafeteria most of the time. There can be as many as 80-90 children and 40-60 adults. The days begin with Morning Prayer and end with Compline. Everyone is educated in different ways and the kids learn a great deal about the text and the music and how it applies to everyday. They are also presented with opportunities to play at the beach, have picnics, go to baseball games (Newport Gulls) and sing Evensong and Holy Eucharist in incredibly beautiful and historic churches in the area. The adults also have opportunities for fellowship and social time. The management team this year, including Sue, are trying to make more people aware of the opportunity. Choristers of all ages can apply. A recommendation from your choir director and your minister are the only requirements. The cost, around \$780, is extremely reasonable for 7 days in Newport, RI, including room and board. Many churches have fund-raisers to help their choristers attend. Check it out at RSCMAmerica.org.

Marilyn McMillan and Holly Hartman gave a short presentation on **Global Mission**. Mission in this context is defined as relationships between Diomass parishes and other parishes/organizations outside our diocese. They showed slides of the mission in Haiti and shared that at first they tried to 'fix' things but this was not sustainable. If the focus is on fixing people, it will never work. If the focus is on **relationships**, it will last. St. Paul's in Nantucket is in partnership with a community in Cuba, rebuilding the community center that collapsed. Marilyn and Holly talked about worshipping together breaking barriers even if you don't understand the language. We are all one family (Tutu). There are abundant opportunities to be in partnership with parishes like St. Paul's and one in New Bedford that are looking for other parishes to join with them. They showed slides of many parishes in relationships with other countries. It starts with discernment

If you are interested, spend time in discernment. This is not rich Americans going into a poor country. Questions are asked about what things are unique and what are shared? What are the power differences that exist? These are integral, basic things and we need to acknowledge them and work with them.

If you are ready to start, reach out to us. Diomass Global Mission Office. We will visit your parish. We will connect you with other parishes with similar global mission interests. There is still grant money for parishes that are new to global mission. Contact Lauren Zook, the grant administrator. There will be tables at Convention and Resource Day and there will be articles in FYI and eNews. Marilyn (mmcmillan@diomass.org) and Holly (hartman@diomass.org) gave many examples of possibilities and missions happening right now.

Webpage for Global Mission:

<https://www.diomass.org/our-mission/global-mission>

Equipping the Saints - Brainstorming about making the Deanery work

- Hilary Greene: Episcopal asset map. episcopalassetmap.org. “Best use of the Deanery”
- Beth Grundy: One or two people in the parish should be Deanery contacts. Hilary: Put their names on the asset map.
- Sean Randall: Deanery reps are the afterthought. We struggle to get Vestry people, then Deanery... We keep our eyes open for anyone interested in Deanery.
- Some of us have talked about Deanery until we are blue. Maybe if someone from a different parish came and talked to the annual meeting or the vestry meeting about Deanery happenings and opportunities.
- Beth: It would be great to put the ministry in front of the people – the Paper Pantry or the Cuba partnership. Connect that to the Deanery.
- Are there any parishes here now that are looking to start something? Connect them to Lauren Zook.
- Hilary: How about a Survey Monkey? One or two things parishes are interested in. Give it a try.
- Hilary: We come back to the Asset Map. [There was a lot of discussion at this point about the asset map and where it is and how to find it. It is not that obviously linked on any one page in the diocese website.]
- The Asset Map is such a great resource, we may try to have a Deanery Assembly that is entirely devoted to delegates working on it. Each parish bring a laptop or two and work on updating your parish’s asset map during the Deanery meeting.

Announcements

Sue Lederhouse (newly retired) went to other parishes and it has been a wonderful experience. She also looked at websites. Some are wonderful as far as information made available and some are not. Specifically she was looking for current worship service times and newsletters. She would encourage you to talk to your webmaster and try to make sure it is available on the website.

Hilary: Social media is much easier to update.

Beth: Deanery can help each other that way. Website design. (Helen ran website design workshop once. Try it again? [Helen's comment as she finalizes Dicky's minutes: I'd be happy to restart our website workshops!]) How do we keep the church alive? I couldn't find a thing on the website.

New clergy people in place on the Cape: There is a new interim at St. Peter's Buzzard's Bay: Pattie Handloss. There is a new deacon at St. Peter's in Osterville: Hilary Greene.

Diocese EV training: St. Andrews in New Bedford last weekend. If you want to take part in that, let Connie know.

Saturday. 4pm: Concert at St. Peter's, Osterville "We are the Men will give a concert and the proceeds will benefit the Bahamas.

Saturday also: 11 am ringing bells for climate change.

Sunday Sept. 29: AGO Convocation and Hymn sing 4 pm. St. Mary's, Barnstable.

And by the way, no one from St. John's in Sandwich is getting email from the Deanery. Dicky and Helen will check on it.

8:15pm **Closed the meeting with the Contemporary Lord's Prayer**