

Southern Alameda Deanery
28 January 2017
Meeting at The Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg

Present: Representatives from
All Saints, San Leandro
Holy Cross, Castro Valley
St. Anne's, Fremont
St. Bartholomew's, Livermore
St. Clare's, Pleasanton

The meeting was led by Deanery President, the Rev. Ronald Culmer.

The consensus was that the deanery should continue to participate in
Deanery-wide vestry retreat at The Bishop's Ranch
Corazon house build on June 24, 2017
Sacred Space – scheduled through June 2017

To date, Sacred Space has offered worship with clergy or lay leadership on Sundays in Hayward. Meals and/or bag lunches have been provided, and toiletries, blanket, socks, etc., have been collected and distributed. John Trubina, having renounced his orders, will not be providing leadership for this ministry going forward. The Sacred Space board will be meeting and outlining a proposal for this important ministry.

Possible new deanery collaborations were identified and volunteers stepped up to explore them.

Youth retreat

Youth event

Abigail Plemmons (St. Bart's, doctorabbypcbiz@yahoo.com)

Molly Haws (St. Clare's, findmollyhere@gmail.com)

Social justice

Trish Haller (St. Clare's, phaller@comcast.net)

Jen Hayes (St. Bart's, jenpierre@comcast.net)

Teri Minnis (St. Anne's, tlminnis@comcast.net)

Explore paired/ "buddy" churches based on geographic proximity

Trish Haller (St. Clare's, phaller@comcast.net)

Jen Hayes (St. Bart's, jenpierre@comcast.net)

"Smack-downs"

Ron Culmer (St. Clare's, onebreadonecup@msn.com)

Jim DeMersman (Holy Cross, jimdem1957@aol.com)

Deanery Workdays

Mark Spaulding (Holy Cross, mark@holycrossev.org)

It would be helpful if our deanery calendar of events and activities more closely matched the calendars of the other deaneries for the purposes of having officers and elected officials ready to participate in the councils of the church, as well as facilitating the Episcopal Impact Fund (EIF) grant awards (formerly Episcopal Charities) for our Deanery.

For EIF, we should have the first meeting at the end of the year for brainstorming and getting commitments to research the proposed recipients. At the second meeting, which needs to happen before the end of March, the results of the research will be presented and a vote taken to make the final selection and have results to EIF for determination by the end of March.

It was decided by consensus to move our elections to the last meeting of the year (November/December). We will need to elect:

- Executive Council representative
- Nominations Committee representative
- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Richard Patenaude, President of Executive Council (EC), reported on the work of the Council and the desire to improve communication, both from the EC to the deaneries, and from the deaneries to the EC. This would/should have an impact on the diocesan budget discussions prior to the budget presentations before Diocesan Convention. Richard will be working on getting reports of EC actions to the deaneries. An appropriate time to share the reports would be at the respective vestry meetings.