

# **St. John in the Wilderness**

Church Council Meeting Thurs. April 16, 2020

The meeting was held virtually on the Zoom platform due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and public health restrictions on gatherings larger than 5 people.

**Present:** Ken Walker, Leslie Grieve, Brian Fogg, Peter Langille, Deb Walker, Janice MacAlpine, Brent Anderson, Shirley MacKenzie, Dave Hains, Ingrid Schmid, Brian Bradford

**Regrets:** Fran Taylor.

Shaun opened with prayer.

## **Old Minutes**

The minutes from the March 2020 meeting were presented and accepted. Ken/Shirley

## **Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the March minutes.

## **Minister's Report**

During this time of pandemic and Public Health directions to physical distance and limit public gatherings, our church leadership are going the extra mile to keep in touch. Deb has updated the parish list. Shaun has then called all the people on the parish list to check in. The Pastoral Care Committee consisting of Janice MacAlpine, Nancy Mann and Sandra Fraser are calling everyone on the parish list and this will be done on a rotating basis, every three weeks just to check in.

## **Warden's Report**

Deb as updated the parish list. There are nine people who have no computer, only telephone access. Anne Hitchins has updated the Memorial book.

Deb has ascertained that AA are not using the building and they will not use the building until the Covid-19 crisis ends.

Our sign has been changed to thank front line health care workers.

We have made a \$2000 contribution to the Inn of the Good Shepherd, that have had an increased load with the pandemic.

As per public health guidelines, and as directed by the Bishop, we are not having normal church services, but instead are having services attended only by Shaun and Rishi, with the service Live streamed on Facebook. We thank them for their ongoing hard work. We have continued our Sunday School programs with a mailing of the weekly lessons to our Sunday School children. Thanks to Deb

and Leslie Grieve for this.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### March Financials

Brian Fogg reported that we are 25% of the way through the year, we are about 20 % expected revenue to date. We have paid \$2000 to the Inn of the Good Shepherd, we have paid our full apportionment.  
Accepted Brian/Debbie

The Diocese has asked for a 3 month cash flow projection for April, May and June. He has submitted this to the Diocese. He predicts we will continue to be in a negative position for the next several months.

### E transfer

Dave has set up an E transfer program to allow Parishioners to donate their offerings directly into the St John in the Wilderness bank account during the time of Pandemic. Parishioners can still mail in their offerings, or use our pre existing PAP (Preauthorized Payment Program). For full details please go to the Facebook page or Website or contacts Dave Hains or Brian Fogg.

Brian Fogg has been helping Brenda with the Fundscript program. He has identified that Fundscript has an online presence where you can order the cards directly and designate St John in the Wilderness as a beneficiary. He has sent out an email detailing the process, and Ken will post this to the website.

## **New Business**

Licensing for livestream music. There was a concern that we might have to pay an additional fee for using music during our Facebook services. Brenden has reviewed this and feels that we need to pay no additional fees.

Peter and Debbie are developing a newsletter for the congregation.

Ken is hopeful the pandemic will lift in time for the triathlon to be held.

## **Correspondence**

There is no new correspondence.

## **Closing**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Ingrid/Brian A