

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Thursday March 12, 2020

Present: Brent Anderson, Ken Walker, Shaun Eaton, Debbie Walker, Brian Bradford, Tim Crossland, Brian Fogg, Leslie Grieve, Ingrid Schmid, Dave Hains, Peter Langille, Fran Taylor

Regrets: Janice MacAlpine, Shirley MacKenzie

Peter chaired the meeting and invited Shaun to open with a prayer.

Opening. The meeting was opened in prayer. – Fr. Shaun
He led us on a reflection on congregation expectations with respect to conflict and conflict resolution issues within the church.

Minutes from the February meeting.

The minutes were accepted as presented.
Brian Bradford/Shاون

Business arising from the minutes

We have 5 children who wish to attend Huron Church camp for a 7 week period in total. We have two children on the fence. We have in the past given them financial assistance for this. The budget we have set aside will not cover the number of children who have come forward.

Peter proposed “The executive be given the flexibility to increase the amount to support the children from SJW going to Huron Church Camp by up to \$2000 more (total \$4000) and that the families pay at least \$100 per week per child.”

Peter Moved. Seconded Tim Crossland

We discussed this. The money would come from the outreach budget. Debbie has been in contact with the ACW and they might contribute.

Shaun reminded us we would have less money for other outreach projects.

Leslie wondered where the money for VBS was going to come from....ACW will be covering these costs.

Dave reminded us that we have tied our outreach to 10% of our envelope givings.

Debbie was thrilled we have so many children going.

Passed

Priest's Report

Mission and Ministry update

Shaun went over his revised mission and ministry plan. He has received input from the congregation especially Dave and Deb.

We made some recommendations for minor adjustments.

Brian projected we will need eavestrough repairs in 2021.

Brian Fogg suggested we are going to need adjustments to our washrooms in 2020.

Debbie suggest we update our 5 year plan with respect to building needs by the next meeting.

Ingrid wondered if we should promote the historical aspect and preservation of our church as part of our 5 year plan.

Leslie suggested under “safeguarding and renewing” coming up with a bulletin board space for sharing thoughts for education and renewal projects.

Tim supported this.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Fogg presented the treasurer’s report.

Our deficit continues to increase, with envelope givings down. Our expenses are stable. We have paid our full apportionment and insurance for the year.

Accepted. Fran/Ingrid

Warden's Report

-COVID 19 plan.

This is changing rapidly. We will discuss this under new business.

The Pollinator Garden Grant Application has been sent to the Bishop for consideration. The deadline is April. We are waiting for a letter of support from the Bishop.

We continue active with the website and Facebook presence. Please check our social media posts regularly and feel free to contribute!

The pancake supper was a big success, thanks to Nancy Mann. The attendance was down with poor weather and the road closure.

Peter and Deb and Brian Fogg went to the Wardens workshop in London last week and had a good educational experience.

New business

COVID 19 plans

This is changing rapidly. Starting this Sunday we will offering the bread, but not the wine. This is under direction of the Bishop.

Do not come to church if you are ill, have a temperature or a cough.

Nancy Mann has increased the number of hand sanitizer for church use.

We are encouraging people to use the dishwasher as opposed to hand wash and dry.

Vacation fill-in plans

Shaun has given us his vacation dates in April 29 -May 7 2020 and August 2-13 2020. We will have lay readers. Rev Ray Jenkins will be available the emergency Pastoral care contact.

Correspondence

Other Business

Sandra has set the tentative date for the plant sale for May 23 2020.

The meeting was closed in prayer. Brent Anderson/Dave Hains