

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Thurs. December 12, 2019

Present Denise Hillary, Brian Fogg, Janice McAlpine, Ingrid Schmid, Dave Hains, Ron Jackson, Shirley MacKenzie, Sandra Fraser, Brent Anderson, Ken Walker, Shaun Eaton, Peter Langille.

Regrets Brenda Clingersmith

Opening Reflection Fr. Shaun Eaton. Shaun discussed different types of communicators.

Minutes from the previous meeting

The old minutes were accepted as presented. Janice/Brain

Business arising from the minutes

Brian changed our light bulbs to CFL lower energy bulbs. Energy consumption is down 82 % for the new lights. Brian donated the lights. The new air conditioner and new window cover are also energy saving. Thank you Brian.

Rector's report

Shaun asked for feedback on the lessons and carols service. Generally it was well received. The choir was very talented.

The Christmas hampers program have received donations totalling \$1275, split between three families.

Mavis has reported the processional cross is bent a bit. To straighten it would probably require heating and rebending by a professional. We agreed to accept it as it is.

Shaun has sent out 21 Christmas Cards for people who donate to the church but do not attend regularly.

Shaun has appointed Deb Walker (to be Warden), Leslie Grieve, Tim Crossland, Brian Bradford to next years board.

Shaun has had feedback from several parties on changing our hours of service. We discussed this at length on how this will be presented at Vestry.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue to date is \$122164 which is 85% budgeted. Dave would like to see at 90% at this time of year.

Envelope donations are still down year to date.

Expenses are \$106745 which is 96 % budget.

We have an operating surplus year to date of \$15419.

We still have more outreach spending planned.

Adopted

Denise/Brent

Sandra Lamaroux will be taking over running the Pre Authorized Payment program for donations in 2020. She will be jogging peoples minds to donate upwards if they are on fixed donation program. We could send out a note with the tax receipts. Our Outreach is tied to our envelope givings!

Warden's Report

Peter does not yet have a quote on replacement chairs as discussed in our last meeting.

Fundscript was well received this month, raising \$300.

Sandra was pleased with the turnout for the pictures.

Some parishioners were not understanding on how much the individual pictures cost and were surprised at being pressured to purchase pictures. Sandra will provide feedback to the company.

In past years we have given a letter of thanks and a gift certificate to Ross Leckie, our neighbour our the West who does much of the summer upkeep unasked. We

have given him a gift card to Skeeters for \$100 in the past. We will do this again this year. Sandra will take care of it.

The construction trucks to our new house to the West have our driveway a mess. We are hoping the people doing the construction might do some repairs to our driveway.

Shaun has spoken to Ross and is he aware of this.

The new board will have to address the pancake supper.

Aruna is prepared to do the blah packages again this winter.

Shirley reminded us to keep our email addresses up to date.

New Business

Janice has quotes on replacement cards that we had printed for the 150th anniversary. We have blank cards with the church on the front. They are very nice, and are limited in supply. We talked about who, we as a board, should send cards to, and about creating more cards for use by the board as needed, and for sale to the church community at large.

Janice proposed we send a card to close family member of a parishioner who passes, a member with a critical family issue, family members in long term care on their birthday anniversary or Christmas, Birthdays of 80 years and up in 5 year increments and meaningful anniversaries.

We discussed this back and forth and decided we should not be so restrictive.

We moved that: A card will be sent automatically for known bereavements. We will set up a book as well. If you wish your loved one to receive a card for any reason, they can enter it in the book and it will be taken care of. Shaun/Peter. Passed

Janice has quotes from Kwick Kopy for 250 cards \$123.93, 350 cards \$167.03 and \$281.80 for \$500

Hains Printing had higher quotes. Staples would not give a quote on that size, but did quote a higher price for a higher cost.

It was appreciated that people would like to order these cards for personal use as well.

Dave proposed we set a price a 1\$ per card and offer them for sale to the congregation. We will put up a sheet for people to sign up if they wish to purchase.

Heather will make up the list.

There is a list of people who wish to purchase calendars in the church hall.

The price will be \$5 per calendar. Please pay Sandra.

Correspondence

No new correspondence.

The meeting was moved closed.

Shirley/Ron