

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Monday Feb. 8, 2021

Present: Amanda Longmoore, Deb Walker, Ken Walker, Peter Langille, Dave Hains, Fran Taylor, Janice MacAlpine, Ingrid Schmid, Shirley MacKenzie, Brent Anderson, Brian Fogg, Leslie Grieve, Tim Crossland, Brian Bradford.

Regrets:

Opening

The meeting was opened with a reflection led by Rev. Amanda Longmoore.

Old Minutes

The old minutes were accepted as presented. Francis/Ingrid.

Business arising from the minutes

There were no action items arising from the old minutes.

Rectors Report

Amanda introduced herself and identified that she gradually getting to know everyone and learning how different people function in the church. Amanda would like her cell number 226 932 1088 on the website.

Warden's Report

Peter and Debbie were pleased to introduce our new interim priest Amanda Longmoore.

We had a discussion on how our parishioners are doing. Does anyone need pastoral care that we have not responded to? What is working and what is not working.

We recognize that Shaun and Richi might be struggling with isolation. We will send them a valentines present.

We have sent around an email today about upcoming services. The province might be cautiously reopening church services in the coming months

Treasurer's Report

January financials showed revenues of \$6400 which is a bit below expected.

We paid our apportionment for the year for \$20000. We have a healthy bank balance at present. The parish continues to work hard to keep up their givings. We don't have a detailed financial report for the month, Dave suggested we will issue one report for January and February at the end of February. The financial report was accepted. Shirley/Debbie

New Business

Peter moved that we approve our vestry report. Peter/Leslie. Approved.

Since our last meeting, our church came out strongly in support of the position of the Federal government in banning conversion therapy. (Bill C6) Our local MP had suggested that most churches in the area were not supportive of this. This is not true. We strongly support the government's position in banning conversion therapy and were glad to have taken a leadership position on this issue over the past couple of weeks.

We will be donating \$ 2000 to the Inn of the Good Shepherd this quarter. Janice/Brian Bradford

The February blaugh packages will be going out to our University students. We have allowed \$75 per package. We have identified six children. Aruna will be coordinating this. We will proceed. Brian/Ingrid

Correspondence

We received thanks from St Clair Child and Youth and the Alzheimers society for their donations.

The meeting was closed with the grace. Brent/Shirley.