

St. John in the Wilderness Church Council Meeting Thurs Oct 12, 2017

Present: Dave Hains, Shirley MacKenzie, Brenden Fraser, Ingrid Schmid, Nancy Mann, Janice McAlpine, Ken Walker, Brent Anderson, Peter Langille, Sandra Fraser, Brian Fogg.

Peggy Vandusen has retired from the board.

Regrets: None.

Opening - Reflection Janice McAlpine.

The minutes from our September meeting were reviewed.

Business arising from the minutes

New business for the agenda for the month should be submitted to Peter eight days before the meeting so it can be placed on the agenda, and reviewed by the executive.

The board still wishes to have the minutes reviewed by all board members before posting on the website at 48 hours.

Mission and Ministry. Shirley talked to Leslie, she has the information. The deadline for completion is unknown. Leslie has reviewed the package and thinks input from others may be helpful. Dave Hewett will be giving some input, he has asked for the package to be resent from the Diocese.

VBS update. Leslie reports VBS went well. She was short on volunteers. She remains committed to the program. The packages were worthwhile, but cannot be shared between churches due to copyright. Leslie would like to see VBS have a budget line in the 2018 budget. She suggests \$800-\$1000. Dave will put this under outreach in the 2018 budget.

Snowplow contract. Shirley has made arrangements with Wes Allen, Lakeshore Lawn Care for at \$45 per service.

Janice spoke to Lambton Health, they suggest we develop a policy re smoking on Church grounds. They do not have no smoking signs available. Signs are available online. The diocese does not have a uniform policy. Rev Dave Hewett suggests that we set up a smoking area away from the door for groups such as AA. We will move the bucket down the ramp.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue to date \$108280, 77% expected, Fundraising income is up, Envelope revenue is down. Expenses to date \$79515. We are \$28765 on the plus side year to date. Dave has put \$13000 towards the building fund invested through the Diocese.

Adopted Dave/Janice.

Dave presented a draft of the Outreach Committee Policy.

Draft

Outreach should happen throughout the year after we are assured that the financial needs of this church are met first.

The Council recommends that we strive to give 10% of envelope donations to outreach—45% to local charities and 25% each to International and National outreach and 5% for local urgent requests.

The Council will investigate and determine which organizations should receive funding and will give to those that do not receive sizeable support from outside sources and that help a large demographic of those who are in need.

We will only give to those organizations that have a specific project or program where the money will be designated.

We fund a foster child through World Vision.

In addition to our financial gifts, there are gifts in kind which the church participates in throughout the year.

We discussed this. Moved Dave/Brent. Passed

Dave suggested with our current surplus we allocate \$11,000 to outreach this year. Seconded by Brenden. Passed.

Warden's Report

Sandra met with the executive. We would not like to conduct business by email but at meetings. We encourage open communication.

Dave will look into adopting a Christmas Family or two.

Brian talked about the bell tower. To properly examine it requires a man lift and proper training. Brian will give a quote about how much an inspection will cost.

New Business

Hall booking procedures to notify users

We had a mixup with a funeral occurring at the same time as an AA meeting. This highlighted the need for better communication between the different groups that use the hall. Nancy suggests that we should get input from the ACW, as they are most likely to be the ones to be organizing events that might conflict. Shirley will talk to Brenda Clingersmith.

Church Calendar update. Nancy talked about the Huron Church Calendar. She has a sign up sheet for people who want order calendars at \$5 each.

Update on the refugee family

Nancy spoke with Lynn Chadwick on the Refugee families. They are doing very well in Petrolia. They are looking for a house. They've had another child, now 4 boys. Dad is working full time. They have their drivers licence's and a van and all the kids are doing well in school. They want to sponsor their own family and get them over here.

Correspondence

Other Business

Janice and the ACW are hosting a Blanket ceremony as part of the healing process from abuse endured by Native Canadians on Saturday October 14. She's hoping for a few more applicants.

Closing

Ingrid moved the meeting closed. Sandra.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

