

St. John in the Wilderness
Church Council Meeting Thurs. September 13, 2017

Present: Brent Anderson, Dave Hains, Brian Fogg, Ken Walker, Nancy Mann, Denise Hillary, Sandra Fraser, Shirley MacKenzie, Peter Langille, Ingrid Schmid

Regrets: Brenden Fraser, Janice McAlpine

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Agenda

Opening – Reflection Sandra Fraser

Minutes, previous meeting (corrections, approval). The previous minutes were accepted by Brent and Peter.

Business arising from the minutes

There were no issues arising from the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

We remain in good financial shape. Our expenses remain low due to not having a full time rector.

Our envelope donations remain below target.

The Triathlon raised \$14440.

Our surplus year to date is \$27000, not counting the Triathlon revenue

The report was accepted as presented.

Sandra/Denise

Outreach proposals

Dave proposed we increase our outreach due to our positive surplus.

Dave moved we give another \$500 to the women interval home, \$500 to the sexual assault centre and \$4000 to the Primates World Relief fund.

Seconded by Shirley. Passed.

Warden's Report

We have a pulpit exchange this Sunday, we have Gord Simmons coming to visit.

Dave will be away Sept 30, Oct 7 and Oct 14. Terry Dance might be coming to do one of the services (Sept 30)

Bible study will start Oct 24.

Oct 28, there is a stewardship day at our church hosted by St Barts.

Oct 14 will be ACW Sunday, we will have a guest preacher.

Sandra reported that she received a letter from the Alexis Murray, education coordinator from the local

Alzheimer society, offering to come and speak to us some Sunday about the illness and the stress of caregivers are under. The board asked Sandra to offer her an invitation.

New Business

We had a congregational profile workshop update this past weekend. Dave helped organize this and was pleased with how it went.

Air conditioner repair

There are three furnaces, one for the Rectors office, one for the church hall one for the church. The Rectors office and church furnaces are combination furnace/air conditioner units. The furnace that controls the church hall has no air conditioner attached to it.

The air conditioner for the church has failed.

Brent has contacted an air conditioner repair company. He has obtained three quotes for new air conditioner for the unit that supplies the church.

Our current unit is loud, Brent is suggesting we go with a ductless system that is quieter.

The ductless system would have three wall mounted units in the church, with piping to the outside and a condenser on the outside.

Marks Comfort Tech suggested a heat pump that would cool and heat.

Their quote is \$8800 taxes included.

Saucier Plumbing and heating...\$6554 taxes in, just air conditioning.

Sarnia heating and electric...\$14834 taxes in, just air conditioning.

Brent identified that the church hall furnace has no air conditioner. To add an air conditioner to that unit would be \$5301.

We discussed this. The board is concerned that the appearance of the church would be altered enough by three wall mounted air conditioning units on the inside East wall of the church that this needs to be passed at Vestry. We will present this to the congregation.

Dave moved we add proceed with the air conditioner to the hall, provided we get 2 more quotes.

Seconded by Peter. Passed.

Quotes for internet provider.

Brian has looked into our internet usage and costs. We are currently being billed \$101.58 from Cogeco. They wanted us to pay \$123.85 starting in September.

Brian has identified a program with Cogeco "business complete" program, that costs *78.99 per month, for the first month, \$90.29 per month following this. He spoke to Dave, and we have signed up for this program. Thank you Brian. Brian/Ingrid Passed.

Organ repair

There is no new report.

Window installation update

Brent has looked into this. They are still pending.

Bales to the North

Nancy spoke to this. She broke down the costs of sending the bales. The cost of transporting the bales is increasing, up to \$ 1090 in 2018, up from \$322 in 2012 via Canada Post. She is concerned about the increased cost of transporting the bales. Nancy proposed she have a budget of \$1000 in transportation costs and she will make bales up to that point for shipping. We will use this as a guideline in outreach planning.

Correspondence

We got a thank you from the anglican minister in Kuwatin thanking Nancy for the bales.

The meeting was closed in prayer. Ingrid/Nancy