

St. John in the Wilderness  
Church Council Meeting Thurs. April 11, 2019

**Regrets:** Brian Fogg, Janice MacAlpine, Brenda Clingersmith, Ingrid Schmid

**Present:** Peter Langille, Sandra Fraser, Brent Anderson, Ron Jackson, Shirley MacKenzie, Dave Hains, Fran Taylor, Ken Walker, Shaun Eaton, Denise Hilary

**Agenda**

The meeting was called to order by Peter at 7:05.

**Opening** - Reflection Fr. Shaun Eaton. Shaun spoke about “the servant leader”.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

**Business arising from the minutes**

- update on the electrical upgrade project
- update on window replacement and kitchen island work

A letter has been sent to Bluewater Power to proceed and a cheque has been issued to Bluewater Power to do the Pole revision.

We have sent a letter to Oglivie electronic accepting their proposal.

We now have GFI plugs in the kitchen and handicapped bathroom.

Magaidh and Emma Crossland have been sent blah packages.

**Rector's report**

Shaun reported Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs has told us we need an independent financial review after our last vestry meeting. We will ask Debbie Walker and Tim Crossland if they would consider this.

We have had reviewers in the past, they did not do it last year.

We continue to develop our mission and ministry plan. A preliminary report is attached at the end of the minutes.

We've been asked by the Anglican Church of Canada to do a trial liturgy, we have done this for the past few Sundays. Shaun will be submitting a review of this and is accepting comments on this.

### **Treasurer's Report (yes Dave' back)**

The first quarter is in. Revenue to date \$29084, expenses to date \$35507.

Our envelopes and total revenue are behind for year to date, we are not yet at 25 % revenue.

We have an operating deficit to date of \$6423. We have made three one time payments of Apportionment, Insurance and membership dues, so our expenses in the first quarter are artificially high. Dave/Sandra passed

### **Warden's Report**

Shirley reported the storage area has been cleaned up, with the help of the various groups that use the church hall and requires storage. She continue to work on it.

Shirley has reviewed with Brenda from ACW regarding placement of garbage in the kitchen.

We have three children who wish to go to Huron Church camp, and we will support them.

The Bishops commission continues its work and is interviewing all wardens and priests.

Brent/Denise.

### **New Business**

-Ron Jackson, Huron House Boys Home proposal

Ron suggested we distribute brown paper bags at the church, with a list of items the Boys home needs stapled to it, to be distributed once monthly, to be returned in the next week or two and then the items delivered to the Boys Home. The church he attends in Florida does this. We discussed this, this is a great idea. Ron will proceed with this. We will look to do this the first Sunday in May. Its unclear if this is in addition or replaces the once monthly food donation to the Inn we are currently doing. Ron/Fran.

### **Correspondence**

We received a lovely letter of thanks from Morgan Langille for her blah package

The meeting was closed in prayer. Fran/Dave

## ST. John-in-the-Wilderness

### Review of Mission & Ministry Plan 2018 ~ The Five Marks of Mission

Discussions among various groups, such as the executive and parish council allowed us the opportunity to plan and review our MMP goals and achievements throughout 2018. The following chart illustrates accomplishments during 2018 and goals set for 2019 as compiled by Wardens, Clergy, and Council Members.

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 1. First Mark: EVANGELISM

*“To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom” is to share the news that in Christ God is reconciling to world to himself (2 Cor. 5:19), in words.*

### 2. Second Mark: DISCIPLING/ TEACHING

*“To teach, baptize and nurture new believers” and, indeed, all believers, is the work of discipling.*

- Scripture studies each week.
- VBS at the church.
- funding HCC Bursaries and sending to youths to camp.

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 3. Third Mark: SERVICE

*“To respond to human need by loving service” is a central aspect of Christ’s call.*

- knitted prayer shawls for people who are going through difficult life experiences

## 2019 GOALS

### 1. First Mark: EVANGELISM

- Plan for Parish Council to view and discuss the 5 part video series “Thy Kingdom Come” ministry in the UK, called “Sharing Jesus - How to talk about your Faith” which provided an opportunity to hear and respond to each other’s views on personal evangelism.
- We can start with a “small spark”. By sharing the “good news” of our personal lives with those near us - times when we felt God’s peace in a difficult situation, or when we felt prayer was answered - we can be witnesses to God’s love, power and authority over our lives.
- Through gentle service to others and genuine caring, as demonstrated through the Third and Fourth Marks of Mission, we draw people into our midst. Living the Golden Rule, we would do unto others as we would like to be treated.
- Evangelizing begins as worship through participating in liturgy, hearing the word of God and sharing our stories. Therefore becoming more intentional about inviting and bringing others to attend worship with us, (not just our community events) can be an important step to achieving the First Mark.

### 2. Second Mark: DISCIPLING/ TEACHING

- intentionally invite others to participate in worship and study opportunities
- continue to sincerely welcome but not overwhelm newcomers who come to our church.
- Workshop on ‘Spirituality of the Liturgy’ has been completed in March which explores the BAS Liturgy in depth.
- Scripture studies each week will continue.
- VBS will continue.
- Plan for the ‘5 Marks of Love’ study from the brothers at SSJE in the spring.
- Plan for a book study on ‘Christian Formation’ by Judy Paulsen in the fall.
- reach out to those still listed on our parish list yet who are absent.
- Blessing of the Animals worship service with special invitation to service dogs and their owners. This is usually a well-attended by community members who are nonchurched.

<p><b><u>B. LONG TERM FUTURE</u></b> -the impact of planning ahead through the Mission and Ministry Plan gives us hope for the future as we see how we are accomplishing our commission to respond to need and serve others in the name of Jesus Christ</p> <p><b><u>C. BUILDINGS</u></b> - our building is in fairly good condition</p> <p><b><u>D. FINANCES</u></b> -we had a surplus in our 2018 budget. - we always pay our apportionment in full</p>	<p><b><u>B. LONG TERM FUTURE</u></b> -we will continue to find that planning ahead through the Mission and Ministry Plan provides goals, sets out tasks and creates positive goals to strive for, rather than dwelling on possible negative future outcomes.</p> <p><b><u>C. BUILDINGS</u></b> -we are upgrading our electrical input to the building to provide for air conditioning in the summer months</p> <p><b><u>D. FINANCES</u></b> -we expect to attain a balanced budget in 2019 and have a strong financial position. -we will continue to pay our apportionment in full</p>
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*The following projection was required for the Mission and Ministry Plan for discussion purposes.*

*It is impossible to accurately predict our future financial situation*

**St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Brights Grove Five Year Financial Projection**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<i>Envelopes</i>	116,000	117,740	119,480	121,272	123,091
<i>Fundraising</i>	14,700	14,920	15,144	15,371	15,602
<i>Interest</i>	8,700	8,830	8,963	9,097	9,234
<i>Hall Rentals</i>	2,000	2,030	2,060	2,091	2,123
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>141,400</b>	<b>143,520</b>	<b>145,647</b>	<b>147,831</b>	<b>150,040</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>					
<i>Payroll and benefits &amp; honorariums</i>	73,000	74,095	75,206	76,335	77,480
<i>Building Costs</i>	4,500	4,568	4,636	4,706	4,776

<i>Administration</i>	800	812	824	837	849
<i>Insurance</i>	1,700	1,726	1,751	1,778	1,804
<i>Diocesan Apportionment</i>	15,312	15,542	15,775	16,011	16,252
<i>Outreach</i>	20,000	20,300	20,605	20,914	21,227
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>115,312</b>	<b>117,043</b>	<b>118,797</b>	<b>120,581</b>	<b>122,388</b>