

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Thursday April 15, 2021 7 PM

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

Regrets: No one sent there regrets.

The meeting was opened with a reflection led by Rev. Amanda Longmoore. She talked about Jesus offering us freedom but not comfort.

Minutes from the previous meeting.

The previous minutes were accepted as presented. Brian Bradford, Janice McAlpine

Business arising from the minutes.

There were no outstanding issues

Rector`s Report

We have decided to switch to Zoom services only moving forward.

It is more consistent, more interactive and friendlier.

Amanda was pleased with how the Easter services went.

Amanda would like to bring more music into the services, and the choir is anxious to help out as needed

The Wed afternoon social group and bible study programs are going well.

Diocesan synod is coning up Sunday May 16 online. Amanda and Janice will be attending.

Janice reported that the Bishop would like everyone to view the opening services online that day instead of attending our regular service. Amanda was unaware of this and Amanda and Janice will sort this out.

John Hardwick is a parishioner who is not electronically connected. We agreed that he can attend the 0830 service in person.

Bishop Todd is still coming May 29 to bless the pollinator garden.

Amanda's new email is amandalongmoore@diohuron.org

Warden's Report

Deb, Dave Hains and Peter are exploring a new Sarnia area shared ministry initiative. They have had a preliminary meeting. No decisions have been made.

We've been contacted about a possible wedding at our church in July 2022 from a former parishioner who lives in London. Our building is open as needed.

In May we are planning a yard cleanup before Bishop Todd comes.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue is below year to date. Expenses in March include the insurance payment of \$4207. Our apportionment, which has already been paid, was proud \$10,000 higher than last year.

Our investments for the first quarter of 2021 have not yet been received. Dave and Brian are investigating.

Dave suggested that now we are in to the second quarter, we should consider our outreach. We will donate \$2000 to the women interval home. Passed. Shirley/Ingrid

New Business

The furnace went out the Thursday before Easter. Peter investigated and has been in contact with Marks Comfort Tech and the blower has been replaced.

Jim and Marie Foubister have retired from doing the summer gardening. They have done a great job over the years. We are looking for people to come forward to help with a more sustainable, less maintenance garden area for the front.

Bishop Todd has formed a partnership with a tech company to upgrade websites.

Lawn maintenance has been covered for the summer, thanks Deb for organizing this.

Deb looked into church T shirts, it will cost \$25 per T shirt, \$30 for extra large. It would be the technical T similar to the Triathlon T shirts with a silk screen not embroidered. Deb will collect names of who wants one.

The minutes were closed in prayer. Tim/Leslie

