

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Thurs. June 11, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the ongoing Covid 19 crisis.

Opening: Reflection Fr. Shaun

Present: Brian Fogg, Peter Langille, Deb Walker, Ken Walker, Shirley MacKenzie, Shaun Eaton, Leslie Grieve, Ingrid Schmid, Janice McAlpine, Brian Bradford, Tim Crossland

Regrets: Brent Anderson, Fran Taylor

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Shaun.

The vision and mission statements served as our opening reflection. We reflected on our mission in Brights Grove. We went around the table and all gave their vision of what we feel our purpose is here in Brights Grove. Most people liked our current vision and mission statements. We did agree that we could do more outreach to youth. We could do more to reach out to the physical needs of our community. Deb suggested that we could do more to reach out electronically and IT position be created as a permanent part of the board.

Shaun reflected on his thoughts on the difference between vision and mission. Vision being a reflection of our core values and Mission being the path on how we achieve this. He suggested the strategy be added as one angle of the Trinity to help us achieve our goals.

Old Minutes:

The old minutes were accepted as presented.

Business arising from the minutes. The minutes were were accepted as presented. Ken/Janice

We have purchased a Zoom prescription so future meetings were not time limited.

Minister's Report:

Shaun discussed the vision and mission statement above.

The Archdeacon of Lambton Kent has set up a telephone line for telephone access to worship service. Shaun will convert each Sunday Service to an audio file that people can then access by telephone. There will be a cost that will be covered by the diocese.

Deb wondered who would be the contact person for technical support for this endeavour.

Shaun and Shirley thought it would be pretty straightforward. Shuan agreed to be available for telephone backup.

Deb reflected that she is having some IT fatigue issues and there should be a dedicated IT person on Council.

Shaun reflected we are meeting the needs of other parishioners with a Zoom meeting for the 0830 group this Sunday, and a plan to move forward with continued Zoom meetings for the 0830 service on the second Sunday of each month. He is doing ongoing Facebook streaming of the 10:30 service and the 10:30 service is then emailed to parishioners as a Vimeo file.

The next edition of Locust and Honey goes out tomorrow. It will have a connection to the 0830 Zoom service.

Shaun mentioned that Synod will probably not happen this year, live, and will likely be via Zoom.

Warden's Report:

The pollinator garden is going ahead, and is planned for early July. Doug Winch is preparing the neighbours for the beehive.

Peter is going to organize the media so they are aware of the pollinator garden and is organizing a media opportunity. Bruce and Leslie Grieve are helping create a sign. Tim impressed that we need get the neighbours onboard. Peter recognized Deb's effort in getting this done.

Shaun mentioned that he is the only one currently doing Livestream services in the local deanery area. He finds it stressful to do.

We talked about practically how Shaun and Rishi do the service and if there were ways we could make this less stressful for them.

Treasurer's Report:

May Financials

Brian presented the financial report. May was a good month with positive income. Our contributions are staying up. The parishioners are continuing to support our church despite the Covid Crisis. We are still down year to date by 7 %. The Triathlon will not be going ahead in July and this will present a financial challenge.

Dave reported that there is a wage subsidy program through the Diocese of \$5660 per month, on a month to month basis. We anticipate this will go on for three months minimum, perhaps through to September.

We are therefore getting back about 75% of our salaries currently.

Moved and seconded.

Leslie/Deb.

Janice wondered if the money in the memorial fund can be placed in a fund that does not appear as general revenue, and be placed in a specific fund.

Dave reported that memorial donations do not appear as income, and are in a separate line item in the

budget.

The current memorial fund is at 0 after purchasing the new chairs.

Janice moved that " money donated to the church in memorial should be directed to ongoing financial issues at the discretion of the council and not to a specific project as requested by the donating family."

Janice.

Shaun pointed out that there are legal implications, that if a family donates to a specific cause, we have to respect their issues.

We could not get a seconder to Janice's motion.

Sandra Fraser reported we have \$955 in fund script, but the number of people who are using this service are falling. We need to find a way of encouraging people to use this service.

New Business:

COVID response update. We had nothing new to add.

Iraqi family appeal. There is a plan to bring another 12 Christian people from Iraq to Lambton County. Lambton Refugee Committee at bringing them in and require \$75000 to do this. They are looking for financial contributions.

More information will be in the Honey and Locust.

Lambton Refugee Committee cannot provide tax receipts, so people should contribute through St John in the Wilderness ...to Lambton Refugee Committee to get a tax refund. See Dave for details.

Correspondence:

None.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Ingrid/Brian Bradford moved the meeting closed.