

St. John in the Wilderness
Church Council Meeting Thursday March 9, 2017
Agenda

Opening – Reflection. The meeting was opened with prayerful reflection by Janice.

The meeting was chaired by Peter and Sandra in Kim's absence.

Present: Shirley MacKenzie, Janice McAlpine, Ken Walker, Peggy Van Dusen, Nancy Mann, Sandra Fraser, Mike McAlpine, Brian Fogg, Brent Anderson, Ingrid Schmid, Peter Langille, Brendan Fraser.

Regrets: Betty Greening

Old Minutes

The February minutes were presented.
Peggy Van Dusen's name was spelled incorrectly.

Business arising from the minutes

Shirley continues to work through the key inventory. She has most of the keys accounted for. There are 50 keys out there, they are numbered from 50-100.

There are also side door keys out there, there is no record of how many of those are out there.

Approved, Brent/Shirley

Treasurer's Report

Ingrid presented an abbreviated report in Dave's absence. Surplus last month \$4240 due to HST rebate. Dave will be back in April.

New Business

We need to send a thank you note to Aruna for sending out the blaugh packages to our students away at University/College. We will put a thank you note in the bulletin.

Dr. Laura Greaves will be making the Vimy presentation on Sunday Mar. 12. Laura Greaves is the Vice President of the Sarnia Historical Society. Don Poland will be introducing her. We will have some time after at coffee hour. Fran will be Lay Minister on Sunday and is aware that the presentation will take the place of the sermon.

Pancake Supper raised approximately \$795. Thank you to all the people who helped and it was better attended and raised more money than expected.

Suggested Committee Liaisons.

If people in the congregation have a concern or question they wish get the board level, they should contact people as be:

Janice - Newsletter, L.L. Readers, Pastoral Care, Prayer Group-P in P, Anglican, advertising Fellowship of Prayer

Peggy - Newsletter, ACW
Brenden - Music, Readers List
Brent - Property; Brian Fogg - Chair
Nancy - Outreach, Communion Bearers, Lay Administrators, Coffee hour
Ken - Bluewater Triathlon/Duathlon and Website, cleaning
Ingrid - Counter
Peter - Environmental
Sandra - Out in the Cold Quilters, Prayer Shawl, Altar Guild
Dave - Sunday School
Shirley: Servers and Sides people

There has been a push to create a new website for the church. Ken who designed and maintains the current website is not sure it needs updating. The original push it seemed came from someone in the diocese who wanted a diocese wide website but this appears to have fallen by the wayside. Ken would prefer that we keep the current website. It is easy to find on the web, is maintained weekly with the current bulletin and upcoming events and is simple to update. It's currently costing the church nothing. If people wish to see different content on the website, its easily modified in its current state. The board will consider keeping it in its present form.

We continue to work towards being Green church and being recognized at Synod.

Warden's Report

Shirley thanked with a card, Jim and Marie Foubister for all the hard work cleaning, and the AA group for helping with the pancake supper.

The secretarial position continues to be advertised. Sandra will continue to do the bulletins at present.

We're not sure what the schedule for Holy week yet with Kim's absence.

Chair Report:

The eavestroughs are yet to be done, they are scheduled to go up next week. The tiles for the backsplash are still to arrive. Brian would like the Bell Tower inspected by Brian Miller from Beehive when he does the eavestrough.

Brent supervised repair of a leak in the kitchen. The fridge had a plunge drain that Mike McAlpine repaired.

New Business:

Mavis Schmid and Nancy Mann are going to put a history of the church board up in the church hall to highlight our history. She has lots of plans and she discussed this. Peter and Shirley identified that they would like the blank wall space adjacent to the kitchen to be kept clear to act as a projector area for presentations.

We have several newcomers in the past months, and we identified that we should wear our name tags during Lent to help out our newcomers with names.

Peggy wondered about a spring outdoor cleanup. We discussed what has been done in the past with outdoor yard maintenance.

Correspondence

There is no new correspondence.

The meeting was closed in prayer. Peter/Shirley.