

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Thurs. May 14, 2020

Agenda

The meeting was held virtually due to the **Covid -19** crisis.

Present: Ken Walker, Debbie Walker, Shaun Eaton, Janice McAlpine, Brian Fogg, Shirley MacKenzie, Dave Hains, Brian Bradford, Ingrid Schmid, Tim Crossland.

Regrets: Leslie Grieve.

The meeting was opened with a reflection by Rev Shaun. He read from the book “Doing the right thing in a value based economy”.

Old Minutes:

The old minutes were accepted as presented. Janice’s name was spelled incorrectly. Tim had sent his regrets last visit. Janice/Tim

Business arising from the minutes:

No discussion.

Minister's Report

No discussion.

Warden's Report

The wifi has been boosted in the church. Mike Moloney, Brian Fogg, Deb Walker and Gord Mackenzie helped with this.

The facebook streaming has been much smoother since the update.

The Triathlon is still on.

Jim Foubister continues to update the sign on the front yard.

Huron Church Camp is still planning to go.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada will let us know May 20 if our pollinating garden will be funded.

Debbie will put up a list for lawn care. Please sign up.

Peter discussed putting an invitation to join our facebook service on our sign. Peter will ask Jim to do this. Tim reminded us that one of the attractive features of the facebook stream is that it can be viewed anytime. It would be nice to continue the face stream of the service even after the pandemic ends.

We are back doing the Inn of the Good Shepherd doing takeout. The format has changed. We are still preparing meals for distribution from 4:30 -5:30 on the first Saturday of each month. The meals are now prepared, placed in disposable containers, then handed out at the door of the Inn, to minimize person to person contact. Our next turn to serve is Saturday June 6 2020. Contact Deb or Ken Walker if you want to help at 519 869 2784 or by facebook or email.

Fran Taylor suggested we remove alternate pews in the post Covid environment. We discussed this would be hard on the church pews but we could rope off alternate pews.

Treasurer's Report

April was very good for revenue with E transfers despite the Covid environment.. We are behind, with our major fundraisers not occurring yet. We are pleasantly surprised that revenue is 33% year to date, on target. Brian and Dave are delighted at the E Transfer response. Sandra remains pleased with the Fundscript response.

Moved Brian Bradford /Ingrid

Brian and Dave put together a cash flow projection to year end.

Dave presented this. He has revised the projections based on no revenue for the Triathlon. We will be in a declining cash position The Fundscript going electronic his saving us \$50 our month. He has included our commitment to Huron Church Camp. He predicts we will be in a \$9000 cash position at the end of the year.

Janice suggested the Turkey Pies may not go forward in November.

The Diocese has reimbursed us \$750 for the Wi Fi.

Dave has submitted the charity information report for this year.

New Business

We brainstormed the way forward after COVID. Shaun sent out a note discussing his thoughts on the way forward. Shaun discussed we needed to continue spiritual growth and community connectivness as we move forward.

Deb asked what we are doing for our parishioners today?

Ken noted that he has a patient in the community who has difficulty obtaining groceries for fear of contracting Covid. Ken suggested there might be others in the community who feel the same way and that a simple practical outreach would be that we put an offer on our church sign suggesting we would be available to deliver groceries or make a pharmacy run for people if they wish. "Call this number for grocery deliver". Some discussion on this occurred and no action was taken.

At this moment the meeting abruptly ended due to the Zoom session timing out.

Ken is cautiously optimistic that conditions will be such that the Triathlon, set for July 25 2020 will be able to proceed. Triathlon Ontario is optimistic as well, and is prepared to insure or event as in the past. We are still waiting on approval from the school board, the city and the county for permission to use the roads and school grounds.