

St. John in the Wilderness
Church Council Meeting April 20, 2017

Opening: Reflection Sandra Fraser

Present: Peter Langille, Brenden Fraser, Brent Anderson, Peggy Vandusen, Shirley MacKenzie, Dave Hains, Ingrid Schmid, Nancy Mann, Ken Walker, Sandra Fraser

Regret: Janice MacAlpine, Brian Fogg

Old minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were adopted with corrections. Shirley/Peter

Business arising from the minutes:

Aruna has sent out blaugh packages the our two students at post secondary school, Shirley presented a report from Aruna about this project.

Shirley continues to find keys to the church.

Shirley reports that Shoreline is no longer in business (snow removal), they have given our contact info to another company. Shirley will look into next year's snow removal plan for next year in the fall.

We are interviewing for a new secretary next week.

The "wear your name tag" push over Lent didn't go over too well. We will try again for the moth of May. This should be reinforced with the greeters. Shirley will contact the greeters.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave presented the treasures report

Annual givings are on par with last year, total revenue is a bit higher than last year, fund scripts is helping with increased revenue.

Expenses are on par with budget.

We got a large 2016 HST rebate, with some HST paid on the kitchen renovation coming back to us and this has been reflected in our smaller deficit.

We talked about Kim's absence and how this is being handled financially, and how our fill in ministers are being paid.

Dave suggested that all he could say is that current labor laws are being followed.

Dave reported that Bluewater Power is now billing monthly, but our energy charges are about the same. Kathleen Wynn's Cap and Trade program is costing us an extra \$30 per month.

Dave received a letter from Canada Revenue agency and they approved our financials for 2016.

Adopted Peggy/Sandra

New Business:

Fundraising, plant sale

Dave would like us to do a garden/ plant sale. The board elected May 27 to do this. ? 8-12 Sandra and Nancy will look into rounding up volunteers for this.

Outreach

The outreach committee has been meeting.

Nancy recently began a short term ACW based project to collect items for Huron Church Camp. Shirley wondered if we are stretching ourselves having baskets at the back for both The Inn of the Good Sheperd and Huron Church Camp. Nancy has been coordinating the ACW based drive for Huron Church Camp.

Dave wondered if the Outreach program could be formalized on a calendar for people to see the upcoming events.

The board continues to appreciate all the hard work Nancy does on outreach, but would appreciate if she could run future outreach efforts past the board before proceeding.

History of St. Johns bulletin board

Nancy spoke to the board that Nancy Mann and Mavis Schmid are prepared to create a history bulletin board for display in the Church Hall.

She explained that she and Mavis have spent some hours preparing this by going through the county archives retrieving pictures and stories. The pictures will be rotated as needed. It will be a useful resource for people visiting the church.

She pictures this to be similar in size to the Current ACW board, having it on the west wall of the church where the filing cabinet currently sits. She thinks the project would cost about \$100.

The board is in favour of the idea generally but would like to see a firm cost projection before we proceed. We agreed to table this until the next meeting when Nancy can present us with a firm idea of the costs.

Wardens Report:

No issue to discuss.

Correspondence:

MacKenzie Macht (Walker) sent a thank you note for her blaugh package.

Other Business:

The breaker in the kitchen keeps tripping. Brent suspects the feed to the kitchen is not sufficient. Peter will email Brian Fogg to see if we can get an electrician in to assess the problem.

Closing

The meeting was closed in prayer.