

St. John in the Wilderness
Church Council Meeting Thurs May 11, 2017

Present: Ken Walker, Kim Metelka, Sandra Fraser, Shirley MacKenzie, Janice McAlpine, Mavis Schmid, Brent Anderson, Nancy Mann, Peggy Van Dusen, Brain Fogg, Peter Langille, Ingrid Schmid. Mavis Schmid was present at the beginning of the meeting to make a presentation about the history board.

Regrets: Brenden Fraser, Dave Hains

Opening – Reflection Rev Kim

Peter chaired the meeting.

The April minutes were accepted as presented

Business arising from the minutes

History Bulletin Billboard.

Mavis presented her plans for a history bulletin board detailing the history of the church from its inception in 1860 to present. She presented several photographs they have collected to date. We were referred to the April minutes for further details. Mavis and Nancy have been going through the Archives in Wyoming. She's looking for funds to continue the project. She estimates the cost is \$150. Mavis put this as a motion. Mavis/Nancy.

The board voted in favour.

Outreach Committee has not yet met to propose which groups should receive disbursements.

Dave has estimated we have \$3700 available to disburse year to date.

\$800 has already been committed to Bales to the North.

Shirley and Ingrid suggested we donate \$2000 to the Inn of the Good Shepherd and \$500 to St Clair Child and Youth. Accepted. Shirley/Brent

Ken recommended we add the Alzheimers Society to the list of groups we disburse monies to.

Procedure for sharing Church Council minutes. We would like to have them available quickly following the meeting. Peter suggests we have a 48 hour turn around where board members can comment before posting.

ACW diocese council did not support the shoebox drive this year because of political issues surrounding the company behind this. The ACW will be giving us some advice about how to proceed this Christmas. Nancy will make shoeboxes available for those who choose to fill them.

The breaker that kept tripping in the kitchen has been resolved, sort of. There are three circuits in the kitchen and only one heating unit can be plugged into any particular circuit. The circuits have been labelled.

Rector's Report

Kim has applied to have the lay readers licenses renewed.

The City of Sarnia Anglican church picnic is scheduled for June 25th at Canatara Park at 10:00 AM. We're in charge of the drinks.

Janice reminded us that our Lay administrator licenses need to be renewed as well.

Treasurer's Report

Ingrid presented in Dave's absence.

We are on target at this time. Moved Ingrid/Shirley

Warden's Report

Sandra gave us a brief report of her plans for the garden and whatnot sale planned for May 27 8-12.

She encouraged people to split their perennials and have them here the night before. She's still looking for two more volunteers.

New Business

There is a Blanket Ceremony planned for St. Bart's this Saturday 9:30 - 2 pm. Rev Canon Norm Casey will be presiding. It's an educational session following from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. All welcome.

We have hired a new Secretary. Heather Holbrook has started Mondays and Fridays.

The Environment Committee would like to place a composter outside the church so that all the compostable waste from the church can be placed. Susan and Bob Halliday would like to set this up and will look after it. Peter moved we allocate \$100 to the project if needed. There might be an unused composter in the community available. Ingrid/Shirley. Passed

Correspondence

We have a letter from Sparks. They meet Mondays. They would like to continue to use the hall. No problem.

On June 4, the Diocese has proposed we put out envelopes requesting funds for the diocese of Amazonia. Kim will leave some at the back of the sanctuary. Janice will speak to the congregation about the issue in June.

Bishop Linda has sent a letter requesting that we read a letter regarding the Marriage Canon that will be voted on in 2019. This letter will be posted on the website and in the church for all to see.

The cathedral in London will reopen this Sunday following repairs.

Brian Bradford has agreed to help set up and take down for church activities.

The meeting was closed in prayer. Janice/Ken