

Congregational Council Meeting December 7 2017

Present: Nancy Mann, Ken Walker, Brenda Fraser, Dave Hains, Brent Anderson, Janice McAlpine, Ingrid Schmid, Shirley MacKenzie, Peter Langille.

Regrets: Brenden Fraser.

Sandra and Shirley prepared wine and cheese for the meeting.

Opening – Reflection Janice McAlpine.

The board reflected on the death this week of Charlotte Berry, organist at Christ Church Camlachie for many years.

Minutes:

November meeting (corrections, approval). The minutes were accepted as presented.

Business arising from the minutes

1) Mission & Ministry Plan

Dave and Shirley addressed this. Since the plans are currently due after the annual vestry, usually held by the end of January, that would make the new deadline June 30, 2018. The plan does need to be ratified by a meeting of vestry so a special vestry meeting will need to be held sometime during the month of June 2018.

2) The light on the sign was not working at 8:30pm. This has been fixed. Brent thinks either someone has been turning it off accidentally, or it is an electrical problem causing the switch to be thrown. He will put a lock on it for now.

3) One Christmas family. Sandra addressed this, we actually have two families now. Sandra is prepared to split the donations we have received, but more donations would be helpful. Please see Sandra Fraser! Shirley will speak to Heather about sending out a reminder email.

4) Vestry reports are due by January 7. This will allow Heather time to compile and prepare the Vestry report.

5) Cordless phones update - nothing to report. I haven't tried them.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly financials

Dave spoke to this. We are at a surplus position of \$39000 year to date. We are about \$1000 behind on our envelopes on the year. Expenses are down with Dave serving as interim minister. We are in good shape. Adopted Dave/Janice.

Cash offerings from the Remembrance Day service went to the Royal Canadian Legion in Camlachie and Wyoming.

Shirley, Ingrid and Brian met and set out a draft budget for 2018. Dave predicted and will budget for an interim minister for the entirety of 2018.

The remainder of our expenses are in line with 2017. Dave also is planning on budgeting for hiring a cleaning service to augment our current roster of volunteers once monthly in 2018.

Shirley will be obtaining some estimates. Moved: that we obtain quotes for a monthly cleaning of the church. Shirley/Ingrid. Passed.

We paused for a nutrition break.

Warden's Report

Sandra reported that no progress has been made yet on a selection committee, we cannot move on this until directed by the Bishop. We are being well served by Dave Hewett.

We talked that Kettle Point, Forest and Petrolia are entering into a shared ministry arrangement.

New Business

-The office printer has been repaired and paid.

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-Christmas Services. We are planning 4 Christmas Eve services. The Sunday School are planning on a Childrens lessons and Carol Service at 10:30 AM December 24 and are requesting that everyone come dressed as your favourite Christmas Character.

-Bible study will be finishing next week and then taking a Christmas break.

Correspondence.

We received thank you notes from The Alzhiemers Society and the Womans Interval Home for our donations.

Letters of thanks

Other Business

The meeting was closed in prayer. Sandra/Brent.