

St. John in the Wilderness

Church Council Meeting Thurs. December 13, 2018

Present: Brent Anderson, Ken Walker, Nancy Mann, Sandra Fraser, Shirley MacKenzie, Dave Hains, Brian Fogg, Peter Langille, Denise Hillary

Regrets: Ingrid Schmid, Brendan Fraser, Janice MacAlpine.

Agenda

Opening - Reflection - Sandra

Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes from the last meeting.

Business arising from the minutes:

-Church Hall Air Conditioning update. The project is set to proceed for the quote from Marks Comfort Tech. Brian has done a bid analysis and is convinced it is the best offer. The job will include a new unit for the hall with a warranty for 5 year on parts and labour for \$4604.75

Treasurer's Report

Current financials. We continue to do well, envelopes are close to budget year to date, fundraising is at target, hall rentals receipts are above expected. Our surplus year to date is \$61,694, primarily due to low expenses from not having a full time rector. Adopted Brain.Shirley.

2019 budget. Dave presented a budget for 2019. He expects revenue similar to this year \$138400, with predicted envelope donations of \$112200, up 2.5 % from 2018. Our expected expenses will be greater with the anticipation of a new minister in 2019 with a salary range of \$73,000 with \$7000 budgeted for moving expenses. He will present the at our annual vestry meeting.

Warden's Report

-Bishop's Commission inaugural meeting. The Bishop Commission is a group, representing different churches, to examine manpower and buildings in Lambton and Kent Deanery to see if improvements and efficiencies can be found. They met on Dec 4, Sandra has volunteered to be on this committee. She tells us that it is similar to the selection committee and she cannot speak about the committee's progress to the congregation at large. Please keep the committee in your prayers.

Shirley reported that she is exploring ways of increasing revenue through more gift cards. Specifically we can use this program to fund the cleaning supplies that the church uses.

New Business

Selection Committee update. The selection committee has been meeting regularly, they have announced that "we have met with the Bishop and the wheels are moving"

Inn of the Good Shepherd family sponsorship.

The Inn is struggling to find sponsorship for families. They have about 50 families still outstanding to be adopted for Christmas. We talked that it appears there is not enough time this year to help them out, but we encouraged individuals in the church to call the Inn if they wish to help privately. We could look at this next year.

Correspondence. We got a thank you from the Boys Home.

Nancy wondered how we thank Ross Leckie, our neighbour, for helping look after the property. In the past we have given him a gift certificate to Skeeter's for \$100. We will do this. Sandra will look after this.

Annual vestry is planned for January 13, 2019. Reports should be in by the end of the year.

Closing.

The meeting was closed on prayer.

Denise, Brent.