

St. John in the Wilderness
Church Council Meeting Thursday Jan 11, 2018

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

Regrets: None

Opening – Reflection. Sandra led us in reflection.

Old Minutes:

The minutes from our December meeting were reviewed with no change.

Business arising from the minutes:

Shirley has made no progress on getting quotes from the cleaning company.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly financials

Dave reported our revenue total revenue in 2017 was 101% budget and envelope givings 100% budget for 2017. Our expenses for the year were only 75% budget due to the change in our ministry status. We transferred \$35000 to the building fund. We distributed \$11786 in outreach. Dave will be outlining this in his Vestry report.

Dave is preparing the 2018 budget anticipating we will continue with Dave Hewett as our interim rector for the entire year.

He is planning to budget outreach for \$14000 in 2018.

Susan Halliday would like to look into repairing the pump organ and asking that we budget for this in 2018. The original organ was purchased for Christ Church for \$85 in 1915.

Warden's Report:

Shirley would like all the reports submitted electronically to Heather by January 15 in preparation for Vestry.

Sandra mentioned we made \$1494.38 from fundscript in 2017.

Shirley will be calling around to see if people in the congregation wish to have their name stand for the congregational council for 2018.

New Business:

We are planning to do another pancake supper in 2018, for Tuesday Feb 13. Shirley and Brenden will be looking into organizing this.

The February blah packages are being planned again again this year. Aruna has looked after this for the past several years. Shirley will contact Aruna again this year. Dave will budget \$75 for this.

We talked about having a yard sale as a fundraiser this year. The consensus was that it is a lot of work for the income. Often the items donated do not move and have to be disposed of by the end of the day. The plant sale we had last year was well received, but Sandra cautioned that we need lots of plants to have a successful event, and that new types of plants are welcome. We talked about mid/late May for a garden/plant sale.

Brian reported on a recent inspection of the entrance hallway to the church. There is some water getting in there that is likely a siding/flashing issue. They estimate repairs to this area could be \$4000.

He has a quote to inspect the bell tower and siding for \$1500 -2000 plus tax. This requires a one day rental of a boom lift.

He talked about the possibility of recording the bell and broadcasting it through speakers.

Dave suggested we accept this report, but leave it for the next board to act on. This was tabled until February.

Nancy suggested we remind the congregation that we are open to suggestions about who might benefit from outreach funds in 2018.

Correspondence:

Dave has thank you notes from the Boys Home, Sexual assault Survivor fund, Womens interval Home as well as Giving with grace for funds donated.

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Ingrid, seconded by Brent. The meeting was closed with the Grace.