

St. John in the Wilderness

Congregational Council Meeting Thurs. January 14, 2021

Present: Brain Fogg, Ken Walker, Peter Langille, Fran Taylor, Deb Walker, Ingrid Schmid, Shirley MacKenzie, Leslie Grieve, Janice McAlpine, Dave Hains, Brian Bradford, Brent Anderson, Tim Crossland

Regrets: None

Opening – Reflection Janice McAlpine.

Old Minutes.

The old minutes were accepted as presented. Janice was present for the last meeting, but this was not reflected in the minutes. Accepted. Dave/Deb

Business arising from the minutes.

There were none.

Warden's Report

Peter reported that we have an interim priest to start in February. She has been ordained for about 17 years, has a great deal of experience. Her name is Amanda Longmoore from New Brunswick. She has just moved to our community. She will be on a 6 month contract. She will be 3/4 time, 25 hours per week starting February 7. Kristin recommends her.

Peter reminded us to be cognizant of parishioners who are isolated or are having issues related to the Covid restrictions.

Janice continues to visit with Shaun and Rishi, but due to pastoral care and workplace issues, she can't really tell us much.

Update on church services. We are just doing face live services at present, current pandemic restrictions allow no more than three people in the building at any one time.

Treasurer's Report

This year was a financial success thanks to the support and generosity of everyone. Our total operating revenue was \$131,589 or 101% of budget. This includes \$9523 received from the government as part of the Canadian Employee Wage Subsidy (CEWS). The envelope donations were 105% of plan and we thank those parishioners who used the E-transfer function we implemented this year.

Operating expenses for the year were \$121,510 or 95.7% of plan.
In summary in 2020 there was an operating surplus of \$10,079.
Our "Outreach" commitment was on plan.
Our capital project (Pollinator Garden) was covered by a grant from
December / year-end financials

2021 Our ongoing challenge in budgeting for 2021 our uncertainty around the pandemic will continue to affect many areas of our operation, including our ability to fundraise. The government program, CEWS, is based on revenue and since our income in 2020 was relatively consistent we have not included any CEWS monies in this budget. From an expense point of view 85% of our expenses are out of our control, including our apportionment, (up by \$9200) and our insurance has doubled. It is therefore imperative that we continue to increase our revenues from all sources to meet our goals, including Outreach. We have paid our apportionment for 2021. We have budgeting operating costs of 117200 for 2021.

This was approved. Brian/Fran

New Business

Peter is hoping we are prepared for Vestry, if anyone has any other thoughts, let Deb or Peter know. So far 22 people have indicated they will be attending the zoom vestry meeting.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Tim/Brian/Shirley and Leslie moved the meeting closed.