

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday September 19, 2024

Present: Brian Bradford, Susan Halliday, Sandra Fraser, Amanda Longmoore, Mike Moloney, Brian Fogg, Leslie Grieve, Brent Anderson, Deb Walker

Regrets: Peter Langille, Ingrid Schmid, Brenden Fraser

Scribe: Mike Moloney

Opening – Amanda opened with a prayer.

MOTION to accept Agenda by Leslie seconded by Sandra. PASSED.

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

MOTION to accept by Brian B seconded by Mike. PASSED.

Business arising from the minutes – AA group and Monday day group are now insured.

Rector's Report

Amanda has had 2 weddings: Marian Deeton and Kris Mueller were married on July 6th in the church, and Calista Bannister and Monica Mayer were married on Sept 14 at their family home. We have had 3 baptisms as well: Hattie Van Gaver on July 14, and cousins Bryson and Melinda-Rose Hodges on Aug 4.

We gathered for a service at Canatara Park on July 7, all 6 parishes in the Sarnia area took part and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

This past Sunday the bishop's office announced that Sean Davidson, the priest at Trinity, Sarnia, will be our new Regional Dean.

Coming up, Amanda will be away from Sept 23-27 (Mon-Fri) for Provincial Synod in Sault Ste. Marie. We have a Blessing of Animals service planned for Sun, Sept 29th.

On Sun, Oct 6 Amanda has been asked to lead worship at the Cathedral, and that Sunday Jenny Sharp will be back with us for both 8:30 and 10:30 services.

Diocesan Synod takes place Oct 18-19 (Fri - Sat) in London; Amanda and Sandra Fraser will represent our parish.

Looking ahead to Christmas, Amanda plans to keep the same schedule of services we've had the past few years: Christmas Eve at 7pm and 10pm, and Christmas Day at 10am. We will have Lessons and Carols on Sun, Dec 22.

Warden's Report Deb

Property committee was very active over the summer months. Looking at sound dampening in the hall i.e. acoustic tiles. Peter inspected the acoustic panels at the White Squirrel near Grand Bend. We are also looking at sound issues for the Church and Hall. In the Fall we will start the investigation of sound dampening technology then look into the Church/Hall sound systems. Juice Computer was mentioned since they recently installed a sound and video system at the Indian Road Redeemer Lutheran Church. Deb reported that Haley will issue the first cheque from the Triathlon by October 31, 2024. Deb also would like to thank all the volunteers who cut the grass and cleaned the church and the other important tasks throughout the year. She felt we all have done a great job with the up keep.

Property Committee – Brian B.

A special thanks to Jim Foubister who painted the hand rails in September. A quick review of the items completed this year. i.e. The AC condensers were cleaned in the spring. The plan is to do this yearly. The south parking lot was graded. The new dehumidifier drains have worked very well over the summer. Hucker deep floor cleaner used to clean the Hall floors worked very well. The red carpet in the church will be shampooed soon. All EXIT signs are working. All outside night lights are functioning properly. The bushes and trees were pruned in August. Fall leaf racking and crawl space vent closures are being scheduled. It was noted that many of the major items on the list have been completed.

ACW Report

Leslie reported the tree planting in memory of Charlene Adams was done and now the ACW group is investigating a memorial idea for Brenda Clingersmith. ACW has allocated a \$1000 toward sound system initiatives. October 20, 2024 will be ACW Sunday. The ACW is planning to move their Scotiabank Account to Libro to save costs.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue was 80% of goal in August. Investment income and expenses were on track with budget. There were additional charges for the church insurance to include missing liability for employees and Wardens. The extra cost was an additional \$700. These charges were missed with the new insurance policy. Bank account is currently in good shape. There was discussion to move St John in the Wilderness account from Scotiabank to Libro. The wardens and treasurers will investigate if this is worth the savings. More review will be done before making a decision.

MOTION to accept by Brent seconded by Susan. PASSED by all.

New Business

A motion to investigate moving St John in the Wilderness account from Scotiabank to Libro. The proposed saving would be over \$300 a year.

MOTION to accept by Brian Fogg seconded by Leslie. PASSED by all.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

Sandra going to organize the Fund Script orders again this year. Any questions regarding this please contact Sandra.

Key dates:

October 1, 2024 - The Fund Script forms will be available at the back of the church.

November 13, 2024 - The names of students to receive the February Blahs Gifts needs to be received.

December 1, 2024 - All completed forms and monies to be handed to Sandra Fraser

December 8, 2024 - Cards will be issued.

MOTION to adjourn by Sandra

Closing

The meeting was closed with the grace.