

# St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday May 9, 2024

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

Regrets: Ingrid Schmid, Peter Langille,

Scribe: Mike Moloney

**Opening** – Amanda opened with a prayer.

**MOTION to accept Agenda by Leslie seconded by Deb PASSED by all.**

**Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)**

**MOTION to accept by Brenda seconded by Sandra PASSED by all.**

**Business arising from the minutes - none**

## **Rector's Report**

Amanda has reported she has been very busy with pastoral care and funerals in the last four weeks. Amanda wanted to thank everyone that helped with the services by providing food, setup and cleanup and everything in-between. There was approximately 176 people who attended Brenda Clingersmith service. Unfortunately, not everyone could get in the church. However, everyone did participate in the celebration. Charlene Adams service had around 100 people. On May 8 there was a very quick Diocesan Synod Zoom call. Amanda has noted she put her name in for provincial synod. Amanda also has recently had a meeting with Charlotte Toyne. Charlotte will be completing her internship at our St John-in-the-wilderness church starting early September and ending early December.

## **Warden's Report Deb**

Deb felt preparation for special events needs to include set up (already included) and tear-down - putting things away and some clean up (including sweeping/mopping of the hall floor, kitchen, and between the pews, vacuuming of the church carpet, and removal of garbage for example – this gets done more easily and safely and when a group is involved). This was done well after Brenda's funeral – let's keep this practice up.

It was a good week with washing the north and east exterior of the Church and Hall. Also, the fence was cleaned. The fire extinguishers were inspected by Sentry Fire in May. Work will start on the south church windows on Monday May 13, 2024. This work will take approx. 3 weeks to complete.

### **Property Committee – Brian B.**

The dehumidifiers have been switched between the Church and Hall so the white one is in the hall and the black one is now in the church. This change was done for esthetics. Some of the gravel needs to be raked back from the winter snow plowing on the northwest side of the church. The church speaker at rear of church is working well. The trench south of hall will soon be leveled and seeded.

### **ACW Report**

Leslie reported that six people went down to the annual ACW meeting. It was reported very well received. The ACW is reflecting about planting a Tree for Charlene Adams memory. A possible tree choice may be a dogwood.

We are also looking at doing something for Brenda Clingersmith memorial. Possible something for the church i.e. new sound system or some other church improvement fund.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We met our operating revenue for the month of April. Still behind for the year. A big thanks to everyone. Still have \$36,500 of expenses needing to be paid shortly. ie insurance, windows and scheduled apportionment. We may need to cash in a GIC to cover the church bank account shortage.

**MOTION to accept by Brian B seconded by Brian F PASSED by all.**

### **New Business**

We need a committee to look at investigating a new sound and or video system in the Church / Hall.

**MOTION to accept by Mike seconded by Deb PASSED by all.**

There is going to be a plant sale on Saturday May 25, 2024. Sandra is looking for donations of plants.

### **Correspondence**

none

### **Other Business**

**MOTION to adjourn by Brenden**

**Closing** (The meeting was closed with the grace.)