

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday June 13, 2024

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

Regrets: Ingrid Schmid, Peter Langille, Leslie Grieve, Brent Anderson

Scribe: Deb Walker

Opening – Amanda opened with a prayer.

MOTION to accept Agenda by Brenden seconded by Mike PASSED by all.

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

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

Business arising from the minutes - none

Rector's Report

Charlotte Toyne is not going to do a student internship with us. She has changed her plans.

Sam Thomas retired at the end of May (with a month vacation in June). As of July 1, Amanda is leaving her role as Regional Dean of Lambton and taking on the role of Archdeacon of London & Lambton. This is a part-time role; Amanda will continue as our Rector.

Amanda is on vacation Monday, August 5 through Monday, September 2.

On July 6 Marian Deeton and Kris Mueller will be married in the church. Friday, July 5 they will be in to decorate. Marian's father has a connection with the church.

We have 3 baptisms coming up.

We have a funeral tomorrow at Lakeview cemetery, June 14, for a person outside of our parish.

Warden's Report (Deb)

Pilates will continue in the summer months.

Plywood platforms are in the shed for summer services (for support of keyboard and amplifiers). We agreed that 22 deg C is the minimum temperature for an outdoor service, with Brenden and Amanda looking at wind and precipitation. Tuesday or Wednesday, Amanda and Brenden start assessing conditions. Friday morning Amanda sends a note to the parish saying we will try outdoors and to bring lawn chairs.

Property Committee – Brian B.

Sump pump trench north of the building has been seeded (remediated).

We are going to put in one last garden west of the shed (in the fall).

Shelves have been put in the shed.

Grass cutting list is full.

Security light bulbs have been replaced and the timers have been set (this was a journey of discovery).

We have replaced the 3 blocked vents on the east side of the building. Insulation from the floor had fallen and was blocking the vents.

Front yard clean up is complete.

Emergency lights have been tested (one battery replaced).

We are assessing means to sound dampen in the hall.

In the fall we will kick off a committee to assess, improve/acquire a sound system (church and hall), service video system, and projector. This will be an incremental/multigenerational approach.

In the next couple of weeks Wes Allen will grade the shoulder south of the church to drain into the catch basin east of the porch. This is weather dependent.

ACW Report

We had 45 women at St. John in the Wilderness last week from Anglican churches throughout Lambton. The music and voices were magical. We had a service, a potluck, bible trivia, other games and a craft.

Treasurer's Report

We cashed a \$20,000 GIC. This was memorial fund money that was placed in GIC. We used the money for improvements, including the new windows.

We had \$2,300 in memorial donations in the last month.

Givings was good but lagged about \$500 behind target. And \$1,400 behind a balanced operating budget.

Our monthly insurance installment is set \$800.

Our first of 3 apportionment installments will go in this week – each installment is \$7095.

We are in a good cash position – but do need to address our operational deficit.

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

New Business

Our plant sale brought in \$480. And it was a lot of fun and good community presence/outreach.

Insurance for AA: The new application process for 2024 is not user friendly. When AA applied their insurance went from \$175 to \$291. Amanda had a conversation with Stephen McClatchie and learned that we can still use the 2023 process to apply, which addresses the issue. AA has been using the building for more than 50 years and value this building. This is very special.

Correspondence

none

Other Business

Next parish council meeting will be Thursday, September 12.

MOTION to adjourn by Brenden.

Closing (The meeting was closed with the grace.)