

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday October 17, 2024

Present: Brian Bradford, Susan Halliday, Sandra Fraser, Amanda Longmoore, Mike Moloney, Brent Anderson, Deb Walker; Peter Langille, Ingrid Schmid

Regrets: Leslie Grieve, Brenden Fraser, Brian Fogg

Scribe: Deb Walker

Opening – Amanda opened with a prayer.

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

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

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

Business arising from the minutes – none.

Rector's Report

PAST

- Was in Sault Ste Marie for 5 days in late September for Provincial Synod.
- Celebration of Life for Pam Hill (Denise's mom) end of September.
- Was at Cathedral Sun morning, October 6, everything went well there and heard from Rev. Jenny that she enjoyed her time with us.
- Had a joyful Thanksgiving service this past Sunday!

CURRENT

- Attending opening service for Diocesan Synod tomorrow evening at the Cathedral, with Diocesan Synod meetings running all day Saturday.
- We had originally planned for ACW Sunday this coming Sunday, but decided to reschedule, probably to mid- to late- Nov, stay tuned.

FUTURE

- Remembrance Sunday - November 3 (earlier than usual this year) -- joining Camlachie United at 10 for worship, then on to Cenotaph.

NOTE

- As a thank you from the diocese for my work as Archdeacon, the diocese is covering the cost of my parish travel while I serve in that role

Warden's Report Deb

Peter indicates there are self adhesive acoustic tiles which are not expensive which we could install on the church hall ceiling (would cost about \$50 for a box; a box would cover about 2 church tables of ceiling - 12 tiles per box, each tile is 1 foot x 1 foot). Aim is to reduce noise so people can hear each other better over coffee hour etcetera. Many parishioners have asked us to address the acoustics such that they may hear each other better.

MOTION to purchase a small quantity of acoustic tile to try (up to \$400) by Peter seconded by Brent. PASSED

Jayne Primeau published another beautiful pic of our church in fall (with the new storm window).

Property Committee – Brian B.

Parking lot was graded this summer by Lakeshore Lawncare (Wes Allen), we will assess in the spring if it needs to be graded again.

Some of the work done by volunteers in our parish:

- This spring we will top-dress and seed just north of the church where the trench was dug to drain our sump to the catch basin at the south-east corner of the church.
- Red carpet in church and brown hall carpet were cleaned in October, likely an annual task.
- Hall floor to be cleaned this fall.
- Fall leaf clean up will be scheduled once the leaves fall more.
- Main lawn sign outside in front of the church hall may have work done to ease opening and closing.
- Sound system, video project to start after sound dampening acoustic tile project.
- We have finished most of the major post-Covid projects and getting down to routine maintenance and a couple of targeted projects.

ACW Report

No report

Treasurer's Report

We received the monthly Financial Operations Statement from Brenden, neither Treasurer was present so there was no report.

New Business

None

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 Susan

Closing

The meeting was closed with the grace.