

# St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday March 14, 2024

Present: Peter Langille, Brian Bradford, Brent Anderson, Susan Halliday, Sandra Fraser, Brenden Fraser, Amanda Longmoore, Mike Moloney, Brian Fogg, Ingrid Schmid

Regrets: Deb Walker, Leslie Grieve

Scribe: Mike Moloney

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

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

**MOTION to accept by Peter seconded by Brenden PASSED.**

**Business arising from the minutes - none**

## **Rector's Report**

Amanda was in London February 27, 2024 for a diocesan Lenten quiet day. The parish took part in the World Day of Prayer March 1, 2024 at London Road West United Church. It was a nicely attended service. Amanda gave Brent a special thanks for hanging pictures, etc. on her office walls. Peter and Deb have been working with Amanda with regards to the Church Web site development. They are looking at creating a password protected section for parishioner access only. Amanda announced she is planning on taking Vacation between Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Warden's Report Peter**

A quote was received to replace the basic sound system. The cost was \$10,000. A quote to include hall speaker and a projector raised it to \$18,000. This \$18,000 also included a camera to record the service. Short term we will be looking at moving the choir speaker to the back of the church to see if this resolves the low volume issue.

## **Property Committee – Brian B.**

The chairs for Amanda's office are on order. The South Hall windows are also on order and will arrive in 5-6 weeks. Installation of the South Hall windows will be scheduled after the windows have arrived. The church's higher south windows have been measured and ordered. Electrical kitchen upgrade completed today. This will allow for many items to be plugged in together without tripping the electrical breakers. (Example: Pancake grills.) Hall Floor was deep cleaned about 3 weeks ago. Shed

ramp now installed. Dehumidifier Hall drain to be installed. March 15, 2024

### **ACW Report**

ACW Diocesan annual meeting will be in London April 27<sup>th</sup>. Soup and Sandwich is happening on Palm Sunday. Need a few more Sandwich makers.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Expenses are above plan since we are in the winter season. Envelopes are short about 3.4% of budget. Currently \$17,000 in bank but we will need to also use the memorial funds to cover many capital expenses already mentioned in the Property Committee Report. There was a conversation to spread apportionment to help cash flow. This may be implemented if needed. One final note is that we have received our insurance amount for 2024 and it is slightly less than we had budgeted for.

**MOTION to accept by Brian seconded by Mike PASSED**

### **New Business**

Eve is working on a new rain barrel fund raiser.

### **Correspondence**

none

### **Other Business**

**MOTION to adjourn by Ingrid**

### **Closing**

The meeting was closed with the grace.