

# St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday February 13, 2025

Present: Brian Bradford, Sandra Fraser, Mike Moloney, Brian Fogg, Brent Anderson, Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Amanda Longmoore, Aruna Anderson, Ingrid Schmid, Sandy Dawson, Kathy Morris

Regrets: Leslie Grieve, Brenden Fraser, Susan Halliday

Scribe: Deb Walker

**Opening** – Amanda opened with a prayer. We then introduced ourselves as we welcomed Kathy Morris and Sandy Dawson to our Parish Council.

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

**MOTION to accept by Sandra seconded by Kathy PASSED by All.**

**Business arising from the minutes.**

## **Rector's Report**

Looking back:

- been sick for the past 2 weeks but now feeling better!
- been away a lot of Sundays -- 1 week vacation, 1 week in Long Island NY for an ordination, 1 week sick, 1 week away to chair vestry meetings in other parishes as the Archdeacon -- thanks so much to Sandra F and Nicole who have led worship while I've been away

Looking forward:

- Lent begins Mar 5 -- pancake supper on Tues, Mar 4, 5-7pm
- we will be hosting the World Day of Prayer service on Fri, Mar 7 at 11 am
- wedding here at the church on Sat, Mar 8 at 3pm -- Jonathan Burwell & Maize Draper

## **Wardens' Report**

Mike demonstrated the website to parish council.

Nicole Grieve is going to work with our church secretary to send reminders to people scheduled to host coffee hour after the 10:30 am service – similar to reminders that are sent for counting, cleaning, and lawn mowing.

Post Vestry we have updated the contact sign outside the hall door (a new Deputy Warden), the minutes are in process with Karen, and bulletin board leadership team and council email distribution lists have been updated, The Diocesan reports will be completed by Brian F (financials), Ingrid (safe church), Deb (certificate of election, Vestry report upload, and Amanda (Statistics). Executive will have a March agenda item to ensure all the Diocesan reporting is on track.

### **Property Committee – Brian B.**

Custom Plumbing **repaired two small leaks in pipes at the northwest corner of the bathroom** in the northwest corner of the church hall. These pipes froze multiple times in January when we had cold weather and over 10 days of strong northwest winds. Custom Plumbing also **replaced the main water valve to the church** under the trap door of the bathroom in the northeast corner of the church hall. The need for replacement of this main water valve was discovered during the initial repair to the northwest bathroom pipes. The invoice from Custom Plumbing was just over \$1000 - which we paid in January. Brent, Mike, and Brian B installed insulation to mitigate freezing in the future. Brent and Mike plan to replace the drywall which was removed.

Mike updated us on the **storage room floor repair**. Brent and Mike examined it from the crawl space; the joists are in good shape. Mike showed us pictures from under the crawl space. Three wheels of the north table cart have penetrated the floor. The wood of the current floor is in good condition (rot was not detected) but is thin for the job. The storage room will have a 3/4-inch plywood applied over the existing floor. This is a rough spruce plywood and because we are installing tile, we need to put a 1/4-inch underlay over the plywood which will make a full 1-inch floor before tile. We will use industrial tile similar to what the current floor has; the tile has held up well. At the same time a cold air return will be installed; this will help eliminate the musty smell that sometimes develops in that room when the door is left shut. Repairs will start Wednesday, February 19 and hopefully be done on Saturday, February 22.

Once this work is complete the team will refocus on items which have been planned for 2025.

### **ACW Report**

Pancake supper will be March 4. We will host World Day of Prayer March 7. ACW had a speaker from St. Joseph Hospice come and speak. Sandra said it was very good. Hospice is an amazing place and a comfort for many. We have parishioners with experience with Hospice, just ask if you want to consider.

Kathy wondered if it would be good to have a presentation from Hospice at a 10:30 am service – this is something we agreed to mull. We did something similar last year with Myles Vanni, Executive Director of The Inn of the Good Shepherd.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Brian Fogg presented the January income statement. Givings were higher than budget; we believe this is due to delayed Christmas givings. However, January met budget which is unusual.

On the expense side we did well, particularly due to the temporary reduction of Amanda's salary charge to us (the Diocese is covering  $\frac{3}{4}$  of her salary for January through April), and our insurance premium was not deducted (it will eventually be deducted). We did cover the water line and water valve repair costs for just over \$1000.

Brian is managing the transition to Libro bank.

**MOTION to accept by Brian seconded by Brent PASSED by all.**

## **New Business**

Sandra Fraser is wondering if a Fundscrip order in September, as kids return to school, would help raise funds for the church. Sandra requested the 2024 money earned from FundScrip; Brian F indicated it was \$850. Council discussed an August vs May date for another FundScrip hardcopy/parish order – attendance is good in May but low in August – pros and cons for both dates.

We had discussion on a parishioner's request to use the rail for communion. After much discussion we may try offering bread at the rail, with some of us setting example of standing (to encourage those who cannot safely kneel to stand), and wine just at the step of the sanctuary (where it is currently).

## **Correspondence**

We have three thank you notes from our Outreach partners and a verbal thank you and meeting from the fourth. This includes Women's Interval Home, Alzheimer's Society, St. Clair Child and Youth, and The Inn of the Good Shepherd. Thanks very much to the parish for your outreach.

## **Other Business**

None

**MOTION to adjourn by Ingrid**

## **Closing**

The meeting was closed with the grace.