

Parish of St. Andrew's, Timberlea  
Minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Present: Rev. Mike, Rev. Judie, Renee Fraser, Rick Orlando, Bev Higgins, Rick Morash,  
Linda Strachan, and Angela Miller.

Regrets: Doug Gillett, Jo-Anne Rector, Nicole Chenell.

The meeting opened with Rev. Mike leading in prayer.

- 1) Rick Orlando made the motion for the approval of the Parish Council Agenda, seconded by Rev. Judie. Motion carried.
- 2) The motion to accept the Parish Council Minutes was made by Linda Strachan, Seconded by Bev Higgins. Motion carried.
- 3) Soup kitchen: No report.
- 4) Rector's Report: As circulated. Rev. Mike was pleased with the confirmation of 16 candidates, some of whom will be future servers.
- 5) Communications: No report.
- 6) Wardens' Report: As circulated. Rick Orlando stated that a draft brochure for the Endowment Fund was being put together with the assistance of Tim Dellapinna. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be 4 polling stations set up in the church hall, and Elections Canada have agreed to pay the sum of \$360.00 for leasing with us. Revisions to the organist contract are still ongoing upon receipt of further information from the Diocesan Centre. A vacation planner was also discussed. The Easter letters have been mailed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report: As circulated. Bev remarked that March was a good month and that the insurance policy was paid for the year. Comparative analyses of receipts and disbursements were made for YTD 2011 and YTD 2010.
- 8) Ways&Means: Linda Strachan informed that \$267.21 was raised at the recent coffee house. Future fund-raisers, in the month of May, include a Country Music Concert on May 1<sup>st</sup> and a Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction for May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) Property Report: A meeting of the Property Committee will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Keith Fraser's home.
- 10) Spiritual Development Report:  
a) Rev. Judie advised that a case of 120 Bibles had been purchased at \$5.99 each. There are 6 Bibles in the Rector's Office and the remainder are at Rev. Judie's home.

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10) Spiritual Development Report: (Continued)

b) On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, George Henault and his cast members of the Acts Theatre Society from New Glasgow put on a wonderful performance that was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Ladies Group also served a hot lunch for this occasion.

c) On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the St. Margaret's Bay Boys Honours Choir will be performing at the 10:30 am church service here. The Youth will conduct the service.

11) Sunday School Report: Catherine, Puppeteer, will be working with the students in making puppets for their puppet show as part of the Sunday school closing.

12) Choir Report: a) The choir held a lengthy practice on April 13<sup>th</sup> preparing for Holy Week and Easter services. This was the first practice for about a month after the Organist's surgery and recovery.

b) Bev Pattison, formerly a choir member of St. John's in Fairview, has joined the choir along with Jinny Giza. Edith expressed her gratitude for their commitment.

c) Tim Edwards will perform the flute at the Easter service, before the service and during the ablutions after Communion. Edith expressed her thanks to Tim for sharing his talent at these special services.

d) The organ bench had been cleaned; however, a sticky residue remained afterwards. Edith plans to use Pledge to undo hopefully the stickiness.

e) The Hammond organ in the Fellowship Room belongs to the Organist. Over the summer, someone opened the cover of the bench and upon closure, bent the brace which held up the cover. It was decided by Council that the Property Committee should arrange for repairs to the organ bench.

13) Pastoral Care Report: Rev. Mike read Connie Hudson's report, which stated that 50 phone calls were made, 16 visits, and 15 cards were mailed out to Parishioners.

14) Ladies Group Report:

a) Linda reported that the Ladies Group had provided lunches for two funerals. The group has catered to a total of five funeral receptions in the last four months. They have appealed for assistance from Parishioners outside of the Ladies Group in offering to make sandwiches or sweets as well as serving at these receptions. The Council members thanked Linda and the members of the Ladies Group for all their hard work and dedication.

b) Preparations are underway for the upcoming annual yard sale on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

14. Outreach Report: Renee reported that Marilyn Hamlin, who is the PWRDF Co-ordinator, had announced that the Primates Fund is having a fund-raiser for the Japanese relief efforts resulting from the devastation left by the earthquake and Tsunami. The Canadian government has offered to double what donations are made towards this relief effort for Japan.

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15) Stewardship: None.

16) Clericus & Regional Council: Rev. Mike shared with us that the Diocesan Synod is reorganizing itself so that there will be two members from each region, consisting of one clerical member and one lay delegate. The motions, that will be put forth at Synod on the weekend of May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, are available online through the Diocesan website.

17) New/Special Business:

a) Bev discussed about accounting software that is being used by St. Thomas Church in Fall River. She wants to go out to the church to become familiar with the computer system. Bev thought this type of accounting software would be user friendly. She believes that the cost would be around \$500.00 to purchase, but will do more research on costs.

- b) Rick Orlando, on behalf of the Finance Committee, put forth the following recommendation to Council as a motion:
- All expenditures, other than normal expenditures approved in the annual budget, in excess of \$ 1,000.00 will be sent to the Finance Committee for recommendation prior to approval by Parish Council.
- A discussion followed amongst Council members. As no consensus was arrived at, it was decided to defer the motion until next Parish Council meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- c) With respect to the insurance policy to do with 3<sup>rd</sup> party damage claims, Bev had forwarded a letter to Jamie of the Property Committee about scheduling checks on the oil tank. **It will be necessary in the future to check the tank for any oil leaks, and report it to the insurance company within 120 hours of any leak.**
- c) St. Luke's church and lot
- i) Renee read e-mail received from Doug Gillett that had been given to Nassim Ghosn, the developer, who is interested in the property. The e-mail was addressed to Geoff Keddy and Reg Rankin from MacKenzie Stonehocker. The 3 parcels - vacant lot zoned R-4, existing church zoned P-2, and single unit dwelling, R-1 - are designated urban residential under the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS).
- ii) Regarding the possibility of a rezoning, the MPS specifically eliminates the possibility of rezoning this land to a higher density residential zone such as R-4 or R-2. Even for the parcel that is zoned R-4, the MPS and LUB strictly prohibits any new multiple unit dwellings.
- iii) It may be possible to rezone R-4 and P-2 portions to R-1, as the R-1 zone is the base zone in the area.
- iv) For development agreements, there are policies that allow Council to consider either townhouses (Policy UR-9) or a licensed long-term care facility through a development agreement (Policy UR-10).
- v) However, there are sewer capacity issues in this area, so Halifax Water would not be able to recommend in favour of a development agreement for either townhouses or a long-term care facility if the proposal increased the potential sewage. Once things are sorted out at Nine Mile River, the possibility of a development agreement might be more likely.
- vi) Finally, a development agreement is a public process, which requires approval by Community Council, so there is no guarantee of the outcome.
- d) In the Finance Committee Report, it was recommended that the logistics of the sale of St. Luke's be brought to the Finance Committee for discussion. Again, representing Doug Gillett, Renee referred to the Minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 where it had been decided that Doug Gillett would report to the Executive and to Parish Council only with regards to the sale of St. Luke's property. Council agreed to keep the status quo. In addition, Doug also noted that the mandate of the Finance Committee must also include the duties as written up in Canon 35.
- e) Parish Council Retreat has been changed to June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 1:00 pm.
- f) Information sessions will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> on the blessing of same sex unions. These dates will be included in the church bulletin as well as the surveys.
- g) Rick Morash, seconded by Rev. Judie, nominated Erica Orlando to be our delegate at the Synod meeting from May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.
- i) Rick Morash moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 pm.