

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 24, 2014

Present: Bev Pattison, Myril Wells, Anne Dauphinee, Rev Mark Pretty, Helen Clattenburg, Jinny Giza, Bev Higgins, Rick Morash, Linda Strachan, Wendy Wells, Anne Fraser, Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Rev Judie Lafford

Regrets: Rick and Erica Orlando

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 pm led by Rev. Mark Pretty.

Parish of St. Andrews

1.4 The approval of the agenda was moved by Myril and seconded by Jinny. Carried.

1.5 Bev H moved and Bev P seconded the approval of the minutes as circulated with one clarification. In 3.2 it should state “The interest will go into the general fund to help with the deficit immediately.” Carried.

1.6 Ongoing Business – We are not going to get the church bell from St. Luke’s as it would have cost us money to have it removed and reseal the roof.

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 Communications – No communications.

2.2 Rector’s Report – **Rev. Mark Pretty will be licensing the following people as Lay Readers: Wendy Wells, Doug Gillett, Donna Ruggles. He will also license the following as Eucharistic Ministers: Donald Schwartz, Gordon Hamlin, Jinny Giza, Shawn Rideout, Donna Ruggles, Doug Gillett and Wendy Wells. Parish Council has approved these licenses.**

This upcoming Sunday will be a Children’s Service with the youth taking part. There will be a children’s talk instead of a sermon. Rev. Mark asked if there was any feedback with these services. Most members of council heard good things. Rev Judie suggested that Rev Mark should use a mike on the altar. Rick M will look into the cost of this.

Rev Mark also asked for feedback on Lent and Holy Week. The feedback seemed be all good. Rick M mentioned that guests in the church sometimes have trouble finding the pages in the prayer book.

2.2.1 – Committee Challenge – Spiritual Development will do a Hymn Sing in the fall and memorial angels again. Anne F will take this to the Ladies Group.

Rev Mark thanked Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn for all their work during Lent and Holy Week. He also thanked Wendy for the extra bulletin work and Edith for all the extra music especially on Good Friday. He thanks Tim Edwards for the flute music on Easter Sunday.

2.2.2 – Vacation – Rev Mark has requested the weekend of May 17-18th off to run in the Bluenose Marathon. He said he and his family always participate in this. Parish Council was okay with him taking the time off.

- 2.3 Warden's Report – The Wardens dealt with the sale of St. Luke's Church. They also attended all the Easter services.

Following Committees

- 3.1 Treasurer's Report – Bev Higgins mentioned there is a big deficit. The Property Insurance has been paid. The cost of fuel is still high. Bev H moved and Rev Marilyn seconded the approval of this report. Carried.

- 3.2 Finance Report – Linda suggested that we not purchase Lenten Coin Cards as they cost \$80 for 50. She suggested most people don't put coins in them anyways and that an envelope could be used instead. There was some concern that envelopes might not bring in as much money. Linda said the coin cards could be available on request. We are to think about this over the next few months.

- 3.3 Ways and Means Report –

3.3.1. *Shop and Support* – Rev. Mark will get more information on this.

3.3.2. *Community Block Party* – There is nothing further on this.

3.3.3. *Lobster Supper* – Rick M's idea.

3.3.4. *Challenging Groups* – Council will try to challenge the groups. There are no events scheduled until the fall.

- 3.4 Property Report and Cemetery - The yard clean up will take place this Saturday, after the men's breakfast.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report – Rev. Judie said she enjoyed the Ash Wednesday Service and all the Wednesday evening prayer services. She thanked Rev. Mark. A meeting with the Sunday School will take place soon. Jinny has accepted the position of Chair of the Pastoral Care Committee. Attendance was up at the Wednesday evening prayer services during Lent. Rick M suggested that only new stuff be printed in the bulletin each week. Anything that has been in it too long should be removed and added to the list of ongoing notices. It was also suggested that the names on the sick list be removed every month and a new list started. We will postpone this until Wendy is back.

When doing the Prayers of the People, there should be a pause to let members of the congregation add in their own. Rev. Mark said he will conduct a Prayers of the People workshop to give a few tips.

4.2 Sunday School Report – No report.

4.3 Choir Report – Allan (friend of the Edwards) will be coming to play on June 8th. He will also be playing at Edith's at Christmas, Dec 27 or 28 for a house party.

4.4 Administration Committee Report –.No report.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

5.1 Pastoral Care Report – The Pastoral Care Committee made 33 phone calls, 40 visits and sent out 5 cards. They also did 22 Communion visits.

5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – We met on April 3rd and welcomed Joan Foren who spoke to us about Osteoporosis. We changed the date of our Yard Sale to May 3rd from 9 to 12 noon.

5.3 Outreach Report – No report.

Stewardship

Clericus-Regional Council-Diocesan Synod or Office

7.1 Rev Marilyn and Rev Judie attended Clericus. They had a guest minister from the Lutheran Church as a speaker. The next meeting of Clericus will be held on May 21st at St. Margaret's Church on the Peggy's Cove Rd. Rev. Marilyn, Jinny Giza and Erica Orlando attended Regional Council. Laurie Omstead will represent the Region as the clergy rep on Diocesan Council. Lynn Uzams did a presentation on a Healthy Church. Diocesan Council is concerned about the number of Bishops we have. The next Regional Council meeting will take place on June 9th at St. John's Church

Outstanding or New Business

8.1 St. Luke's – The church has been sold and the cheque has been received. Bev H will take it into the diocese and have it invested. We thank Doug for all the work he did on selling St. Luke's. We received \$200,000 minus the deposit of \$2500, which was never received, legal fees and real estate fees. This left a balance of \$188,702.20.

8.2 Recycling – An account for St. Andrew's Church has been set up at the Timberlea Bottle Exchange by Bill Kelley. Anyone who wants to donate their bottle refunds to the church can ask that it be deposited to the Church's account.

- 8.3 Parish Web Site** – Rev Mark asked who looks after the Parish Web Site. Tim Dellapinna has been doing this since its beginning. Rev Mark felt that someone in the parish should know how to maintain it as well. Rev Mark will talk to Tim at the clean up on Saturday about training someone in the parish to update the site when needed.
- 8.4 Organizational Chart** – Rick Orlando updated the Organizational Chart and has offered to take on the responsibility of looking after this when changes occur. It was moved by Bev P and seconded by Myril that the updated Organizational Chart presented to council be accepted as circulated. Carried.
- 8.5 List of Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers** – The minutes of this meeting will be sent to Rev Mark ASAP with the names of the Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers.
- 8.6 Service of New Ministry** – Linda is waiting to hear back from Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury with a date for the service of new ministry for Rev Mark. It was agreed that when Linda receives some dates from the Archdeacon that Rev Mark will choose a date from these.
- 8.7 First Sunday of the Month – BCP** – The first Sunday of the month has traditionally been a BCP service at 10:30 am. Rev Mark would like to change this so that BCP is used at all 9:00 am services and BAS used at all 10:30 am services. The Diocese says that both books are to be used equally - 50% BAS and 50% BCP. He would also like to use the first Sunday of the month for Baptisms combined with the children's services. Someone suggested having a Baptism Anniversary Service once a year to make contact with the children who are baptized. It was voted on by the Parish Council members that effective immediately all 10:30 am services will be BAS services, while the 9:00 am services will remain BCP. The motion was carried with two contrary minded.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Myril moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:55 pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **May 15th at 7 pm.**

Regrets for the next meeting were received from Wendy Wells, Rick Morash, Rev. Marilyn Hamlin, Bev Pattison and Myril Wells.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells
Secretary.