

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 5, 2013

Present: Helen Clattenburg, Anne Fraser, Rev Judie Lafford, Bev Higgins, Jean Schwartz, Linda Strachan, Wendy Wells, Rick Morash.

Regrets: Erica Orlando, Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Bev Pattison, Myril Wells, Raymond Scott.

Special guest: Doug Gillett was invited by Jean Schwartz to attend.

The meeting was held early because of an offer on St. Luke's.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:08 pm led by Rev Judie.

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1.4 Rev Judie moved and Bev Higgins seconded the approval of the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

1.5 Bev Higgins moved and Anne Fraser seconded the approval of the minutes as circulated. Carried.

1.6 Ongoing Business

The minutes of the special meeting held on October 17, 2013 were moved by Linda Strachan, ratifying the motion that was made at this meeting, and Rev Judie Lafford seconded. Motion carried.

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 Communications – No communications

2.2 Rector's Report – No report

2.3 Warden's Report – The Wardens met with Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn about Rev Mike's retirement. They also met with Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn in regards to a fill in minister. They both attended Rev. Mike's Retirement Service and took part. They met with Rev Mike and Rev Tammy Hodge, Regional Dean, in regards to the sign out process for Rev Mike. They met with Rev Mark Pretty for his signatures on some documents. They had a meeting with Rev Liz Early, who has been appointed Priest-in-charge for January and part of February, Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn to do up a schedule for January. They both worked the Turkey Supper.

Following Committees

- 3.1 Treasurer's Report – November is not closed off yet so Bev Higgins was not able to give us a full report.
- 3.2 Ways and Means Report – The Craft Market raised \$1228. It was suggested that people should come in both doors as it seemed that not many people came upstairs to shop. The Turkey Supper raised \$1451.
- 3.3 Property Report and Cemetery - No report.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report – 22 people were involved in Rev Mike Conrad's retirement service. The "Blue Christmas" service is all set for Tuesday night. This coming Sunday we will have a guest group singing 3 songs after the sermon and 2 more after communion. If we are interested they will do a concert for us in January or February. This would be a free will offering. There would be no charge for them.
- 4.2 Sunday School Report – The Sunday School Pageant will be held at the 6:30 Christmas Eve Service.
- 4.3 Choir Report – There was no report. Rev Judie is still looking for someone to play for the services from January to April.
- 4.4 Administration Committee Report – No report.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – The Pastoral Care Committee continued their regular activities to provide support to our parishioners during November as follows: Phone Calls – 34; Visits – 24; Cards – 4. Several members also participated in communion services.
- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – No report.
- 5.3 Outreach Report – No report.

Stewardship

Clericus-Regional Council-Diocesan Synod or Office

- 7.1 Clericus will meet next week.

Outstanding or New Business

- 8.1 St. Andrew's Children's Shopping Day** – Rick Morash read a letter from Brenda in regards to council members shopping ahead of opening time and purchasing gifts that were meant for the children of the community. It was agreed that we will not sell anything before the doors open on Saturday morning. Set up will take place on Thursday evening, December 12th at 7 pm.
- 8.2 Date of AGM** – The AGM will be held on February 9th with all reports due by January 11th.
- 8.3 Nominating Committee** – They have one name for a member-at-large but are still looking for people.
- 8.4 Offering from Retirement Service** – The offering from Rev Mike's retirement service went to the church.
- 8.5 Suggestion Box** – Two suggestions from the Suggestion Box in the vestibule: one was that we not sing every verse of the longer hymns; the other was that the mike on the podium be used when preaching as not everyone can hear.
- 8.6 St. Luke's Proposal** – A Warren Morash and Christopher Morash of HRM have offered to purchase St. Luke's property for \$175,000. Jean has spoken with Ian Angus about this offer. She asked about making a counter offer and Ian feels they would take a counter offer. If they cannot sub divide it they won't be willing to buy it. They also want an April closing date. They have offered a \$2500 down payment. Doug Gillett felt this wasn't much of a down payment. Doug agreed to take the purchase agreement and go over it to see if all is up and up. Ian said he would change the closing date from April to earlier in the year. It was felt we should take an offer of \$200,000 if we can get it.

Rev Judie moved we counter offer with \$225,000, giving the Wardens empowerment to accept nothing less than \$200,000, pending all diocesan approvals, without having to bring it back to council. Rick Morash seconded. This motion was carried.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Anne moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:15pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **January 16, 2014, at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells
Secretary.