

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 26, 2015

Present: Rick Morash, Keith Fraser, Anne Dauphinee, Anne Fraser, Wendy Wells, Tom Pinsent, Erica Orlando, Rick Orlando, Jinny Giza, Rev Mark Pretty

Regrets: Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Helen Clattenburg, Kim Wells, Bev Higgins

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

Rick Morash welcomed the new members to council.

Keith Fraser moved and Tom Pinsent seconded that Rick Morash chair the meetings for 2015. Carried

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1.4 Rick O. moved and Anne D seconded that the agenda be accepted. Carried

1.5 Anne Fraser moved and Erica Orlando seconded the approval of the minutes. Carried.

1.6 Ongoing Business – Keith questioned the use of the milk machine. This can be used milk or juice. We have some bags for it.

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 Communications – No communications.

2.2 Rector's Report – Rev Mark spoke about the Think Tank Committee.

2.3 Warden's Report – This was included in the agenda. Highlights are recycling, Think Tank Committee, Pancake Supper, church cancellations because of storms, church plowing and Fundscrip.

Following Committees

3.1 Treasurer's Report – Bev Higgins is away so Keith spoke on the Treasurer's Report. Outreach money of \$400 was just an in and out amount. Keith moved and Rick O seconded the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

3.2 Finance Report – There was no report.

3.3 Ways and Means Report – Since Rev Marilyn was not in attendance the Celtic Band

information was put on hold until our next meeting. The Pancake Supper raised \$628.99 for the church. It was an enjoyable meal.

- 3.4 Property Report and Cemetery** - There is nothing new on the Cemetery. Keith said we need approval from the church to buy the Recycling Bins. It is a 2 stage approval process. HRM has approved it and so has the RRFB. We will now be eligible for the \$300 recycling rebate. We have agreed to use the RRFB logo around the church. Wendy gave Keith the recycling signage she received from Cathy Trafford. New shelves were installed above the sink in the kitchen. Our parking lot has been kept cleared very well this winter. The new garbage rules will begin August 1, 2015. The Property Committee will meet next month and elect a new Chairperson. Wendy will set up a Recycling Workshop and ensure representatives of the groups who use our hall are in attendance.
- 3.5 Think Tank** – Every member on council was given a list of items the Think Tank Committee came up with at their meeting. Each of the committees and groups in the church are being encouraged to take on an event from the list. The Craft Fair may make a comeback. It is important to establish a Way and Means Committee with a person for PR and a point person to let council know what they are doing. The Sunday School will do a Soup and Roll Lunch once a month for a free will offering. The members of this committee are Jamie and Sarah Wile, Brenda Morash, Judy Sanford, Bev Higgins, Joanne Rector and Donna Ruggles. If Joanne Rector felt more support she might consider taking on the lead of the Ways and Means Committee.

Rick Morash read an email from Bev Higgins. Keith agreed to pick up the mail until she returns.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report** – Nothing to report. They will meet next week.
- 4.2 Sunday School Report** – They will be building a Bunny Tower of good deeds. They will be singing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- 4.3 Choir Report** – No report
- 4.4 Administration Committee Report** – The Lenten letter will be ready for March 1st. Instead of buying coin cards, which have become very expensive, a Lenten envelope was designed for that purpose. If anyone in the congregation would rather have a coin card, they can request one from the Wardens. We have some left from other years that we can use until they are gone. A note will be put in the bulletin in this regard.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – The Pastoral Care Committee made 51 phone calls, 10 visits and sent 3 cards during January. Rev Marilyn administered communion to 19 people at Melville Lodge.
- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – We provided lunch for the Ecumenical Service in January. We did a lunch for a funeral in February. We didn't meet in February and Fun Night was cancelled twice due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.
- 5.3 Outreach Report – Nothing new to report.

Stewardship

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- 7.1 Jinny Giza gave a report from the Regional Council meeting held on Feb. 19, 2015. Some of the highlights are: Regional Confirmation will be held on May 8th at 7:30 pm at All Saints Cathedral; Vital Transitions Coordinator and a Youth Coordinator will be advertised for after the audits; Synod will be held May 28-30 at Dalhousie; Rev Mark Kingsbury presented 2 motion to present to Synod – continued support beyond 2015 for the a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator by the Diocese and that all parishes be asked for \$500 per year over and above their allotment to support this ministry. These motions were passed by Regional Council. Regional Council is looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer for 2015. The ACW will hold a meeting on March 5th with Bishop Sue as guest speaker. Vital Church Conference will be held April 21-23rd and the Fall Clergy Conference will be held again.

Outstanding or New Business

- 8.1 Website – Anne F contacted Tim Dellapinna and the current website has been updated. The minister is in the process of developing a new website as he discovered Square Space was not suitable. Stephanie and Glen LeBlanc are IT Pro's and are helping Rev. Mark set up a site that is meant for churches. All the information on the current site will be brought over to the new one. Some things will need to be reworked.
- Rick M suggested that when we get the new site we should show it to the congregation.
- The architecture for the site has already been built and Stephanie and Bev H have some great ideas for it. Annual Reports, Minutes of Meetings and Financial Statements will be posted. Other parishes do not put their financial statements on their sites for safety reasons. Keith asked if these items should be on the new site. It would require extra work to keep this up.
- 8.2 Covenant – Rev Mark and Rev Marilyn have met and looked at a Postulancy

Covenant. They have fine turned it and will use it as a Deaconate Covenant. It was more important than was realized. Rev. Marilyn is in the process of rewriting it.

- 8.3 Licenses for Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** – This has been deferred.
- 8.4 Storage for the Ladies Group** – It was agreed that the Ladies Group could use the stage for storage as long as the stage was not being used and it was only for a short time. We will start after March 12th until our Yard Sale in April.
- 8.5 Fundscrip** – We have to have \$1000 worth of orders to make any money. Rick M asked about preordering some extra cards to have on hand. Keith felt this was a risk. We only have 9 people participating. Tom said he has a grocery credit card and gets free groceries. Cards will only be ordered once a month from now on. Rick M will try it for a few more months.
- 8.6 Used Envelopes** – Erica asked about the used offering envelopes she has stored at her place. Erica was told she could shred them. Keith offered to burn them.
- 8.7 Meeting Time Change** – This was deferred to the next meeting.

Keith moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **March 19th at 7:00 pm. Please make every effort to attend.**

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells
Secretary.