

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 16, 2014

**Present:** Rev. Judie Lafford, Rick Morash, Erica Orlando, Helen Clattenburg, Linda Strachan, Bev Higgins, Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Bev Pattison, Myril Wells, Anne Fraser, Raymond Scott, Wendy Wells

**Regrets:** Jean Schwartz

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

### **Parish of St. Andrews**

**1.4** The following items were added to the agenda: under New Business - a letter from the Bishop, under Ways & Means – Pancake Supper, under St. Luke’s - a letter from the Diocese. The approval of the agenda was moved by Rev Judie and seconded by Rick Morash with the above additions. Carried.

**1.5** Bev Higgins moved and Rev Marilyn seconded the approval of the minutes as circulated. Carried.

### **1.6 Ongoing Business**

There was no ongoing business.

### **Council Ministries Reports**

**2.1** Communications – Thank you cards from Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn were read to the council.

**2.2** Rector’s Report – No report. Rev. Liz Earley is the Priest-in-Charge for 3 weeks in January and will finish on February 2. Rev. Mark Pretty will begin his ministry with us on February 16.

**2.3** Warden’s Report – Jean and Linda did up a schedule for the clergy before Jean left for Florida. Linda has all the reports received so far copied and ready for the Annual Report. She will have everything done by Sunday.

### **Following Committees**

**3.1** Treasurer’s Report – We finished the year with a minus balance. We are -\$765.94 in the red. This was better than expected. The Christmas and Easter offerings were up this year. Bev Higgins moved and Myril Wells seconded the adoption of the the Financial Report. Carried.

Budget – The finance committee met in November, 2013 to work on the budget for 2014. A deficit of \$13,847 has been forecast for 2014. The stipend, benefits and

housing allowance are for 10 ½ months. The envelopes for this year will cost \$501.95. Erica is hoping to get envelopes from a new supplier at a lower price. Rev. Judie questioned why people need envelopes that pay under PAR. Rev. Marilyn said that fewer boxes of envelopes are being used. Rev. Marilyn suggested delivering envelopes not picked up. Rick Morash moved and Rev Judie seconded that the budget be accepted. Carried.

**3.2 Ways and Means Report** – We still are looking for a Ways and Means Facilitator. Linda would like to have the Pancake Supper if she can get enough help. Erica, Rev Marilyn, Rev Judie, Anne, and Helen offered to help with this. Wendy offered to do the advertising and make up the posters for the church. This will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Adults will be \$7.00, children 5-12 will be \$3.50 and under 5 will be free. We will plan for 100 people.

**3.3 Property Report and Cemetery** - No report.

### **Spiritual Development**

**4.1 Spiritual Development Report** – The Spiritual Development Committee met with Rev. Mark Pretty today. They are looking forward to having him as part of this committee. The BLT Choir will be present at the service on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was discussed whether we should have a lunch for them of hot dogs and cake. Parish Council is responsible for the lunch for the Annual Meeting. The Ladies Group are being asked to do a lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> to welcome our new minister.

**4.2 Sunday School Report** – No report.

**4.3 Choir Report** – Edith is away until April. Judith Wright will be playing for us on Sundays. She will hold choir practice every second Thursday. Rev. Judie thanked Nancy for filling in the first Sunday Edith was gone.

**4.4 Administration Committee Report** – They have not met. A meeting was scheduled but both Rev Judie and Brenda were sick.

### **Pastoral Care & Outreach**

**5.1 Pastoral Care Report** – The Pastoral Care Committee carried out their regular activities during December. They made 47 phone calls, 28 visits, and sent out 7 cards. They also did 22 visits for communion.

**5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report** – We had our annual meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Our election of officers for 2014 is: Wendy – President, Anne – Vice-President and Secretary, Linda – Treasurer, Helen Payne and Sandra – Phone Committee. We are hoping to have someone come to our group in March and speak on Women's Health issues. We are planning a fun night of games and snack foods for Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 5.3 Outreach Report – No report.

## Stewardship

### Clericus-Regional Council-Diocesan Synod or Office

7.1 Clericus was held last Wednesday at the new St. John's Church, on the Kearney Lake Road. It is a very modern and contemporary church.

### Outstanding or New Business

8.1 St. Luke's - Linda got a call on Monday from the real estate agent. One of the buyers is in Saudi Arabia and wouldn't be able to do the financing on time so they asked for a date change. The date will now be January 26. The closing will still be the end of February. Linda has spoken to Rev Ashton to let him know that there is an offer on the table.

Linda read a letter from the Bishop's office approving the sale of St. Luke's for \$200,000. The money from the sale will be invested for future ministry in the diocese and for upgrading of other property. Doug Gillett spent approximately \$55,000 for the surveying, etc.

8.2 Letter re Bishop Sue's Retirement – Linda shared a letter she received in regards to the Bishop's retirement. The retirement dinner and dance will cost \$60 a person. Linda suggested we pay for Rev. Judie and Rev Marilyn to go. It was agreed by council that anyone who wanted to go would pay their own way. Instead of a gift Bishop Sue requested that donations be made to the Lay Leadership Legacy Fund. It was moved by Rick Morash and seconded by Erica Orlando that a gift of \$100 be given to the Lay Leadership Legacy Fund on behalf of our Parish for Bishop Sue. Carried. Individuals are invited to contribute to this as well. Bev H. suggested that anyone who wanted to contribute should have their donations on the offering plate by February 23 so that she can meet the deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. The diocese prefers that each parish send one cheque for all donations. Tax receipts will be issued for any donations received. The dinner and dance will take place on March 21 and there will be a communion service held on March 22 with a lunch after.

Linda requested that all members of the nominating committee remain behind for a short meeting.

### Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Helen moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:45pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **February 20, 2014, at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells

Secretary.

