

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 15, 2015

Present: Linda Strachan, Rick Morash, Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Anne Fraser, Rick Orlando, Jinny Giza, Anne Dauphinee, Erica Orlando, Bev Higgins, Wendy Wells, Rev Mark Pretty.

Regrets: Myril Wells, Bev Pattison, Helen Clattenburg..

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

Parish of St. Andrews

1.4 Rick O. moved and Jinny seconded that the agenda be accepted with the addition of Pancake Supper, Servers and Layreaders lists, storage area and milk machine..
Carried.

1.5 Rev Marilyn moved and Rick Orlando seconded the approval of the minutes.
Carried.

1.6 Ongoing Business – Budget has to be discussed and approved. The \$102 billed for NSOM was for 2014 so it had to be paid. Rev Mark has five people who have agreed to start the Think Tank Committee by the end of January.

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 Communications – A thank you letter from Phoenix House was read by Rev Mark. Rev Mark thanked everyone for all the Christmas cards and the gifts from the Ladies Group, Parish Council and the Parish. Rick M read a thank you card from Rev Judie for the flowers and the Christmas gift from council. Rick M also read a thank you note from Rev Marilyn for the Christmas gift..

2.2 Rector's Report –. Rev Mark felt the Christmas services went well. The Blue Christmas service was not well attended. The Pageant brought in 125 people on the last Sunday of Advent. There were 140 at the 4 pm Christmas Eve. The Lesson and Carol Service was well attended.

2.3 Warden's Report – The Wardens have been involved in gathering the reports for the Annual Meeting. Linda has all the reports now and will begin to copy them.

Following Committees

3.1 Treasurer's Report – Bev H said that we finished the year better than had been forecast. .We finished in a \$5000 deficit as opposed to the \$13,000 deficit that had been budgeted. We haven't been billed for the snowplowing for last year yet. Bev

H moved and Rick M seconded that we accept the financial statements for November and December as circulated. Carried.

3.2 Finance Report – Rick O moved Erica seconded the Budget for 2015 prepared by the Finance Committee be accepted and presented at the AGM. Carried. Gordon Hamlin is stepping down from the Finance Committee. Do we need a replacement for numbers or can we just carry on? Current members are the 2 Wardens, the Treasurer, the Rector, Rick O and Keith.

3.3 Ways and Means Report – Rev Marilyn suggested we invite a *Celtic Band* for a fund raiser. She heard them play at St Francis by the Lakes. They are all doctors. We could charge \$10/person. The band would get half of the ticket sales. The church would have a cash bar available and would make money off that. The band is not available between April and May. The Wardens would be responsible for getting a liquor license. We would pre-sell the tickets. Rick O asked if we could have it without a bar. It was suggested that we hold it in conjunction with Welcome Back Sunday. Marilyn will get back to the band, as we are very interested. This will be discussed again and a date will be set.

The *Cardinal Points* are coming back in the Fall. They have been using our church for practices.

Rick M set up the *Fundscrip* fund raiser. The money we make on the cards is paid quarterly if it is \$150 or more. Rick M is going to only send the orders in once a month. If it doesn't take off soon it will be dropped. There are only about 5 or 6 people participating.

A *Pancake Supper* will be held on February 17th. Linda agreed to head this with help from Wendy. Wendy offered to do up the posters for the church and advertise it with the media.

3.4 Property Report and Cemetery - The one black bag has not been passed yet but it will soon be coming. Rev Marilyn suggested buying a proper recycling bin for the church from the cemetery fun. Rick M moved that we give the Property Committee the authorization to use funds from the Cemetery to ascertain the right sorting equipment to sort and recycle for the church, property and cemetery. Rick O seconded. Carried.

Rick M said we need to address the concerns in a letter to all the groups using the hall. He would like some feedback on what the hall cleaners are finding when they clean the hall.

Spiritual Development

4.1 Spiritual Development Report – They haven't met yet. Rev Mark will be the chair of this committee. The meetings will be held on Thursday nights.

4.2 Sunday School Report – No report.

4.3 Choir Report – No report

4.4 Administration Committee Report –.No report.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

5.1 Pastoral Care Report – 29 phone calls were made, 23 visits, 18 were given communion and there were no cards sent out in December.

5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – We met on January 8th. The Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing brought out more people this year. Myril has figured out a way to decorate the big tree for next year. Decorating the church on the Saturday before Christmas worked better for everyone than doing on the Sunday. We have set Yard Sale dates for April 18 and October 3. We will be providing the lunch for the Ecumenical Service on January 20th. We are going to do a craft to be sold at the Children's Shopping Day next December. We had our election of officers and all positions stayed the same. Our next meeting will be a Fun Night on February 6th.

5.3 Outreach Report – The Outreach Committee looks after Pheonix House and the World Day of Prayer. We need to find a Coordinator for this committee and bring all outreach under this umbrella.

Stewardship

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7.1 Rev Marilyn attended the Regional Council meeting and an Epiphany Party at St. Nicholas'.

Outstanding or New Business

8.1 Website – Rev Mark is working on this. It will take some time. Bev H asked if we still need to pay Funky Dragon \$150/year to host it. Rev Mark said to continue to pay them until our site is upgraded.

8.2 AGM – This will take place on February 1st. All reports are in. Linda said they will be ready for Sunday. Council members are responsible for the lunch.

8.3 Licenses for Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – Rev Mark has the licenses and will set up service to present them.

8.4 Envelope Secretary – Erica and Bev H will train a new person when she is ready to Start. Erica will continue for now.

8.5 Nominating Committee – We need a Warden and 2 members-at-large for 3 years. Currently we have no one lined up.

- 8.6 Covenant** – Rev. Marilyn felt that as a Deacon she should have a Covenant. Rev Mark will look into this. He asked Marilyn to speak to some of the deacons she knows to see if they have one we could go by. Rick O suggested there might be something in the Policy Book.
- 8.7 Treasurer’s Handbook** – Bev H received a Parish Treasurer’s handbook in the mail which included a letter on Safe-r-church. She will give this to Rev Mark.
- 8.8 Milk Machine** – There was some discussion on whether to get rid of this or keep it. Rick M said they will try to use it at the Pancake Supper. Rick M will ask Joanne to show us how to use it.
- 8.9 List for Servers and Layreaders** – Rev Mark will look into this.
- 8.10 Storage** – The Ladies Group would like to use the stage for storage prior to our yard sales. This will be taken to the Property Committee.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Rick Orlando moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:40 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells
Secretary.