

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
March 26, 2015

Present: Rick Morash, Rev Mark Pretty, Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Helen Clattenburg, Anne Dauphinee, Tom Pinsent, Wendy Wells, Bev Higgins, Anne Fraser, Keith Fraser, Erica Orlando, Rick Orlando, Jinny Giza

Regrets: Kim Wells

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

Parish of St. Andrews

- 1.4 Rick O. moved and Rev Marilyn seconded that the agenda be accepted with the additions of oil and communications. Carried
- 1.5 Tom Pinsent moved and Erica Orlando seconded the approval of the minutes. Carried.
- 1.6 Ongoing Business – Website – Rev Mark will not be doing anything more on this until after Easter. There was only one request for a coin card.

Council Ministries Reports

- 2.1 Communications – No communications.
- 2.2 Rector's Report – Rev Mark will give his report under Spiritual Development.
- 2.3 Warden's Report – They attended the Lenten services, the RCMP meeting in our Hall, the Sunday School lunch and the World Day of Prayer service.

Following Committees

- 3.1 Treasurer's Report – Our finances are worse than they were a year ago although February finished in the black. Bev moved and Rick O seconded the approval of this report. Carried.
- 3.2 Finance Report – This committee did not meet. Rick O will look into the oil rates from the Diocese that Anne D brought to council's attention. He will also check into the service rates as well.
- 3.3 Ways and Means Report – Rev Marilyn has been in touch with the Celtic Band, Dicey Reilly, again. They are already booked for September and October. They suggested a Saturday afternoon or early evening in November. It will cost the church \$500 to bring them out. It was suggested we have a cash bar. Rick M said he would provide any equipment they needed. Rev Marilyn will book them for

November 7th for early evening and find out how much notice we would need to give if we have to cancel.

Tom Pinsent is willing to help with a Ways and Means Committee if one is started.

- 3.4 Property Report and Cemetery - The Property Committee will meet on Monday evening. The flues from the furnace to the chimney and the oil tank need to be replaced. Ultramar will do this work for \$3000. They plan to talk about the upstairs washroom to be built in the closet and make some preliminary plans. We are reminded of the Recycling Workshop this Saturday morning.
- 3.5 Think Tank – The Sunday School held a luncheon. The Ladies Group is having one on March 29th. Spiritual Development has one planned for April 19th. Please take this back to the committees and groups that haven't come up with something. Finance offered to do something for Mother's Day. Please let Rev Mark know what date you pick and what you plan to do.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report – Rev Mark is going to arrange for Rev Judie to celebrate the Eucharist from her wheel chair on Easter Sunday if she is up to it. There may be a liturgical dance on Easter Sunday. Rev Mark mentioned the Bunny Tower talks they have been having with the children. There are special services planned for Holy Week. The Sunday school has been split into two classes. Preschool to Grade 1 and Grades 2-5. Madoka and Natalia are both helping downstairs. There will be a Cemetery Service in August. Confirmation classes have been cancelled for now. Only one person was able to attend. Will start this up again in the fall or early next year.
- 4.2 Sunday School Report – No report.
- 4.3 Choir Report – No report
- 4.4 Administration Committee Report – The hall has been rented on March 12th. Please pick up your Easter letters.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – The Pastoral Care Committee made 50 phone calls, 6 visits and sent 14 cards in February. Communion was taken to 15 residents of Melville Nursing Home.
- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – We have having a Lunch after church on Palm Sunday. There will be a free will offering. We catered to a funeral. We have a bank balance of \$659.64. We will be cleaning the church for Easter on March 28th. We are catering for Stephanie and Glen's Renewal of Vows in May. Our Yard Sale is coming up in April.

5.3 Outreach Report – Rev Marilyn will now be coordinating the Outreach being done in our church. If there is anything new taking place, please let Rev. Marilyn know.

Stewardship

Clericus-Regional Council-Diocesan Synod or Office

7.1 .No report

Outstanding or New Business

8.1 Website – already discussed in Business Arising

8.2 Covenant – Rev Marilyn will update the document on the covenant with Rev Mark's help.

8.3 List of Servers and Layreaders – nothing new.

8.4 Storage for the Ladies Group – Using the stage for storage is not a problem if the stage is not needed for an event and it is over a short time.

8.5 Fundscrip – We have over \$1100 in orders. Keith questioned the amounts on the Finance report and asked Rick M if he was having trouble collecting the money. Rick M has no trouble collecting the money.

8.6 Background Checks – Tom Pinsent said he has had his done. The insurance company is requiring this for security reasons. Anyone working with children or vulnerable people must be checked.

8.7 Meeting Time Change – This was discussed and then it was decided to leave the time as it is.

8.8 PAR Banking Fees – Clericus had a meeting and PAR was brought up in connection with the services being cancelled different Sundays due to storms. It was felt that with PAR you at least receive the offering even without the service as it was felt that not everyone makes up their offering when they are not in church. PAR is run by the Diocese but there is only about 50% participation. It costs our church just under \$10 a month to be part of PAR. The Diocese is loosing money on this and if they don't increase the numbers they may have to give it up. It was suggested that the Parishes could do this on their own. Bev felt that if more churches got together we might get a better rate.

Keith felt we should carry on with the Diocese. The Diocese doesn't charge us anything and the fee that we are charged is through the bank.

8.9 Milk Machine – This has not been tested yet.

8.10 Oil – This was discussed earlier.

8.11 Communication – There was a lack of communication for the council meeting that was cancelled last Thursday. Rick M gave everyone his cell number, although he prefers email. A list was passed around so everyone could update their email addresses, phone numbers and add in cell numbers if available.

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

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **April 16th at 7:00 pm. Please make every effort to attend.**

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells
Secretary.