

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 9, 2013**

**Present:** Bev Higgins, Rev. Judie Lafford, Erica Orlando, Bev Pattison, Myril Wells, Helen Clattenburg, Jean Schwartz, Linda Strachan, Wendy Wells, Rev. Mike Conrad, Anne Fraser.

**Regrets:** Rev. Marilyn Hamlin, Rick Morash, Raymond Scott.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 pm led by Rev. Mike.

**Parish of St. Andrews's**

**1.4** Linda moved and Myril seconded the approval of the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

**1.5** Bev P. moved and Erica Orlando seconded the approval of the minutes as circulated. Carried.

**1.6 Ongoing Business**

Toner – Rev Mike has called the photocopy company.

**Council Ministries Reports**

**2.1 Communications** – Rev. Judie thanked council for the beautiful flowers she received while laid up after surgery.

**2.2 Rector's Report** – Rev. Mike spoke about the Property Committee clean up and the great job they did. He spoke about attendance being down at Sunday services. Wendy mentioned the possibility of not having a bulletin for the summer because of the closure of the Nine Mile River Bridge.

**2.3 Warden's Report** – The Wardens met with Rev Mike on May 3 to discuss his meeting with Bishop Sue.

**Following Committees**

**3.1 Treasurer's Report** – Bev Higgins moved and Rev. Judie seconded the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. April was not as good a month as March. Fuel is up over last year. Bev mentioned that some of the counters are having some problems and may need some training. The Wardens offered to help out with the counting when there are only 2 people.

**3.2 Ways and Means Report** – Everything is going fine with the Chowder Lunch that Joanne Hanley is organizing. The tickets are selling fast for the concert. The show was advertised in the Masthead News but it didn't get in the "Net News".

- 3.3 Property Report and Cemetery – There was no formal report. The spring clean up was finally completed after being rained out.

### **Spiritual Development**

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report – Carnations will be given to all the women in church this Sunday which is Mother's Day. The Sunday School children will hand them out. The men will sing a song to the ladies. There will be a special service for Pentecost. The Sunday School children will be involved. There will be balloons, streamers and cake.

- 4.2 Sunday School Report – No report.

- 4.3 Choir Report – There was no report.

- 4.3 Administration Committee Report – This committee has not met.

### **Pastoral Care & Outreach**

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – This amazing committee placed 37 phone calls, did 35 visits (also, 22 home communions with Rev. Marilyn), and sent out 8 cards during April.

- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – The Ladies Group met on May 2 and finalized plans for their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on May 26<sup>th</sup>. They plan on filling a basket of personal care items for the Marguerite Center. The Yard Sale netted \$768. A donation of \$800 will be given to the church. The Ladies have been invited to attend the final Men's Breakfast on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a Yard Sale on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- 5.3 Outreach Report – No report.

### **Stewardship**

Rev. Mike spoke about a **Visitation Workshop** which Bishop Sue and her daughter Tanya have been facilitating. This workshop would show us how to do a Parish wide visitation. Rev. Mike will try to organize this with Bishop Sue. It will be held in late September or early October.

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

- 7.1 Regional Council Report – There will be a Regional Council Meeting at St. Nicholas at 7 pm on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Pre-Synod meeting. There are 22 motions for Synod. The Clericus met yesterday at Lakelands.

### **Outstanding or New Business**

- 8.1 Toner – There is a service call in.

**8.2 Sunday School Budget** – The Sunday School has a budget of \$1000. There has been some confusion over the budgeted money for the Sunday School. Spiritual Development will look after the supplies for the closing.

**8.3 Rev. Mike's Sabbatical** – Rev. Mike had met with Bishop Sue about his Sabbatical which was on part time ministry and how this would work towards his retirement. What is being suggested is more of a seasonal ministry. This would be only for one year and at the end of December, 2014 he would move into retirement. Rev. Mike would be gone for January, February and March without pay. He would then be paid for April through to December. A Priest-in-Charge would be appointed who would be in our Parish one day a week and do three Sunday services a month.

There was a lot of discussion around this. The Wardens felt that the congregation should help make the decision. In the end, Parish Council is the only one who can make this decision.

If we decide not to go along with this, Rev Mike will retire at the end of this year.

There were many suggestions about how to handle this decision. Surveys were suggested, a box for people to make comments anonymously, meeting with the Regional Dean, or a letter to the congregation.

Bev H. felt we need to look at the opportunities and the drawbacks with this. It will not cure our deficit. The Priest-in-Charge would probably be a retired minister or someone without a church of their own. Bishop Sue is willing to help us work this out.

In the end it was decided that the letter from the Bishop would be shared with the congregation at both services on Sunday. This will give 3 weeks to compile comments from the members of the Parish.

**8.4 St. Luke's** – The Wardens will be meeting tomorrow with Ian Angus to do up a contract. Doug Gillett would like to attend the meeting tomorrow. The list price will be \$275,000 with a minimum of \$245,000. Ian suggested that we look at getting it rezoned. The building needs to be painted. Rev. Ashton said they would look after this.

### **Adjournment & Closing Prayer**

Anne moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Wells  
Secretary.

