

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
November 8, 2012

Present: Wendy Wells, Jean Schwartz, Marilyn Hamlin, Myril Wells, Bev Higgins, Rev. Mike, Linda Strachan

Regrets: Erica Orlando, Rick Morash, Angela Miller, Rev Judie Lafford, Bev Pattison, Rick o.

It was agreed that Wendy Wells would take the minutes.

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1.4 "Angels" were added to the agenda under Spiritual Development and Turkey Supper and Freezer clean up were added under Committees.

1.5 Jean moved and Myril seconded the acceptance of the minutes with the following corrections: 1. Under Spiritual Development section 4.2 should read "Wendy is concerned in regards to the Sunday School because they were told they couldn't spend money for craft supplies."
2. Under Pastoral Care section 5.2 should read "Rev. Mike will take care of making sure that all people requesting funerals are given the proper information regarding fees, after funeral lunches, etc"
3. Under New Business section 8.9 remove the sentence "We came up short for this year's Thanksgiving bulletins" and add Christmas between 400 and bulletin.
Motion was carried.

Linda asked about council meeting being held on Sundays. This was decided at the last meeting and the Sunday chosen is the one following the regular Thursday night. Our December meeting will be held on the 16th.

1.6 Children's Shopping Day – Bev Higgins will provide notices for this if the school is willing to distribute them to the kids in the school. Marilyn will check into this and let Bev know. Wendy agreed to have it advertised in the Chronicle Herald, the Masthead and on Terry Henley's sign.

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 No Communications.

2.2 Rector's Report – There are still 15 young people preparing for confirmation. A few dropped out. This Saturday a workshop day for the candidates will be held from 9:30-2:30 with Rev Judie's and Rev Marilyn's help. The Confirmation Service will be held on November 30th at 7:00 pm.

2.3 Warden's Report – They met with Rev Mike but do not have a written report. They discussed visitations, communicating financial information to the congregation and a date for the Annual Meeting. St. Luke's zoning is an issue with selling the church.

Following Committees

- 3.1 Treasurer's Report – We took in more than we spent we spent in October. Some progress has been made on the deficit. We didn't have to borrow from the cemetery.

The Thanksgiving offering was up this year. Bev moved and Marilyn seconded the adoption of this report. Motion carried.

- 3.2 Ways and Means Report – The Turkey Supper sign up poster will be in the church this Sunday. We need to push for more pies. The set up will take place after the confirmation on Friday night. On November 17th, Linda and Jean will clean out the fridges and freezers. 2 ½ sleeves of hamburgers will be donated to the Marguerite Center. The Sunday School should check with Spiritual Development for their closing lunch.
Anyone who has a function in the hall should be responsible for taking everything home with them.

- 3.3 Property Report and Cemetery – No report.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report – They had a meeting in regards to confirmation. The memorial angels for the Advent Tree will be ordered. The memorial hymn sign went well.
- 4.2 Sunday School Report – No Report
- 4.3 Choir Report – Choir members were present for two funerals. The piano tuner fixed a broken string in the hall piano. Both pianos will be tuned.
- 4.4 Administration Committee Report – There is no report. The advent letter will soon be ready. Blue candles have been ordered for the Advent Wreath. Wendy will tell Judie to order 400 Christmas bulletin covers.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – They continued with their regular activities. They made 30 phone calls, 30 visits, and sent 8 cards.
- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – They met on November 1st. They put the purchase of new tablecloths on hold. They reviewed the Oktoberfest Supper. They cleared \$393 and served 68 meals. The shoeboxes for the Mission to Seafarers will be packed on December 8th. Anne Fraser and Wendy Wells will be attending a Brownie Group to speak about the shoeboxes and the Brownies will help fill two boxes and make cards for 50. They have a doll for the Sunday School Pageant and Dave Dellapinna is making a manger. We received a thank you letter from the Marguerite Center for our donation of \$100. Our bank balance is \$1116.83. The calendars are selling. Our Christmas party will be on December 7th. A Yard Sale is planned for April 13th, 2013.

5.3 Outreach Report – They are collecting for Phoenix House.

Marilyn moved and Myril seconded that a letter be written to the editor of the Diocesan Times to find out why our stories and pictures are never printed. Motion carried.

Stewardship

Clericus-Regional Council-Diocesan Synod or Office

7.1 Regional Council Report – Regional Council met on October 18th at St. Andrew's. Our new Regional Dean is The Rev. Tammy Hodge. A \$100 donation will be made to the PWRDF in Rev Mike's name as a thank you gift for his years as Regional Dean. There are 22 new Layreaders in our Region. Rev Tammy Hodge is our Clerical rep on Diocesan Council. Together in Mission (TIM) was discussed briefly. The NSOM task force has talked about redefining this ministry. Risk Management: All clergy must take this course between Nov 6 and Dec 6. The Secretary and Treasurer has resigned these positions as of February 28, 2013.

Clericus met. TIM was a big thing amongst the clergy. 10 million is to be raised to support programs at the National, Diocesan, and Parish levels. It would mean that instead of a 20% allotment we would pay 40%. The Leap for Faith Campaign raised money and instead of investing it, it was spent in four years.

Outstanding or New Business

8.1 Membership Visitations – In regards to the finances, Keith and Bev put something together to let everyone know about our situation. Should it be done on a Sunday, send a letter or do it by parish visitation. Rev Mike will do some more research on this and bring this back to the December meeting. A lot of work needs to be done.

8.2 Communicating Financial Information to Membership – Keith has prepared a presentation because we all need to be aware of the reality of our Parish finances. Should this be given as a Sunday talk or sent out in a letter. This will be dealt with after Christmas leading up to the AGM.

8.3 Budget Submissions – All budget submissions are due by December 5th.

8.4 Date for AGM – The AGM will be held on March 3, 2013 because of Rev Mike's sabbatical leave. It was moved by Wendy and seconded by Bev that the AGM be held on March 3. Motion carried.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Linda moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Wells, Acting Secretary.