

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 2013

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

Regrets:

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:08 pm led by Rev. Mike.

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1.4 Rev Judie moved and Raymond Scott seconded the approval of the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

1.5 Rev Marilyn moved and Myril Wells seconded the approval of the minutes as circulated. Carried.

1.6 Ongoing Business

The collection of food on Remembrance Sunday didn't take place because JoAnne Rector couldn't be in attendance.

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 Communications – The Wardens received an invitation to an event at AST called *Light of World* on December 1st at 6:00 pm. Lights can be purchased for \$10 each.

2.2 Rector's Report – An error in the rector's report. It should read October in the title. Rev. Mike said it was a traditional month. It has been slow with increasing the number of people at the services. The 9 am service has 20-30 people each Sunday. The *Mansions of the Spirit* has been a good book. It makes us take a look at ourselves to see where we are in our faith. We need to accept and embrace changes. Rev. Mike feels that we are at that point.

2.3 Warden's Report – The Wardens met with the Parochial Committee to interview candidates. They met with Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn and then with Rev. Mike. They had a working lunch with Rev Mike, Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn. They attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Lakeside Legion. They also met with the Archdeacon and the new Rector to do the Covenant and Contractual Agreement.

Following Committees

3.1 Treasurer's Report – We are doing a little better than this time last year. The last

Sunday in October had a lower offering and the 1st Sunday in November was higher. Bev felt that some money got missed in October and was counted the following Sunday in November. A Finance meeting is scheduled for next week to work on the budget. Linda asked about the \$57.85 for the Rector's memorial. It was an expense. There are only one or two plaques left. Bev H moved and Linda seconded the adoption of this report. Carried.

- 3.2 Ways and Means Report** – The Ham Supper raised over \$1000. There were 100 tickets sold. Joanne from the market is donating 150 pounds of potatoes for the Turkey Supper. She is also giving the church a good price on fresh rolls. The Wardens feel that buying some of the things takes some of the burden off the congregation but cuts into our profit. Jean suggested that those waiting for seats could be brought upstairs to wait and have some recorded music playing and maybe some apple cider to sip. A thank you note should be sent to the market after the Turkey Supper.
- 3.3 Property Report and Cemetery** – A tree was cut down on the highway that blocked people's view when leaving the parking lot. The front door is leaking.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report** – The Spiritual Development Committee hasn't met. On December 15th Rev. Marilyn and Rev. Judie are attending a Blue Christmas Service at Walker's Funeral Home. They would like to have one here for our congregation. It was agreed that we hold a Blue Christmas on Tuesday, December 10th at 7 pm. Rev. Judie would like to have some votives for the service. Bev H offered buy the candles and donate them. The people can take them home with them. Rev. Mike said there is a liturgy for this. This will be put in the bulletin.
- 4.2 Sunday School Report** – Sunday School is picking up a bit. Some of the teachers wanted the pageant at 4 pm on Christmas Eve instead of 6:30 pm. The 4 pm service is attended mostly by older people and people who don't like to come out after dark. The Pageant will remain at 6:30 pm. Rev. Judie said the children shouldn't be running around when they come upstairs. It was agreed that the children should come up during the offertory hymn.
- 4.3 Choir Report** – There was no report.
- 4.4 Administration Committee Report** – We need to get this committee going. Things are coming up and a meeting should be held as soon as possible. The members of this committee are Joanne Hanley, Erica Orlando, Brenda Morash, Rev Judie and Rev Mike. The Wardens will set up a meeting. Bev H will come to the first meeting as one of the members requested that she be there. Christmas letterhead and envelopes will need to be purchased. Rev Judie will pick this up tomorrow.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – The Pastoral Care Committee made 29 phone calls, 20 visits and sent out 5 cards for the month of October. Several members of the church attended the Communion visits.
- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – The Ladies Group made crafts at their November meeting to donate to the Children's Shopping Day. Our Christmas Party will be held on December 6th in the hall with a Pot Luck Supper. We are collecting items for the Mission to Seafarer's Shoeboxes. The Ladies Group is planning a tree lighting in the parking lot with carol singing and hot chocolate. There was much discussion as to whether this should be allowed to take place. Wendy Wells moved and Myril Wells seconded that we should have a tree lighting and carol sing on December 15th at 6:30 pm. Motion carried with two votes against.
- 5.3 Outreach Report – The Phoenix House Collection has been started. A donation to the food bank Turkey Fund will be given.

Stewardship

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- 7.1 Synod – Synod will meet next Friday, November 22nd. Ministers running for Bishop are Bishop Ron Cutler, Rev Gary Thorne, Rev. Karl Fraser, and Rev Peter Wall. A motion will be made at this Synod for a Youth Minister and there will possibly be a motion made for a Suffragan Bishop. Rev. Mike feels we should vote against this as we should be a one bishop Diocese and the funds are not there to support a Suffragen.

Outstanding or New Business

- 8.1 Criminal Checks – Jean has not received the information yet. Rev. Judie feels we need to get this sooner than later. Rev. Judie moved that the Sunday School teachers have a Police Check done and the Parish will pay for this. Erica seconded. Motion was carried. It was felt that Wendy as Layreader should be done as well. Rev Judie will contact Susan Naylor or Bishop Ron to see exactly what we need to have done.
- 8.2 Info On Oil (net news) – The property committee has been looking at this. Bev H gave all the info to the Property Committee before. Rev Mike will check on this. Bev will give Rev Mike the price we are currently paying.
- 8.3 Canadian Diabetes Assoc. – A request was received to put one of their bins on our property. Do the pros outweigh the cons for this? It was agreed that we not do this. It was suggested they contact the Glengarry Estates Homeowners Association.
- 8.4 Future Date of Council Meetings – Sometimes the 2nd Thursday doesn't give Bev H

enough time to do up the financial reports. It was agreed that we move the council meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month starting in January.

- 8.5 Nominating Committee** – We need 1 Warden, 2 members-at-large, 1 Synod delegate and a Ways and Means Facilitator. This will be put out to the congregation and also in the bulletin.
- 8.6 Date of AGM** – The AGM will be held on February 9, 2014 with a storm date of February 16th.
- 8.7 Reports Due** – All reports are due by January 11th.
- 8.8 Help I'm A Church Treasurer** – A seminar is being held on November 20th to help with the budget. This is not feasible for Bev H. There will be another one on line on January 6th. Bev H will look into this one.
- 8.9 Set Up for Potluck** – It was agreed that those who could would meet at 11:00 am on November 24th to set up for the pot luck.
- 8.10 December Services** – Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn will do the services and a choral morning prayer will be led by the Lay Readers. Bishop Ron Cutler will do the 6:30 pm and 10:00 pm services on Christmas Eve. Rev Mike gave a vote of thanks to Rev Judie and Rev Marilyn for filling in.
- 8.11 Music** – Edith will be away from January to the 2nd week of April. Rev. Judie has contacted someone and has been waiting to hear back. We would pay for a practice every second week but still pay \$100 which would give us 2 practices and Sunday services each month. Linda moved that Rev Judie contact the person and Jean seconded. Motion carried. The World Day of Prayer is here at our church this year.
- 8.12 Children's Sale** – Bev H has all of the stuff from last year that didn't sell plus lots more. We will set up on Friday evening. We will sell coffee, tea, muffins and cookies at the canteen. Wendy will send advertising to the media. We have a Santa and a photographer coming.

Jean thanked Rev Mike for all his work over the years and said we are sorry to see him go. Rev. Mike said he enjoyed working with us.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Myril moved adjournment and we closed with the Grace at 8:55pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **December 6th at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells

Secretary.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 17, 2013

A special service will be held on November 24th at 4 pm for Rev. Mike. A pot luck will follow in the church hall.

It was decided that a gift certificate for a golf store would be our retirement gift from the Parish.

Rev. Judie moved and Wendy seconded that we give Rev Mike a \$500 gift card to a golf store. Motion carried.

This motion will be ratified at the December meeting.

Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury has been invited to preach at the service. Rev Mike will decide where the offering will go.

Wendy volunteered to do up a special bulletin cover. The Ladies Group may sing a song and the Choir may do something.

Helen moved adjournment at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Wells
Parish Council Secretary

This meeting was held immediately following the regular October council meeting after Rev. Mike left.