

Parish Council Meeting-September 13th, 2012

Present-Linda, Angela, Rick M, Rev. Judie, Rev. Mike, Rick O. Erica, Rev. Marilyn, Wendy, Bev H.

Regrets-Joanne H., Jean, Myril, Bev P., Raymond is absent

The meeting began at 7:05 pm. Rev. Mike opened with prayer. Rick O. welcomes back Linda and Rev. Mike.

Approval of agenda-Wendy moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Rev. Judie. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes-The approval of the minutes included the June 14th Council meeting and the 2 short meetings held to discuss the sale of St. Luke's were moved by Erica and seconded by Bev H. Motioned carried.

Outstanding business-Four months of budget information was distributed.

2. Council Ministries Reports:

2.1 Communication-Correspondence- A Letter was received from The Atlantic School of Theology requesting a donation. After a discussion, Rev. Mike made a motion to donate, as a parish, \$100.00. Rev. Judie seconded. Rick O. opposed. Motion carried. Rick O. feels we should send a message that we are in financial difficulty. It was decided to pass this information onto the Finance committee to possibly plan to budget for this next year.

Rick O. read a card from Rev. Marilyn thanking the Parish for the gift of the green stole.

2.2 Rectors report-Fresh back from vacation, Rev. Mike is looking forward to the fall lineup of exciting events the various committees are planning. Rev. Mike has also been planning for the up and coming Confirmation class. One of the requirements of this years confirmation class is they will need to be in church on Sunday.

2.3 Wardens report-no written report. Currently the sale of St. Luke's has been keeping them busy.

3. Following Committees:

3.1 Treasurer's report-Bev H. circulated financial reports for the months of May, June, July and August.

3.2 Ways and means-Current plans involve the up and coming Corned beef supper. Enough tickets were sold and there will be enough supplies to sell at least an extra 20 tickets at the

door. Tickets will be available in church Sunday.

3.3 Property report and cemetery-Rick M. read the report. The following is a summary of tasks completed to September 12, 2012.

-The doorway to the Fellowship Room was widened and a new door installed. A piece of soffit which was missing from the bell tower was replaced. More gravel was placed in the parking lot. Two bollards were installed by the sign to protect it from vehicles. A yard cleanup was held on April 21st with 16 people participating. A stainless steel cigarette butt holder was installed outside the basement door. Seven dead pine trees were removed. A key box was installed in the Fellowship room and copies of all keys used in the church were labeled and placed inside. A number of headstones were straightened and other cemetery maintenance was performed. The steel exterior entrance doors for the basement have been installed and painted. The window next to the stairs was blocked up and parged on the outside. The exterior foundation wall next to the parking lot was painted. All basement windows were replaced and the interior trim painted. The furnace room door and trim were painted. New cabinets and countertops for the coffee urns were installed, as well as a cabinet for paper towels. NS Power removed a tree at the front of the cemetery as requested.

Rick O. said a special, Thank you, to the Property committee for all the hard work done around the church.

4. Spiritual Development:

4.1 Spiritual Development report-No meeting. Currently, efforts are preparing for Welcome Back Sunday, Sept 23rd. Wendy is in charge of the advertising for this. The planning for the Nov. 2, All Saint's day memorial hymn sing, is underway.

4.2 Sunday school report- No report.

4.3 Choir report- Rev. Judie said they are learning new hymns. Looking into providing musical entertainment for Back to Church Sunday. Musical guest Jill and family will be here this Sunday.

4.4 Administration Committee report-No new updates.

5. Pastoral Care and Outreach:

5.1 Pastoral Care Committee- Rick O. read the report sent in by Connie Hudson. They had a meeting in August. They have been busy with their regular activities-95 phone calls, 81 visits, 17 cards sent. They were pleased to attend the Pastoral Care Workshop arranged by Rev. Marian Conrad on May 26th and June 30, at which they presented information on their

practices of phoning parishioners.

5.2 Ladies group report-Wendy gave her report. Bishop Sue attended the September meeting and spoke of her trip to Tanzania. They were very pleased with the turnout. Currently planning Oktoberfest, hoping they will have good success since this activity is replacing this year's fall yard sale.

5.3 Outreach report-No report. Council agrees they need to have a meeting and should be issuing a report to council.

6. Stewardship-No report

7. Clericus-Regional Council-Diocesan Synod or Office:

7.1 New or special business-Wendy said there was no meeting since the spring. The next Regional Council meeting will be held here, at St. Andrew's, on October 18th. We will be required to provide a lunch.

8. Outstanding or New business:

8.1 Marilyn's Thank you card was read and will be posted at the back of the church.

8.2 The donation for AST was discussed. Refer to paragraph 2.1.

8.3 The review of the Holy manners is coming due so it will be put in the bulletin to see if anyone requires changes.

8.4 The annual review of "Who does what" list is on the table and needs to be updated. Council was considering where the best place to post this chart.

8.5 Bell from St. Luke's-Rick M. feels it should be here, at St. Andrew's, with a plaque under it. Council agreed that we will keep the bell if the property is sold other than being a church. Ian Angus will be notified of our request.

8.6 St. Luke's update-Rick O. reported that we accepted a price of \$235,000 on St. Luke's. Rev. Mike said it was not a signed offer. There are a couple of others interested in the property. To date nothing is finalized. Rev. Ashton is not interested in purchasing St. Luke's.

8.7 Vial of life to be put at the back of the church and will be mentioned in the bulletin.

8.8 Workshop-There will be a Parish Visitation Workshop on October 27th. The Parish of St. Thomas, Fall River will be hosting it.

Wendy called for meeting adjournment at 8:40pm. Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Miller, secretary

Next Council meeting-October 11, 2012