

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 18, 2014

Present: Bev Higgins, Linda Strachan, Rick Morash, Rev Judie Lafford, Anne Dauphinee, Rev Mark Pretty, Wendy Wells, Anne Fraser, Helen Clattenburg.

Regrets: Rick Orlando, Erica Orlando, Bev Pattison, Myril Wells, Jinny Giza, Rev Marilyn Hamlin

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

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1.4 The following items were added to the agenda: Song Writer's Circle, Talent Show, Lobster Supper and Safe-r-Church. Rick Morash moved and Helen Clattenburg seconded that the agenda be accepted with the added items. Carried.

1.5 Anne Dauphinee moved and Anne Fraser seconded the approval of the minutes as circulated. These were accepted by consensus. Under 3.2, paying substitute organists a fee of \$75 was raised. Bev H said this was a financial decision and she brought it up to council. A motion on this was already passed at the last meeting. Linda questioned Doug Gillett's letter. Rick M said it was not meant for discussion but just for feedback. Anne D asked if a person can request the BCP for weddings, funerals and baptisms. Rev. Mark will look into this as it can be chosen for weddings and funerals but he is not sure about baptisms.

1.6 Ongoing Business – none

Council Ministries Reports

2.1 Communications – None

2.2 Rector's Report – Rev Mark said that the topics of bringing more people to church and how to raise funds were discussed at the Finance Committee. He suggested starting a Think Tank Committee made up of people who are not heavily involved in other aspects of the church. He said communication is a way to make people more aware of us. Bill Kelley is setting up a Facebook page. Tim Dellapinna and Angela Miller are going to update our web page. He showed us the newsletter he is working on. The Sunday closest to Halloween, Rev Mark will encourage people to dress up in costumes.

Anne F. asked if he was going to have Bible Study or a Book Study. He said this would be discussed at Spiritual Development.

2.3 Warden's Report – The Wardens met with Rev Mark on September 9th and discussed "Open Church Sunday" and some of the needs of the parish. \$665 was made on the

“Curtains Up” concert. Rick M sold the tickets and provided the sound equipment. They both attended the Finance Meeting and worked on the preparations for “Open Church Sunday”.

Following Committees

- 3.1 Treasurer’s Report – There was a deficit of -\$9419.08 at the end of August. Reports for June, July and August were presented. Bev H said that August was the most profitable month. St. Luke’s money will be removed and put on a separate line.
- 3.2 Finance Report – The Finance Committee met on September 16th. They will be providing quarterly statements for the bulletin. Bev H. said some people are reading them. They talked about the expenses and there was a discussion about the organist. A temporary replacement will receive more than the regular organist. Their next meeting will be held on November 18th. They will work on the budget at this meeting.
- 3.3 Ways and Means Report – *Curtains Up* raised \$665. There is the Kitchen Party Concert on September 28th. They hope people will support this as Rev Judie made the arrangements. Rev Judie said if you play an instrument to bring it along. It will begin at 2 pm. Rick Morash mentioned a *Song Writer’s Circle*. He had a call from Patrick Murray who would like to use our hall for this. He would give us 10% of all proceeds. Rick will need to find out more about this as it would involve renting the hall.
The Talent Show and the Lobster Supper will not happen as no one came forward to offer help.
The Kids Shopping Day will take place on December 13th under the leadership of Bev H.
The Christmas Turkey Supper will be held on November 29th. Wendy offered to organize this.
- 3.4 Property Report and Cemetery - Rick M read a report from Keith. The steps cost \$352 over budget. A motion will need to be made to address this. This will be deferred until the next meeting.

Spiritual Development

- 4.1 Spiritual Development Report – The Open Church Sunday has been arranged and everything is a go. They will meet sometime next week and discuss such things as the Memorial Hymn sing, Halloween Pot Luck, Advent, Bible Study and the Angel Tree.
- 4.2 Sunday School Report – No report.
- 4.3 Choir Report – Choir practice will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

- 4.4 Administration Committee Report – This committee needs to set a date for another meeting.

Pastoral Care & Outreach

- 5.1 Pastoral Care Report – No report.

- 5.2 St. Andrew's Ladies Group Report – We met on September 4th. Our Yard Sale is coming up on September 27th. We will be selling calendars again this year but are ordering less. We have a guest speaker coming to our November meeting to speak on Alzheimer's. This will be open to the congregation and anyone they would like to bring along. We are having a Bake Sale on November 23 after both services at the back of the church.

- 5.3 Outreach Report – No report.

Stewardship

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- 7.1 No report

Outstanding or New Business

- 8.1 Photocopier – The Church has been approached by Sharp who has bought out the company that owns and services our copier. They want to remove our current copier and replace it with a new one. This will cost an additional \$17 per month. Bev H looked over our current contract and what we have spent on this copier. She figured the copies would go down in price but we would be paying more per month. We would also be locked into a 5 year contract. This machine would be state of the art and perhaps we could start making our own bulletin covers for special services instead of purchasing them. Do we need a new copier? It was suggested we talk to Sharp some more and see if they will give us the same deal we currently have. This will be brought back to the next council meeting.
- 8.2 Safe-r-Church – We need to get on with this as we risk losing our insurance coverage if we do not complete this. There is a brief form (6 pages) from the Ecclesiastical church. All Sunday School teachers, visitors, and other people in the parish need to have a criminal background check and the sexual offenders' list check. The deadline is January. The form is a report that needs to be sent to the insurance company. The Sunday School Teachers and Rev. Marilyn and Rev Judie have all been done. The chair of each committee is being asked to write a one paragraph report about their group and its activities. Rick M will send an email to all the committee chairs about this. The deadline for these reports is the next council meeting.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned and we closed with the Grace at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **October 16, 2014 at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Wells
Secretary.