

Congregational Council Meeting
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday April 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Rev. Matt Martin, Heather Smith, Karen Rapien, Jackie Martens, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau, Bryan Smith, Liz Hodgins, Terri Ellison, Jackie Dix, Josh Marsden, Carolynn Hodgins, Phyllis O'Neil.

Regrets: Paul Marsden, Amanda Jackman, Darlene Howald

Call to Order:

Rev. Matt Martin called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Carolynn Hodgins; Seconded by Terri Ellison

That the Minutes of the March 11th, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Hazardous Material Assessment** – Heather made contact with the company chosen to do this assessment. Upon looking at the contract there were several questions such as the need for a lift, ladders, etc. Upon clarification, Karen & Heather recommended we proceed with this once the lockdown has been lifted and we will be able to have a couple of church members in the church while they are doing the assessment. The cost will be \$3,000. and we should receive a grant from the Diocese for \$1,500. once we send Terri a PDF of the invoice and report.

**Interrupted Business Arising for Andrew Martens to walk us through the churches investments plus we have 2 GIC's coming due on April 12. Our investments were up 1.78% which Andrew suggested anything positive was good for 2020. So far, we are up 4.31% for 2021. Andrew also feels that rates are extremely low at the moment and would not advise investing for more than 1 or 2 years. The GIC's due are for \$51,456. and \$52,928. Since we can't invest more than \$100,000. per institution to be covered under CDIC insurance Andrew's recommendation was to invest \$50,000. in Haventree Bank for 1 year at 1.05% and \$55,834. in Bridgewater Bank for 1 year at 1.07%.

Moved by Heather Smith; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That we reinvest our GIC's as per Andrew's recommendation. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: - continued

- **Outreach to Medway** – Table until Sept. 2021
- **Cancer Clinic** – Liz Hodgins will call to see what we can do.
- **Wilberforce Outreach** – Liz said she would contact them again in May.
- **Call Parishioners** – Karen suggested we keep our lists and call them again since we already have a rapport with them.

Correspondence:

- Received a letter regarding the Frank Street construction this summer.

Treasurer's Report:

Calvin presented the Treasurer's report.

Moved by Liz Hodgins; Seconded by Karen Rapien

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Terri complimented our church on how smoothly we handle the transition to a new treasurer. Many churches are not so successful.

Committee Reports:

a) Property Report:

- Bryan continues to check the church, empty dehumidifiers, etc. daily.
- Bryan talked to Dylan regarding landscaping after last years construction by the Parish Hall.
- We talked about a memorial garden. Jackie Dix offered her sister's services to draw up a plan. Terri asked that in keeping with the 5 Marks of Mission, the garden should be butterfly friendly. Phyllis has a magazine with suggestions for a memorial garden that she will leave at the church for the property committee to look at.

b) Warden's Report:

- Heather & Karen took the first of three courses designed for Clergy, Wardens and Lay Leaders - Parish Administration 101. Heather took the second course – Congregational Growth and Evangelism. There were only 28 people at the course and we were the only church with growth. According to Grayhame Bowcott's report, Holy Trinity, Lucan is the 2nd fastest numerically growing congregation in Ecclesiastical Ontario. Number 1 is in Toronto.
- It was suggested that Heather & Karen communicate to the congregation about Grayhame's report.
- The Zoom Coffee Hour after Easter Sunday service worked very well. There were 12 different screens. Received an email from Gary and Elizabeth Welsh saying how much they appreciated it. Heather suggested maybe we try and do this every couple of weeks.
- Karen thanked Heather & Rev. Matt re: the Easter card with a photo of the stained-glass window that was sent to parishioners. It was appreciated. The card resulted in some donations even though the card did not ask for any money.
- Discussed how Cliff was doing; are we paying him anything. He has not been paid since services were discontinued in December 2020. We still need him when church resumes.

Moved by Karen Rapien; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That we send Cliff a note of appreciation along with a cheque for 1 month honorarium. Carried

Heather & Calvin agreed to look after this.

c) ACW Report:

- Phyllis asked if anyone has heard from Kingfisher Lake. There has been no correspondence. Jackie Dix offered to reach out to them.
- Phyllis asked that we still save stamps to collect when we gather again.

d) Sunday School Report:

- Monday night the Sunday School hosted an Easter Escape Room via Zoom that consisted of stories, clues and riddles. It was lots of fun. The kids were in good spirits. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

e) Rector's Report:

- Rev. Matt has been the Regional Dean for 3 years. His term is up in June. They asked if he would like to continue but he said no. He feels things will be opening up in the fall and he wants to focus on Holy Trinity.

- The Helping Hands fund through the Lions Club, Township, and Rev. Matt is extending their mandate to help with vaccination appointments by providing transportation for those who need it. Lucan Taxi will give the ride. The Lions Club will pay for transportation anywhere in the London Middlesex Health Unit area.
- Helping Hands has been used but only a handful of people have approached Rev. Matt.
- Money is a concern and who knows what the future holds. Once we start getting back to church, we should make a plan as to what we can allocate to Lucan. Suggested we have a budget line to access when something comes up as a Council that we wish to support.
- Rev. Matt suggested that people are not allowed to have family with them for treatment. Maybe when we are making our calls, we can subtly find out if they need additional help.

f) Communication Update:

- No Report

g) Re-gathering Sub Committee:

- Will meet again next week. We can't do anything during the lockdown. We do want to give people hope.

New Business:

- Liz suggested that we table the Craigholme donation decision until our September meeting. We can see at that time how the church is doing financially. As a church and Christians, her aim is to do projects that will help the community. Other areas that could use help might be the Exeter Villa or Jessica's House. Heather suggested someone from the Craigholme fundraising committee could make a presentation to the congregation via Zoom.
- Bryan suggested that people are quite comfortable watching church from home and hopefully they will return to in church services once we are able to open.
- Rev. Matt has been vaccinated. Encouraged us to call if we need anything. He said we are a great council – a good team.

Upcoming Dates:

- May 16 & 17 – Synod.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Matt closed the meeting with a prayer.

Motion to Adjourn: Terri Ellison made the motion to adjourn.