

**Congregational Council Meeting**  
**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Present:** Rev. Matt Martin, Linda Smith, Phyllis O'Neil, Jackie Martens, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau, Bryan Smith, Heather Smith, Liz Hodgins, Terri Ellison, Amanda Jackman, Jackie Dix, Shelley Reynolds, Darlene Howald

**Regrets:** none

**Call to Order:**

Rev. Matt Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Heather Smith; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That the Minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- **Hazardous Material Assessment** – Tabled until Jan 2021, grant available until May 2021.
- **Ronald McDonald House** – Table until Jan 2021
- **Outreach to Medway** – Table until Jan 2021
- **Cancer Clinic** – Table until Jan 2021.
- **Wilberforce Outreach** – Liz Hodgins reported that she did take water and juice boxes to Wilberforce School. She will call again tomorrow to see where they are at and if they need anything else.

**Correspondence:**

- Received a donation from someone who doesn't attend our church but wants to see our work continue.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Calvin presented the Treasurers Report.

Moved by Darlene Howald; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That the treasurer's report for November 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Calvin also informed Council that our GIC was up for renewal. Interest rates are 1.01% - 1 year; 1.15% - 2 years; 1.34% - 3 years.

Moved by Liz Hodgins; Seconded by Heather Smith

That we reinvest the GIC plus interest for 1 year. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**a) Property Report:**

- Put stakes along the sidewalk to the Parish Hall for the winter.
- Tried caulking on each side of the front steps. The caulking failed. Complained to Lowes and received our money back. Will need a new plan in the spring.
- 3 Window sills are deteriorating. Will repair in spring.
- Landscaping/memorial garden will be done in the spring.

Rev. Matt commented that we have one of the best kept buildings in the Diocese and he and Council thanked the property for their dedication. Bryan remarked that he has a good property crew, everyone having a different talent.

**b) Wardens:**

- Rev. Matt reminded everyone that this was Linda & Shelley's last meeting as Wardens. We have been very fortunate to have them.
- Linda thanked Bryan and the property committee for ringing the bell at noon daily.
- Shelley said it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

**c) ACW:**

- Phyllis commented that there was a correction in the minutes as there was no donation by ACW to Jessica's House.
- We signed and sent out Christmas cards to the shut-ins in lieu of the Amaryllis/gifts due to Covid.

**d) Sunday School:**

- Heather and Mindy mailed out Advent packages.
- Rev. Matt has had positive feedback about the Sunday School packages. He will Zoom with the Sunday School students from home.

**e) Rectors Report:**

- Rev. Matt said goodbye to Shelley and Linda and thanked them for their dedication. We will have 2 new wardens – Heather Smith who knows the Church very well and is quite talented and Karen Rapien on a year-to-year basis. She also knows the parish well. Also, Paul & Josh Marsden (father & son) plusCarolynn Hodgins will also be joining council. Terri to nominate Paul Marsden; Liz to nominate Josh Marsden; Phyllis to nominate Carolynn Hodgins; Jackie Dix to nominate Karen Rapien.
- Rev. Matt informed council that with the rising cases of COVID we will go to “red”. We are still allowed to have services with permission but probably not many people will attend. Rev. Matt will talk to Bishop Todd. We have to prepare that the Christmas Eve service may have to go virtual. He has cancelled the Sun. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> service.
- Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – “Fill the Steps” event - Liz and a helper will man the front steps from 10 a.m. to noon accepting donations for Merrymount. Rev. Matt & Jackie will man the steps from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. accepting donations to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank. Everyone should be wearing a mask.
- Rev. Matt has had several funerals. Usually this is a very busy time of year with Christmas. This year has added pressure with the funerals and the pandemic. He asked for everyone's patience with the process.
- The Diocese has put a lot of emphasis on the Rector's to decide when to close. Rev. Matt said he will error on the side of safety. Heather stated that the council support him in that decision.
- It was decided that the Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Calvin is to contact Michael Scott. Heather & Liz volunteered to call parishioners and make a list of who would like to participate in the Zoom meeting.
- We are to encourage people to donate to Holy Trinity even though they are not attending church. It is challenging when we don't see people. We are encouraged to call fellow parishioners.
- Rev. Matt thanked us for our Christmas gift to him. It was not necessary but very much appreciated. We are a very thoughtful group. He feels very blessed to be our priest.

**f) Communication Update:**

- Amanda reported a poster re: “Fill the Steps” was shared by the Lucan/Biddulph facebook.
- She said we should keep an eye on facebook/emails for updates.

**New Business:**

- Rev. Matt said that Shelley has been in our prayers over the loss of her mom.
- Rev. Matt also said we should look forward with hope to 2021. These are tough times but we will get through this.
- Discussed Heritage having a social distancing meeting in the basement of the church. We would need to sign a waiver, list all in attendance for contact tracing if necessary and there is to be no food or drink.
- The council discussed sending Christmas cards to all parishioners.
- Heather suggested the possibility of hosting a Zoom Christmas Carol sing along.
- The Bishop will be visiting on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. He will only be there to preach; no reception to follow.
- Rev. Matt reiterated that if anyone needs to talk, please call him.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Vestry Meeting – Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Motion to Adjourn: Terri Ellison.** The Grace said by all.