

**Congregational Council Meeting
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday, February 10, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Present: Rev. Allan Livingstone, Heather Smith, Karen Rapien, Terri Ellison, Phyllis O'Neil, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau, Bryan Smith, Carolyn Hodgins, Liz Hodgins, Jackie Martens, Darlene Howald, Cheryl Steckley, Eileen Armstrong

Regrets: Jackie Dix

Call to Order:

Rev. Allan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Terri Ellison; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That the Minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting be approved as amended. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Reader's Schedule** – Phyllis asked about the reader's schedule that Jackie Dix was to organize. Terri offered to contact Jackie re: the schedule
- **Medway High School – Darlene** - no report
- **Wilberforce Public School** – Liz contacted Wilberforce this week and they still have enough water.

Correspondence:

- None

Treasurer's Report:

Calvin presented the Treasurer's report. The payroll invoices for the months of October, November and December have been received and are up to date. It showed that we paid Rev. Matt to the middle of the month instead of the 10th. This works out to a difference of \$513.00. Given the major difficulties with the payroll, the wardens recommended we drop this issue. Issues with Enbridge overbilling during the year and delays in applying the accumulated credit have been resolved with a payable balance of \$848.15. The dispute with the Bell phone bill for \$1,758.96 after several phone calls has been reduced to \$21.55. We have not received an invoice for insurance yet. Rev. Allan asked if the Parish has suffered financially with no in person services. Calvin thought no but said the large donation from Canada Helps of \$5,498.25 was a large boost. (Donations from funeral homes can be made through Canada Helps) Bryan asked about differences in hydro from last year to this year since they have repaired the heat cables on the roof and are running them on a timer. Last December we used 2245 kwh and this December we used 1720 kwh. In January we used 1990 kwh and last year 1938 kwh.

Moved by Calvin Charbonneau; Seconded by Darlene Howald

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as distributed.

Carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Property Report:

- Bryan continues to check the church daily.
- Elgin Fire Equipment Services is coming to check the fire extinguishers, exit lights and batteries next week.
- The vacuum doesn't seem to have a setting to adjust for carpet. It has pulled another thread in the carpet. Gerry and Bryan repaired the rug on Wednesday. Eileen suggested they check to see if they can reduce the suction on the vacuum. Otherwise, Bryan might look at the old vacuum to do the Sunday School area.

Warden's Report:

- Heather thanked everyone who attended the Vestry meeting. She thought it went well.
- At the Vestry meeting we had difficulty finding an Alternate Lay Delegate. Heather had volunteered but after the meeting Ruth Peterson offered to hold that position. Rev. Allan will have a short Vestry meeting after church on Sunday to include Ruth into that position.
- Discussed the Questionnaire comments that Heather had sent to the council.
- Heather also mentioned the Huron Light Green initiative. Friedhelm talked briefly at Vestry about a Community Garden and will be looking for volunteers. Will add this to the March agenda.
- Karen said the insurance quote she received was sent to the Diocese 2 months ago and we have had no response. The quote expired the end of January. The quote was brought to the Diocese' attention to show that there were other options and that the Canon 35 should be updated. Rev. Allan advised that this proposal would have to be brought to Synod and again the following year. It takes 2 years to make a change.

Liz asked about Rev. Kim VanAllan's interest in lack of support from the Diocese.

b) ACW Report:

- Nothing to report.

c) Sunday School Report:

- Nothing to report. Feel that it will be at least September before Sunday School will resume.

d) Rector's Report:

- Rev. Allan reiterated that Mary Anne and himself are pleased to be here. He is anxious to get back to in person services. He has concerns over people not coming back because they can watch it from home.
- In December he had discussions with Tom Tomes and the guys that work with him. Gates have been erected at the cemetery so people have access. Another concern is that Tom is the only signing authority on the cemetery account. He feels there should be 3 persons authorized to sign with any 2 to sign.
- We have been a long time without communion and looking forward to discussing this with the regathering committee on how to have some form of communion.

Heather thanked Rev. Allan for all that he is doing.

e) Re-gathering Sub Committee:

- Have a meeting scheduled for Feb. 15 at 8:15 p.m. via zoom. Hope to be back in church the last week of February.

f) Selection Committee:

- Met last Monday via Zoom. Identified 5 priorities and came up with 10 questions for interviewing
- The required information was dropped off at the Diocese on January 26th on a USB stick.
- Right now we are on hold until the Bishop has candidates for us.

Moved by Darlene Howald; Seconded by Clayton Charbonneau
That the committee reports be accepted.

Carried.

New Business:

- None

Upcoming Dates:

- Sun. Feb. 13, 2022 – Installation of Officers

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Terri informed everyone that her zoom background church is St. Paul's, Halifax built in 1750. It is the oldest Anglican church in Canada.

Terri Ellison made the motion to adjourn.

The meeting closed with everyone reciting the small doxology – Glory to God.....