

**Congregational Council Meeting**  
**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**  
**Thursday January 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

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

**Regrets:** Phyllis O'Neil, Clayton Charbonneau

**Call to Order:**

Rev. Matt Martin called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Terri Ellison; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That the Minutes of the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting be approved as amended. Carried.

*(Cancel s/b Cancer; Wilberforce Outreach - pop s/b juice boxes)*

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- **Hazardous Material Assessment** – Tabled until Feb. 2021, grant available until end of 2021.
- **Ronald McDonald House** – Table until Feb. 2021
- **Outreach to Medway** – Table until Feb. 2021
- **Cancer Clinic** – Table until Feb. 2021
- **Wilberforce Outreach** –

**Correspondence:**

- Thank you card from Rev. Andreas Thiel for the donation to St. Matthews Church, Windsor in memory of Anya
- Rev. Matt will be doing interviews with the Exeter Paper and My FM promoting Helping Hands – a combined effort from the Lions Club, Township of Lucan Biddulph and Holy Trinity to distribute gift cards for families in need.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Calvin presented the Treasurers Report. He said that we had very generous donations during the month of December. Linda thanked Calvin for filling out Diocese reports comparing 2019/2020 income for a wage subsidy grant.

Moved by Darlene Howald; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

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

**Committee Reports:**

**a) Property Report:**

- Bryan has been checking the building daily – emptying de-humidifiers, keeping ice off sidewalks.
- Eileen installed a new dusk to dawn light over the Frank Street entrance

**b) Wardens:**

- Linda told council that it has been a pleasure working with everyone. We are a very supportive group and she really enjoyed her time as warden.
- Shelley echoed Linda's comments. She feels the new wardens will do a great job.
- Rev. Matt said that these were challenging times and our wardens rose to the occasion.

**c) ACW:**

- Karen mailed cheques to Kingfisher Lake, Ailsa Craig Food Bank and Women's Rural Resource. Received thank you cards from the Ailsa Craig Food Bank and Women's Rural Resource.
- The annual report was handed in.

**d) Sunday School:**

- Nothing to report

**e) Rectors Report:**

- Rev. Matt said this has been a difficult time and we need to encourage parishioners to stick with the parish. We would reach out to parishioners. We also need to continue to donate what we can as the church still need finances to continue our ministry.
- He has been happy with the response through Facebook live.
- Rev. Matt had a phone call from someone wanting to become a new parishioner.
- Send message that we are here to help; small things mean a lot.
- Amanda has completed the Vestry report and with council approval would like to get it on the website as soon as possible.
- Linda suggested that we print a few copies for people to pick up. She will sit at the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening from 7 – 8 p.m. for anyone wishing to pick up a copy.

**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:**

- Bryan would like to have Linda remain on the Cemetery Board.
- Bryan reported that he heard good comments about the Christmas Eve service and it was a nice touch that Amanda panned around the church for everyone to see.
- Liz commented that when calling parishioners regarding the Vestry meeting, many appreciated the phone calls. Heather agreed and felt we should focus on this going forward. Jackie mentioned that when she was updating the Parish list in the spring many people were happy for the phone call. Rev. Matt said that as a parish community we should stay on top of this.
- Rev. Matt also said we should look forward with hope to 2021. These are tough times but we will get through this.
- Heather & Liz will email a list of those wishing to participate in the Zoom Vestry Meeting.
- Liz thanked Linda and Shelley for their work as Wardens. She echoed that we are a good team and how we clicked together.
- Heather thanked everyone who helped with "Fill the Steps". It was a very successful campaign.
- Rev. Matt asked about feedback re: him doing the services from home. The general comment was it was easier to hear him from home than in the church.

**Upcoming Dates:**

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

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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