

**Congregational Council Meeting
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday, March 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,Carolynn Hodgins, Liz Hodgins, Jackie Martens, Cheryl Steckley, Eileen Armstrong, Jackie Dix, Ruth Petersen

Regrets: Darlene Howald

Call to Order:

Rev. Allan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Liz Hodgins; Seconded by Terri Ellison

That the Minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Medway High School – Darlene** - no report
- **Wilberforce Public School – Liz** – no report
- **Huron Light Green Initiative (Community Garden)** – Heather reported the information was sent out in the church update but no response.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Merrymount thanking us for the donations at Christmas

Treasurer's Report:

Calvin presented the Treasurer's report. The payroll is up to date now.

Bryan Smith called Brian Gregory re: our large gas bills. Heather and Karen will compare the current bill with previous bills, then contact Enbridge to question why they are so high especially since the church has not been used due to Covid.

Heather ordered new receipt books with 3 copies. These are for Holy Trinity, St. James Chapel of Ease & St. James Cemetery combined.

Have not received an invoice for insurance. AON promised they would be in the mail last week. This year we make the payment to the Diocese, then the Diocese pays the insurance company. Parishes have the option of a payment plan or to pay in full.

Rev. Alan asked who was studying the cost of the new priest. The wardens said the Diocese have our financial information.

Moved by Calvin Charbonneau; Seconded by Cheryl Steckley

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Property Report:

- Bryan continues to check the church daily.
- Elgin Fire Equipment Services came to check the fire extinguishers, exit lights and batteries. Everything was in good condition.
- Dave Goddard met with EMS to check the defibrillator.
- Orville Evans has been walking through the church daily while Bryan is recuperating from a broken arm.
- Gerry Rapien has been checking the sidewalks, heat and operating the sound system for Bryan.

Warden's Report:

- Heather questioned what we should do with the minister pictures on the wall. She purchased 2 picture frames (BOGO) – 1 with 9 spaces and 1 with a black mat. Two frames will be even on the wall.
- We need to start looking at a schedule for sidespersons, sound system and streaming. Terri has been doing the streaming every Sunday. Talked about a poster at Medway for students to get volunteer hours.
- Jackie Dix suggested streaming horizontally vs. vertically.
- The Wardens are going to send out Easter cards with a Palm cross enclosed.
- The Wardens asked us to put on our thinking caps regarding fundraising events for the future.

b) ACW Report:

- Phyllis attended World Day of Prayer last Friday. It was held at Villages United Church, Granton. The emphasis was on England, Ireland & Wales. It was very professionally done by video. It was the first refreshment time in 2 years. They had snack plates. You picked them up and brought them back to the pews. Karen commented that a lot of technical equipment had been purchased for the church. The screens in front were very visible. Phyllis said it was nice to be back in person again.

c) Sunday School Report:

- Nothing to report.

d) Rector's Report:

- Rev. Allan talked about how Liz had pointed out the use of the common cup at a funeral she attended in Smith Falls. Rev. Allan said they have received new instructions on how to use the common cup from the Diocese. He didn't feel we were ready to move to the common cup. For now we would go back to what we had been doing and feel the congregation out.
- He reminded everyone that we don't say Alleluia during Lent.
- Maundy Thursday is typically the washing of the hands or feet. This year you are supposed to bring your own towel. We said that usually 12 – 16 people attended that service.
- Bryan feels the numbers have dwindled because of the pandemic.
- Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be at 10:30 a.m. We discussed how to get the word to the wider community. Terri & Heather on Lucan pages but maybe wait until restrictions have been reviewed. Right now our capacity is 50 people. There were concerns that streaming discouraged people from coming to church. Rev. Allan said we need to educate parishioners on the importance of community.
- The Diocese is encouraging the Deaneries to put a service together highlighting people from all parishes.
- Rev. Allan expressed his thanks to Karen for her treats for the clericus meeting last week Tuesday. There were 10 clergy in attendance. There was a presentation on Mental Health. They had lunch at the Barracuda. Colin Haskett was at the restaurant and picked up the tabs for all 10.
- We further discussed finding people to help with the service. Jackie M. suggested opening up slowly – baby steps. Everyone was in favour of the collection plate at the back of the church. Phyllis said she liked doing everything on 1 Sunday. You go to the front and stay there - do the readings, prayers of the people. It was questioned if masks could be removed during the readings/sermon. Terri asked about chanting the Easter Psalm.

e) Re-gathering Sub Committee:

- Meet again the end of March.

f) Selection Committee:

- Selection committee will meet with Bishop Todd on March 23rd. He is supposed to be bringing a list of candidates at that time. Heather said things have moved along much quicker than normal.

New Business:

- Craigweil Gardens – table until we can meet in person. Liz will get an update on the project for the next meeting. Rev. Allan said we are called to do mission work and care of the elderly is important work.

Upcoming Dates:



Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022. Eileen gave her regrets for that meeting.

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

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