

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

Present: Rev. Allan Livingstone, Heather Smith, Karen Rapien, Jackie Martens, Bryan Smith, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau,Carolynn Hodgins, Darlene Howald, Phyllis O'Neil, Terri Ellison, Jackie Dix, Liz Hodgins, Josh Marsden, Paul Marsden.

Regrets:

Call to Order:

Heather Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed Rev. Allan Livingstone to Holy Trinity. Karen & Heather had given Rev. Allan a tour of the church. Rev. Allan said he was thankful to be joining us. He then opened our meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Liz Hodgins; Seconded by Terri Ellison

That the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting be approved as amended.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Wilberforce School** – Liz has taken 10 cases of water to Wilberforce. They are grateful for our support.
- **Outreach to Medway** – Darlene to contact them
- **Donation to Craigholme** – Table until Dec. 2021 meeting
- Rev. Matt informed council that Amanda will be here until the end of August. Going forward she won't be able to continue on council since she is returning to school. We have a new sound system which plugs into your phone. Also, a new mic on the lectern and an ambient mic hanging from the ceiling. The cost was \$3,888.97.

Correspondence:

- Received a letter from Forward Movement who supply the church with the Day to Day booklets. We get 20 booklets quarterly at \$122./year. Usually we use 10. It was suggested that we could drop a couple of books off at the apartments and at Jake's Place.

Treasurer's Report:

Calvin presented the Treasurer's report. We did not receive a bill from Enbridge this month so Calvin is assuming we have a credit.

Moved by Darlene Howald; Seconded by Phyllis O'Neil

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Property Report:

- Bryan continues to check the church, empty dehumidifiers, etc. daily. Bought 1 new dehumidifier and will need another one for next year.
- Bryan and Gerry repaired the front step with mortar, sand and hardener.
- Orville and Bryan sanded and painted the Parish Hall and Frank Street doors.
- Need to work on the ice cables on the Parish Hall roof.
- The carpet in the front entrance has rotted underneath. Will need new carpet.
- Down the road the property committee is looking at changing the lighting in the kitchen and dining room.

b) Warden's Report:

- We are happy to have an interim minister – Rev. Allan Livingstone
- Jackie Dix commented on the thoughtful gifts and beautiful job the wardens did with Rev. Matt's farewell. Council was in agreement.
- Heather & Karen discussed Cliff's Letter of Understanding. He has been paid the same amount (\$5,000./year) since he started at least more than 11 years ago.

Moved by Jackie Dix; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That we offer Cliff a stipend of \$6,000./year divided by 12 monthly payments effective November 1, 2021. Carried.

- We discussed sending out Christmas cards like last year. It was decided that Heather would put the picture of Holy Trinity in the winter on the front of the card.
- The Zoom membership was Rev. Matt's. Linda Smith uses Zoom occasionally for her Aloette sales. She has offered to split the Zoom membership with us.

Moved by Karen Rapien; Seconded by Carolynn Hodgins

That we share a Zoom membership with Linda Smith at a cost of \$200.00 ÷ making our portion \$100.00. Carried.

- Heather sent an email to council regarding a poinsettia fundraiser. Since she received positive feedback, she has moved forward with this. She will be mailing out an order form with instructions. Pickup will be on December 4th. Jackie Dix has experienced this fundraiser and advised everyone to start saving boxes.
- Council discussed our "Fill the Steps" initiative from last year. It was decided that we would collect toys/clothes for Merrymount and food for the Ailsa Craig Foodbank. Jackie Dix will confirm with them what they need and their storage capacity. Heather will call Merrymount to see what they need. Liz volunteered to look after "Fill the Steps" for Merrymount. A date was set for December 11.
- Someone approached the Wardens about planting a vegetable garden on the church grounds. Heather suggested we rent 2 or 3 plots at the Community Centre next year. She thinks they are \$20.00 per plot. We will revisit in February.

c) ACW Report:

- Phyllis reported that ACW has had no activity.
- Last year we were not able to recognize ACW Sunday. Hoping we can celebrate ACW Sunday on November 28. St. Andrew's Day is Nov. 30. This is also the 1st Sunday of Advent. It was agreed that this would not pose a problem.
- The ACW will be sending out cards again to the shut-ins rather than delivering Amaryllis plants.
- Phyllis asked if Rev. Allan could deliver the stamps to the church in Goderich. An announcement will be made for the congregation to bring in any stamps they have collected.

d) Sunday School Report:

- Sunday School is not up and running. Want to see how back to school goes first. Maybe resume in January.

e) Rector's Report:

- Rev. Allan is glad to be with us. He has not been leading worship for the past 5 years; seems to have spent most of his time closing churches. He has the feeling there is a real sense of community at Holy Trinity.

f) Communication Update:

- No Report

g) Re-gathering Sub Committee:

- We can now have as many people in church as can socially distance.

New Business:

- Liz reached out to Glenn Phillips who referred her to Bev Shipley and Jackie Wells. Liz asked that this be put on the December Agenda to set a date in January.
- Phyllis asked about the church calendars for 2022. They are still \$5.00 each.
- Terri reported that EFM is up and running. Jackie D., Friedhelm and Shelley attended. Terri has reached out to St. John, Arva, Trivitt in Exeter and St. James in St. Marys to see if there is any interest. She thanked council for their support. One bursary will be given out for EFM.
- Phyllis brought to council attention that the banners are getting mixed up. They are being put up by colour which is incorrect. The banners represent a season and there is a booklet explaining this.
- Jackie D. asked about the schedule for morning prayer and eucharist. It was agreed that the 1st and 3rd Sunday would be morning prayer and the 2nd and 4th Sunday would be Eucharist. A 5th Sunday would be morning prayer. For Christmas the tradition has been a 4:00 p.m. family service and a 7:00 p.m. candlelight service; no Christmas Day service.
- The Christmas tree will be put up before the 1st Sunday of Advent.
- Bryan commented on the number of people who quietly do work and donate things to the church. There are many who have done a lot for this parish.
- Rev. Allan commented that we just came through Thanksgiving and we have a lot to be thankful for.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sun. Nov. 28 – ACW Sunday and 1st Sunday of Advent

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting closed with everyone reciting the grace.