

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday, Sept 9, 2021, 7pm.

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submitted by Jackie Dix

Present/Zoom: Rev Matt Martin, Heather Smith, Karen Rapien, Bryan Smith, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau, Jackie Dix, Terri Ellison, Carolyn Hodgins, Liz Hodgins, Darlene Howald, Josh Marsden.

Regrets: Paul Marsden, Jackie Martens.

Call to Order: Reverend Martin called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Approval of the minutes:

-Under Warden's Report, change 3rd bullet point "One hazardous spot" to "the location of a furnace pipe needs to be addressed in the near future".

-Under Rectors Report, removed "dropped the bombshell" and insert "announced" in first sentence.

-Under Upcoming Dates, correct spelling on Bishop Townshend's name.

Moved by Liz Hodgins and seconded by Terri Ellison that minutes of Aug. 12, 2021 be approved as amended. **Carried.**

Business arising from the minutes:

Wilberforce School- Liz Hodgins plans on contacting the new leadership at Wilberforce school once the new school year has settled in. We will check in with them later in the fall about their needs and how we might help.

Medway Outreach- Darlene has not contacted them as of yet.

Donation to Craigholme- lively discussion occurred around the wisdom of committing to a firm donation at this time as we transition into our new parish life without Rev. Matt. It was decided that Liz would contact Mr. Phillips at Craigholme to organize an evening presentation to our parishioners, to be held at Holy Trinity in the near future; individuals can then arrange to make personal donations either through Holy Trinity or to Craigholme directly if they wish to donate and we will revisit the idea of supporting them with a lump sum sometime in the future.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

-Payroll has yet to be deducted from this report as submitted as well as a \$1000 donation to Camp Wendake.

-The amount for the new sound system mics will be switched to the operating account.

-Terri mentioned there is \$292.11 left in the technology grant account which can be used to offset the cost of our new sound system installation.

Moved by Darlene and seconded by Karen that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Carried.

Committee Reports

a) Property Report:

- Our side garden is taking shape with the addition of a plaque engraved with the gardener's prayer, donated by Phyllis O'Neil and mounted by the Smith family onto a stand. Hostas which will soon bear identifying labels, were donated by several parishioners and river stones were placed by Dylan along the wall, edging the mulched garden. Once again we owe our thanks to Dylan's generous mulching and rock landscaping.
- Before winter, the front steps and church door will be fixed.
- Dylan was given the Huron Tractor gift certificate in appreciation for all he has donated to us in time and materials for landscaping.
- We may look at purchasing a small bench to include in the garden at some point in the future.
- Council members congratulated the property committee on an excellent result.

b) Wardens' Report:

- Wardens have met with the Archdeacon to discuss next steps for arranging an interim minister. Our needs include 16hrs plus Sunday worship. Candidates will be identified and we hope to have him/her in place before Oct. 10 when Rev, Matt leaves.
- Karen brought us up to date on the costly insurance issue facing churches. She has contacted the diocese with our concerns and ideas but they don't meet until December and are not offering much in the way of alternative procurement as usually these negotiations with insurance brokers must be done following Canon law. Lengthy discussion around this brought forward ideas such as asking neighbouring churches what they planned on doing and whether grouping together and seeking other quotes to present to the diocese might be in order. Karen and Heather have offered to answer any concerns parishioners have as we transition into a new leadership with an interim minister.

c) ACW Report: no activity to report at this time.

d) Sunday school Report: No activity to report at this time.

Rector's Report: Rev. Matt expressed gratitude for the many qualities they have shown during these challenging times, including their leadership, kindness, teamwork and spiritual focus. He especially acknowledge all the gift the Smith family bring to our parish and to remember to lend them a hand. He reminded us that each priest brings their own gifts to a parish and asked that we not compare when our interim priest is with us. He will be available to share time with at the church on Mondays from 6-8pm to give everyone an opportunity to chat and to ask any questions they may have. He expressed his love for the parish and reminded us that he is only 25 minutes down the road; he would welcome our visit to his new calling at St. Luke's anytime.

e) Communication Report:

- As Amanda has stepped away from this activity, Heather Smith and Terri Ellison have agreed to run the camera for live feed for FB and welcome anyone else who can help with this.

f) Re-Gathering Sub Committee:

- We had 44 in attendance at the Sep 5th service. Concern was expressed regarding the upcoming service on Sep 19th, at which the Bishop will preside, as well as Rev. Matt's final service, held on Oct. 10th, which will be his final service at Holy Trinity. Parishioners will therefore be asked to register if they wish to attend these services, to provide proper COVID distancing and safety.

New Business: EFM will be offered at Holy Trinity by Terri Ellison who had completed the course and training as a facilitator. She will contact neighbouring church to ask whether they are interested in attending our course. She asked about the possibility of Council support in the form of a bursary to those applicants seeking financial assistance.

It was **Moved** by Jackie Dix and seconded by Karen Rapien "*That Holy Trinity offer a maximum of 3 bursaries, annually, with a maximum of \$175, to participants of Holy Trinity parish requesting financial support for the EFM course, currently being offered by Terri Ellison*",

Discussion was lively and Rev. Matt reminded us that we come to church to learn about God and that EFM is an excellent way for some to glean insight into their faith and God's message.

Motion was

Carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Terri Ellison moved to adjourn the meeting following a closing prayer led by Rev. Matt.