

**Congregational Council Meeting
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday, November 12, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Rev. Matt Martin, Linda Smith, Phyllis O'Neil, Jackie Martens, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau, Bryan Smith, Heather Smith, Liz Hodgins, Terri Ellison, Amanda Jackman, Jackie Dix

Regrets: Shelley Reynolds, Darlene Howald

Call to Order:

Rev. Matt Martin opened the meeting with a prayer and asking us to pray for Darlene and family regarding the death of Andrew Paton.

Rev. Matt welcomed Jackie Dix to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Terri Ellison; Seconded by Liz Hodgins

That the Minutes of the October 8th, 2020 meeting be approved as amended. Carried.

(Wilberforce under Business Arising twice)

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Hazardous Material Assessment** – Tabled until Jan 2021, grant available until May 2021.
- **Ronald McDonald House** – Table until Jan 2021
- **Outreach to Medway** – Table until Jan 2021
- **Cancel Clinic** – Table until Jan 2021.
- **Wilberforce Outreach** – Liz Hodgins reported that our outreach timing couldn't have been better. They have been going through a lot of bottled water. Liz will buy 5 -6 cases at Foodland for the school.

Correspondence:

- None

Treasurer's Report:

Calvin presented the Treasurers Report.

Moved by Heather Smith; Seconded by Phyllis O'Neil

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

Carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Property Report:

- Invoice for the new furnace from Brian Gregory was \$3,950. plus tax.
- Received invoice from Dylan Mastorakos for repairing/membrane/new drains/new sidewalk in the amount of \$4,887.80 plus tax. The property committee felt this was just for materials and had another company done this repair it would have been closer to \$10,000.
- The township will be redoing Frank Street sewers. The property committee, Jeff Little (Township) and the engineer looked at reconfiguring our Frank St. sidewalk/driveway during construction.
- The roof man re-caulked around the tower at no charge. This is due to Mark Scott donating slate to him.
- Still need to do some caulking over windows plus paint and seal.
- Will put stakes in to mark the sidewalk.

Rev. Matt thanked the Property Committee for the great job they do. In so many church buildings, you can see they don't have the dedication our property committee has.

Terri informed council that the grant for Hazardous Material Assessment has been extended to the end of 2021.

b) Wardens:

- Linda Smith is the Altar Guild leader for now.
- Need to pick an evening for a Vestry Meeting.

c) ACW:

- ACW had a social distanced meeting on November 4th
- The only event they had this year was World Day of Prayer.
- Charities they have recognized are King Fisher Lake, Ailsa Craig & Area Food Bank, Strathroy Women's Rural Resource, PWRDF and Jessica's House.
- Due to Covid-19, we will be sending Christmas Cards instead of delivering Amaryllis' to our seniors this year. We will be using the PWRDF Christmas cards. Bruce & Jackie Dix transferred a poem onto the cards. Heather will do address labels.

d) Sunday School:

- Heather and Mindy have been mailing out Sunday School lessons.
- They are making up an Advent package so kids will have an activity each day.

e) Rectors Report:

- Rev. Matt discussed his meeting with Bruce Jackson (Lions Club) and Cathy Burghardt-Jesson (Mayor). There are about 30 people from Lucan who use the Ailsa Craig & Area Food Bank. The Lions Club is donating \$100.00 Gift cards from Foodland. These will be distributed confidentially through Rev. Matt.
- It was decided to "Fill The Steps" with donations of new toys or clothing for Merrymount this year. Liz and Rev. Matt volunteered to be on site from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, December 12th for this undertaking.
- Although the ACW has given a cash donation, it was decided the church could do a collection of food for the food bank in the new year.
- In light of the pandemic, Rev. Matt asked that we please do not give him a gift this year. Rev. Matt reported on the Lucan Ministerial meeting. Normally we do Lessons and Carols. Some ministers suggested we "Light up the Night". Each church would make up a light display with a minimum of 25,000 lights. Some thought to make this a contest and people would drop off a food donation at the church with the best lights. The council felt we would not want to participate in this as it would take away from the beauty of Christmas. After all, the 1st Christmas was humble and in poverty. It was suggested we could just turn on the lights in the church and play music out of the tower.
- It was decided the church should be decorated in a safe manner before the first Sunday of Advent which is November 29th.
- Rev. Matt is starting a Bible Study in church next Wednesday evening – November 28th. He might transfer the meeting to zoom depending on how the first meeting goes.

f) Communication Update:

- No report.

g) Re-opening Sub-Committee:

- There will be 2 Christmas Eve services; one on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. and a recorded service on Thursday, December 24 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a regular Sunday service on December 27th.

New Business:

- Looked at the new hydro options (TOU – *Time of Use* or Tiered pricing) and decided to leave our billing as TOU.
- Discussed Heritage having a social distancing meeting in the basement of the church. We would need to sign a waiver, list all in attendance for contact tracing if necessary and there is to be no food or drink.
- The council discussed sending Christmas cards to all parishioners.
- Heather suggested the possibility of hosting a Zoom Christmas Carol sing along.
- The Bishop will be visiting on Sunday, December 13th. He will only be there to preach; no reception to follow.
- Rev. Matt reiterated that if anyone needs to talk, please call him.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sunday, December 13, 2020 – Bishop to visit

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Terri Ellison. The Grace said by all.