

**Congregational Council Meeting
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday, January 9, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Rev. Matt Martin, Shelley Reynolds, Liz Hodgins, Phyllis O’Neil, Terri Ellison, Darlene Howald, Calvin Charbonneau, Clayton Charbonneau, Bryan Smith, Heather Smith, Amanda Jackman, Jackie Martens.

Regrets: Linda Smith

Call to Order:

Rev. Matt Martin called the meeting to order. Darlene Howald gave a reflection – She read a passage from a book called “The Magic” regarding gratitude.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Phyllis O’Neil; Seconded by Heather Smith

That the Minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting be approved as amended. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Medway Outreach** – Darlene Howald – reviewed her emails with the Guidance Counsellor.

Moved by Phyllis O’Neil; Seconded by Darlene Howald

That we purchase 20 - \$25.00 gift cards from Walmart for the Guidance Counsellor to disperse as needed by students. Carried

Correspondence:

- Rev. Matt received a phone call from Jane MacGregor to thank the ACW for their donation to the Rural Resource Centre, Strathroy.
- Received a thank you from the VON for the ACW donation

Treasurer’s Report:

Calvin presented the Treasurers Report. Donations from the Nativity Exhibit are to go to Merrymount (\$100.00). Plastic covers were purchased and put on hymn books. Amplifier and music stands were purchased. The lacquering of the Lectern was reimbursed by the ACW. There was a balance of \$700.01 in cash at Hollis Wealth. Andrew Martens recommended to Calvin to move it to the Index Bond Fund. Everyone was in agreement. Last year our operating account balance was \$38,610. Lower this year because we had moved some money into investments. Building fund was at \$31,286.

Moved by Heather Smith; Seconded by Shelley Reynolds

That the treasurer’s report be approved as circulated. Carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Property Report:

- Brian Gregory has to repair the thermostat for the Sunday School/Parish Hall furnace. Also found a gas leak. Did a temporary repair. The furnace is old enough that he doesn’t feel he can get parts for it. Council suggested Bryan Smith ask Brian Gregory for a quote for a new furnace and if there are any Union Gas rebates available.
- 15 people came to help take down the Christmas decorations. It was a great time of fellowship.
- Fixed a broken kneeler
- Property committee looking to insulate behind the kitchen cupboards and behind the water heater.

b) Wardens:

- No report

c) ACW:

- Ordered materials for the World Day of Prayer which is focusing on Zimbabwe this year. Our church is hosting. Date is Friday March 6th, 2020.
- Phyllis asked if the clericus is still going ahead with the Lenten lunches. There is a new pastor at Living Hope. Rev. Matt will email the clericus group.

d) Sunday School:

- Back to their core group of children.

e) Rectors Report:

- Rev. Matt thought the children's Christmas Pageant went very well. It was the highest attendance at church for that service. With this attendance up and the Christmas Eve attendance down the numbers worked out to about the same for the combined services. Rev. Matt thanked everyone for their help during Advent and Christmas. He feels the 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. services are working well.
- Rev. Matt will be away from February 2 – 12 on his educational trip to Israel. Phyllis and Friedhelm will be doing the services respectively.

f) Church Mission & Ministry:

- Amanda reported that communication from the diocese asked for an update of our Mission & Ministry Plan. Since Amanda has been updating as we go, she will submit her updated copy. There is only 1 area that we have not completed. The diocese would like to see a continuation of new initiatives.

New Business:

- Linda has put a calendar on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to mark down when people are using the church to avoid any conflicts.
- The Friday AA group left the basement door open. Rev. Matt will talk to Patty regarding this.
- Liz would like to set another Cancer Clinic Parking date for Thursday, February 20, 2020. In December when Alanna and Sharon went to set up, another gentleman was there paying for patients parking in memory of his father. The decision was made to do it another day.
- Liz asked if we would be going to Prince George again.
- Phyllis pointed out you can submit photos for the church calendar and wondered if Amanda had any photos to submit.
- Heather asked if we want to do a games night during March break. It was not successful having a family service followed by games on the Family Day weekend. The bowling was also not successful in the fall. Possibly bad timing.
- As a result of "In Camera" emails/phone calls the following recommendation was made.

Moved by Shelley Reynolds; Seconded by Bryan Smith

I make the motion that, with a discussion carried out using e-mail and phone, council has decided to, on behalf of the congregation of Holy Trinity, to donate \$1000.00 to Rev Matt's travel expenses for his Continuing Education Trip to Israel this coming Feb. Carried

Rev. Matt thanked everyone for their generosity. He was overwhelmed. He has been told that this trip makes everything you have been reading and studying about come alive.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sat. Jan. 25, 2020 – Consecration of Bishop Townshend
- Sun. Jan. 26, 2020 – Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Moved by Darlene Howald to adjourn meeting. Closed with all reciting the grace.