

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF SALT SPRING ISLAND
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020, 2:30PM**

NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETING WAS HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

Chair: Gyllian Davies, Incumbent

Secretaries: Dale Storm & Eva Lam

PRESENT: Judy Tyson (Incumbent's Co-Warden)
Dovene Steele (Incumbent's Co-Warden)
Walter Stewart (People's Warden)
Doreen Davidson (Retiring Warden)
Elizabeth Van Akker (Chair, Finance Committee)
Sue Savage (Alternate Synod Delegate)
Anne Clapham
Elaine Hunt
John Metzger

Absent/Regrets: Joan Dickenson, Gloria McEachern, Jim Smith.

Note that the members present make up a quorum (the chair, a churchwarden and one-third of membership [3])

READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of 18 JUNE 2020

MOVED Walter Stewart

SECONDED Doreen Davidson

THAT the minutes be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email was received on July 13, 2020, from Manya Sadouski and Jennifer Williams on behalf of the SSI Chapter - Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice and the Salt Spring Community Health Society, respectively, thanking us for the use of our space to make the community PPE initiative a success.
- Emails were received on July 21 and August 6, 2020, from William Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF, thanking us for our donations of \$660 and \$530, respectively.
- A general letter was received from the Anglican Foundation saying that they could use extra donations because they are really suffering due to the drop in donations.

FINANCE

Update – Walter Stewart

- The Profit & Loss figures for January to July 2020 show that the parish is approximately down by \$16,000 in total income compared to the same period last year. This figure would have even been higher if the federal wage subsidy did not provide us with \$10,661 in income so far this year. No wage subsidy was received for June because the income of the diocese, as a whole, was not low

enough to qualify for the wage subsidy. Expenses are down by almost \$14,000 but that is expected. No need to be concerned yet as the parish has historically been significantly down in income going into December and then emerges very healthy by the end of the year.

ACTION: EMAIL PARISHIONERS TO ASK FOR MORE STEADY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

BUILDING AND LANDS

ALL SAINTS

Automatic Irrigation System – Walter Stewart

- A quote for \$3810 plus taxes was received from Nowell Enterprises Ltd. to install an automatic drip-style watering system that should function for between 15 and 20 years. Accordingly, on July 10, 2020, the Wardens recommended to parish council that it proceed to authorize an expenditure of up to \$4500 to install an automatic watering system. Voting on the recommendation was done by eVote and was passed (9 approved, 1 abstained, 2 no responses). The irrigation system has now been installed in the gardens to the North of the church and the area that abuts the parking lot. It was not installed in the rose garden as it would have been too expensive and was not necessary as the garden hoses easily reach that area. Funds for the irrigation system came from the capital expenditures budget and the cost savings from the heating system upgrade.

CEMETERIES

Restrict Purchase of Plots to only SSI Residents?

- The diocese informed us that we have significant discretion to decide whether the purchase of cemetery plots is restricted. The Cemeteries Committee will meet to discuss this issue. Some considerations include whether purchasers of plots are members of the parish or have a connection to the parish.

PARISH LIFE & GROWTH

Report from Incumbent – Gyllian Davies

- In-person Sunday services have re-started and online services continue. The online services have become an essential part of our ministry so we shouldn't stop them. Livestreaming possibilities in the future will need to be looked at because it is only possible to prepare one set of music each week.
- Gyllian Davies is now working a 5-day week, with Mondays and Tuesday as days off. However, if Gyllian will still attend to any urgent matters that may come up on her days off.
- Liturgy is doing very well. Gratitude was extended to Ron Dyck, David Storm and Dale Storm for their skill, knowledge and continued willingness to put together the weekly services.
- Online services are averaging 116 "hits" per week. It was noted, however, that some of these hits are from people working on the service video before it is completed. A discussion took place regarding who is included in this online congregation and whether they could be enticed to join as members of the parish and to contribute financially.
- There were 18 in-person worshippers the first week and 14 the second week. For the second week, there were some from the previous week and some who did not attend the first week. Some

recorded music (the prelude, postlude and anthem) will be coming from David Storm to be played during the in-person services.

- The possibility of singing with masks has not been considered yet.
- Lot of volunteers offered to help, but Gyllian Davies is doing the wiping down afterwards of anything that gets touched. Not much is touched by anyone other than Gyllian because the doors are wide open.
- Chas Belknap has been delegated to oversee the pastoral outreach, which now has 15 volunteers. The alter guild, quilters and choir are covering each other.
- The recent deaths of Gale Hingston and Alan Wooldridge were noted with sadness.
- Ministerial – next meeting is September 9.
- User groups – three user groups submitted safety protocol plans and were all approved: person doing personal taiji, painters and barre.
- A request also came from Family Place to use the kitchen for canning. This request will go to the diocese for approval. Another request has also come from Betty Lou Lake, and she is putting together a safety plan.
- No requests have been received to use the upper hall. If any requests do come in, David Storm's use of the upper hall will need to be considered.

Star of the Sea – Online Events

- Star of the Sea Development Team meets next week to look at online events for the Fall. It is not possible to hold any in-person events at St. Mary's because of its size and configuration.

Transforming Futures Update – John Metzger

- Nothing new to report as there has been no progress since last parish council meeting. The report that was prepared for the last parish council meeting provides an objective for fundraising over the course of the next few years.

DIOCESAN LIFE

Update on Episcopal Succession and the Administrator – Walter Stewart

- Administrator is Ansley Tucker, the Dean of Columbia.
- Nominations for the new bishop closed on August 17 and the Nominations Committee met on August 20 to review those nominations. A report will be prepared by the Committee and then presented to Diocesan Council on August 27.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastoral Care

- Covered in Report from Incumbent.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Re-opening of the Church

- Covered in Report from Incumbent.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:24PM with the Doxology and a Blessing.

Next Parish Council meeting – Thu 17 Sep 2020, 2:30PM by Zoom video conference.

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These minutes were approved by Parish Council at a subsequent meeting:

Judy Tyson,
Incumbent's Co-Warden

Dovene Steele,
Incumbent's Co-Warden

Walter Stewart,
People's Warden