

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF SALT SPRING ISLAND
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020, 2PM**

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: Dovene Steele (Incumbent's Co-Warden)
Judy Tyson (Incumbent's Co-Warden)
Walter Stewart (People's Warden)
Doreen Davidson (Retiring Warden)
Sue Savage (Alternate Synod Delegate)
Elaine Hunt
Jim Smith
Joan Dickenson
John Metzger
Lolla Devindisch
Lynne Fraser (Safe Church Coordinator)

Absent/Regrets: Anne Clapham, Elizabeth Van Akker, Gloria McEachern

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 23 JANUARY 2020

MOVED Doreen Davidson

SECONDED Sue Savage

THAT the minutes be approved as read. CARRIED.

READING & APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING MINUTES of 16 FEBRUARY 2020

MOVED Judy Tyson

SECONDED Jim Smith

THAT the minutes be approved as read. CARRIED.

REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence received.

FINANCE

Update – Walter Stewart

- February was a good month, but January was not so good. At the end of February, the Parish had a \$7,000 deficit, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$5,000, but there is no need to worry.

Donation Alternatives – Walter Stewart

- There are currently two established electronic methods for donations, the Diocesan Electronic Collection Plate and eTransfers. Possible additional methods include:
 1. CanadaHelps. Need to investigate the cost of this (3%).
 2. Setting up a “bill payment” option for online banking. Difficult to set up now because it must be done via telephone banking and wait times are currently very long.

3. A “donate” button/link on Parish website with downloadable form.

ACTION: WALTER WILL LOOK INTO COST OF CANADAHELPS AND WILL TRY PHONING CIBC AGAIN TO SET UP A BILL PAYMENT OPTION.

BUILDING AND LANDS

ALL SAINTS

Heating Update – Walter Stewart

- Installation of the heat pumps is well underway and continues even though the building is closed.

ST. MARK’S

Service Attendance – Gyllian Davies

- No more Sunday services will take place as there have been dwindling numbers at the Sunday BCP services that have been held at All Saints over the winter.

CEMETERIES

Storm Damage Insurance Update – Doreen Davidson

- The Parish should be receiving a cheque from the insurance company soon. Surveys still need to be done of St. Mark’s Cemetery before the fence can be built around it. It was noted that some graves have been outside the property line since the 1940s. Possibility of exchanging land with neighbour Markus Wenzel. Proceedings have been postponed until COVID-19 is resolved.

RECTORY – FAMILY PLACE

Rent to be raised from \$725/month to \$750/month – Wardens

- 3 months’ notice was given and is effective April 1, 2020.
- Go ahead with the rent increase and mail the lease to Rob Grant at Salt Spring Island Community Services.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Bridge Luncheon has been postponed.

PARISH LIFE & GROWTH

Incumbent’s Report to Parish Council (Gyllian Davies)

- Meetings have moved online with Zoom, including M&O meetings, Parish Council and Lenten Studies.
- Sunday Services will be online.
- Lenten letter has been sent out.

Music Makers

- April and May events are cancelled and will not be rescheduled as the whole season has already been planned. Events will resume as scheduled after the Church is re-opened.

Star of the Sea

- Everything cancelled for now.

Transforming Futures

- Work is underway. E-vote from last week:

MOVED John Metzger

SECONDED Walter Stewart

THAT Parish Council authorize the expenditure of \$1000 to have Peter Elser develop the budget for the All Saints’ plans for renewal. CARRIED Unanimous!

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastoral Services

- All in-person services cancelled.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Special Events & Services

- All cancelled.
- Bishop Logan has confirmed that there cannot be any Easter celebrations or gatherings because it is too risky.

OTHER

COVID-19 Care & Support

- The Parish List will be divided into groups for weekly telephone support and other assistance (i.e. grocery pickups) where each group will be the responsibility of one Parish Council member. If a member has certain parishioners they are already assisting or they wish to have in their group, they can let Gyllian Davies know. All remaining parishioners will be assigned to a group by Gyllian.

ACTION: ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL EMAIL GYLLIAN WITH NAMES AND IF THEY WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR GROCERY RUNS.

- Four motions were as the result of suggestions made by Andrew Peat, Treasurer, to Parish Council:

MOTION

MOVED Walter Stewart

SECONDED Sue Savage

THAT Parish Council approve the Parish continuing to pay Church staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. CARRIED.

MOTION

MOVED Walter Stewart

SECONDED John Metzger

THAT Parish Council approve the increase in priest's discretionary funds from \$2,000 to \$5,000. CARRIED.

MOTION: After discussion, it was agreed that it is a good idea to donate to the SSI Foundation because they are set up to provide aid in situations such as this and have a good track record.

MOVED Walter Stewart

SECONDED Lolla Devindisch

THAT Parish Council approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Salt Spring Island Foundation's COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Relief Fund and its goal of raising \$100,000. CARRIED.

MOTION

MOVED Walter Stewart

SECONDED John Metzger

THAT Parish Council approve the placement of a banner ad on the Salt Spring Exchange for the new online e-Church. CARRIED.

ACTION: WALTER STEWART WILL PLACE AD.

Election of a New Bishop to the Diocese

- Walter Stewart informed Parish Council that the Diocesan Council will ask the Metropolitan to delay voting for the new Bishop. In the interim, the Dean, who becomes the administrator, would be the acting Bishop. Perhaps the vote can be done electronically, even though that is not preferred.

- It has been confirmed that Bishop Logan cannot continue as Bishop past the end of April when he turns 70 (as per the Canons).

Next Parish Council meeting

MOTION

MOVED Walter Stewart

SECONDED Judy Tyson

THAT Parish Council approve the change in time for the next Parish Council meeting to 2:30pm to allow Dovene Steele enough time to join the meeting after work. CARRIED.

Adjournment

Lynne Fraser moved that we adjourn at 3:21PM.

Next Parish Council meeting – Thu 16 April 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