

Church of St. John the Divine
Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday October 16 2018 7 pm Denson Lounge

Attendees: Chris Eve, Graeme Brown (chair), Tom Clements, Penny Holt, Elizabeth Macauley, Grant Crosswell (guest), Alastair McCollum, Catherine Small, Sherrie Allen, Carol Anne Harper

Regrets: Rod Marsh, Patrick Sibley, Molly Patton, Kate McCabe

Substitute Minute Taker: Carol Anne Harper

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Grant Crosswell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Adoption of the agenda

Motion: That the agenda as amended be adopted.

Mover: Tom Clements

Seconder: Elizabeth Macauley

Carried

Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of September 25, 2018.

Motion: That the minutes be adopted as amended.

Mover: Elizabeth Macauley

Seconder: Penny Holt

Carried

Matters Arising:

Stewardship Group:

Chris asked PC members to keep this group in their prayers, to think about volunteering and about others who may be willing to volunteer, and if wish to know more, to talk to the Rector

Reports

Music

David Stratkauskas

David presented the October 2018 Music Report (attached), which included a hearty thanks to Betty Miller for her amazing work on the choir robes. Choir lighting is not part of the Lighting in the Nave project.

Synod

Delegates: Joan, Penny, Chris, Alastair, and Graeme

Synod was reported as “fabulous” on many levels (including food), generating very positive feelings about Reconciliation, bonding with First Nations and with other Parishes, as well as understanding and enthusiasm for the purpose, meaning and value of the Diocesan fund-raising/vision campaign, “Transforming Futures” and for the Diocese as a vibrant community.

Highlights of Synod on the Diocese website are recommended, including this short video <https://anglican.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=057104f6f38527bfd9a49cd39&id=682a9d23ce&e=b7283b2e07>

Alastair asked that delegates put some personal reflections about Synod on paper to be circulated to the Parish.

Ministry

Alastair McCollum

Alastair presented the October 2018 Ministry Report (attached). The very positive meeting and response to the lighting presentation highlights that stewardship is not about bricks and mortar, but about community – who we are as a built, liturgical, spiritual and musical community, and how we share this community. The Stewardship Group’s purpose will be about what it means to give and the principles behind giving, and is distinct from the accountability mandate of the Finance Committee.

The Pastoral Team is in immediate need of 6 volunteers, especially men, to visit. The Team meets monthly and does about one visit/week (in pairs), depending on member’s schedules.

Finance Committee

Joan Huzar

Joan presented the October 2018 Finance Committee Report (attached). Pledges are coming in for the Lighting in the Nave project. The Finance Committee recommends a 30 percent contingency with any contingency funds remaining to be allocated to lighting in the choir. For fund-raising outside of the Lighting project, there is a five-year window for SJD participation in the Diocesan Transforming Futures initiative. The Finance Committee will first identify congregational fund-raising needs.

Motion: That Parish Council accept the SAS bid for Lighting in the Nave and approve funding in the amount of \$95K plus 30% contingency plus taxes for this purpose.

Mover: Alastair McCollum

Seconder: Joan Huzar

Carried.

The Finance Committee will identify where best to access internal funds to help finance the lighting so that it can begin. Graeme will do a report on the project, the special general meeting and the funding for the bulletin and the website.

The Finance Committee has developed a policy on the use of bequest monies that are not designated to a specific purpose.

Motion: When a bequest is made, if there is no direction as to the use of the money, the first \$10,000 should go into general church revenue, the remainder to be invested.

Mover: Joan Huzar

Second: Elizabeth Macauley

Carried.

Motion: To accept all the Reports

Mover: Chris Eve

Second: Tom Clements

Carried.

Financial Statements

To be distributed.

Property

Andrew Gates

Property Committee is part of the Stewardship Committee. The Committee is looking at storage possibilities, and in connection with lighting, at windows, which are not included in the approved lighting project. More members are needed on the Committee, especially someone who could replace Chuck.

New Business

Approval of the lighting bid: see above

Redevelopment Committee Update:

Graeme Brown

BC Housing is looking for modular housing land. The Girl Guides property is for sale. The Redevelopment Committee is in contact with BC Housing to discuss possibilities.

Announcements:

Joan Huzar:

Jazz Wine & Friendship Saturday November 3rd 7-10PM

Joint event of CCC and SJD in the Church Hall \$20 ticket includes one drink.

Catherine Small:

Orange Shirt Day Breakfast raised \$300.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 November 2018 7PM Denison Lounge.

Opening Prayer:

Catherine Small

Adjournment

Mover: Alastair McCollum

Seconder: Elizabeth Macauley

Carried.

Parish Council adjourned at 8:35 PM

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