Church of Saint John the Divine Parish Council Meeting July 19, 2016 7:00 PM Denson Lounge

ADOPTED MINUTES

Attendees: Alastair McCollum, Gillian Hoyer, Patrick Sibley, Jim Harlick (chair), Duane

Lecky, Penny Holt, Trish Punnett, Tony Abbott, Trevor Elton, Joan Huzar,

Michael Zenger, Rhoda Brodie-Smith, John McVie, Graeme Brown (vestry clerk)

Regrets: Gillian Barlow, Doug Sheepwash, David Stratkouskas

Guests: Derek Dunwoody, Bill Huzar

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

Rhoda led Parish Council in prayer.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The chair welcomed guests.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Moved by Alastair
- Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF June 21, 2016

Seconded by John

Carried

- Moved by John that the minutes be adopted.
- Seconded by Alastair
- Carried

REPORTS

Ministry Report – Alastair	
 Karen Fast stepping down as an honorary assistant. Alastair is forming a Worship and Liturgy Committee and will bring the proposed membership to PC at a future meeting. The position of Family Ministry Coordinator was advertised and Ruth MacIntosh was the successful candidate. Ruth previous held the position on a temporary basis. Motion by Rhoda that Parish Council ratifies the appointment of Ruth MacIntosh as Family Ministry Coordinator starting as early as Aug 1st 2016. 	Alastair

Action by

Property Committee

- The Property Committee report was unavailable and is deferred to the August meeting
- Alastair reported that Al Lehman is making great progress on the sound system improvement project and is currently writing draft proposals for consideration.

Finance Report – Jim

- Anyone with questions on the financial report should email Heather.
- There was discussion about the need for parish council members to get a better understanding of the parish's financial health.
 - Jim is to work with Heather to setup a meeting on this subject for parish council members
- The church has received a legacy of \$50,000 from the estate of Blanche Smith. After consultation with Blanche's family, they agreed that \$25,000 of the legacy can go towards the improvements in the sound system.

Music Report

• The music report was unavailable and is deferred to a future meeting.

General Synod – Alastair

Alastair gave some further insight into General Synod over and above what
he has already reported to the parish. This included comments about
presentations by representatives from international Anglican Church; the
creation of an Indigenous Province with own governance structure; the
receiving of the Iona report on the Diaconate although he was disappointed
there was no discussion of the report; and a presentation by Ken Gray on
the possible divestment of investments in 'unethical' industries.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Keeping track of action items Rhoda
 - Rhoda wanted to ensure items marked for action at parish council are clearly identified in the minutes and are followed up at future meetings
 - A column will be added to the minutes identifying who is responsible for the action item and to make it easier to add the item to future agendas as required
 - Where the person responsible for the action is not at the meeting, someone will be identified to pass the action item to relevant committee.

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- Welcome Back Barbeque
 - Motion by Tony that parish council will coordinate the Welcome Back Barbeque in September
 - o seconded Trevor
 - Carried

Jim & Heather

David

Trevor and Michael to coordinate the barbeque Trevor & Michael Legacies and Stewardship Tony & Tony and Joan to form a committee Joan Blue Envelopes – Jim Harlick The announcement that the July blue envelope was for the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) was wrong and it is actually for Threshold Housing Society. Anyone who made a donation based on the announced recipient and wishes to change that donation is asked to contact Jim. Deputy People's Warden – Jim Harlick Trish is not standing down and will remain as deputy warden • Guidelines should be developed to deal with the future replacement of wardens and deputies. These guidelines should be in place before the next Vestry. Add to agenda at September meeting Secretary Biographies of Parish Council Members for the Website – Trevor Trevor presented sample biography format All parish Parish council members are asked to write their biographies and council forward them to Trevor before the August meeting members Quo Vadis – Alastair Communications o Parish Council members should read the communications All parish report and implementation strategy found at the back of tab 2 council in the manual and be prepared to discuss it at the August members meeting Joan & Conflict resolution Joan and Gillian will meet in August to work on this area Gillian B. Volunteers The creation of a volunteer matrix based on the parish register was discussed which would show which committees they belong to Rhoda. Duane & Duane is to work with Wendy Suddaby and come back to parish council with suggestions as to how to move forward Wendy Suddaby and the process for gathering information Decision making processes There was acknowledgement that work is needed on improving decision making processes and a committee has been formed to work on this area West Windows West Window committee – this item should be added to the Secretary August agenda

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Development Graeme and Tony Barlow to give update at the September meeting Web site	Graeme & Tony Barlow
 There was discussion about some areas of the web site being out of date and the need to encourage people/committees who have space on web site to keep it up to date Contact Duane if you see anything on web site that is out of date Joan will review site and make a list of areas to be updated/removed 	Joan
NEW BUSINESS	
 Changes to St John's Court - Bill Huzar The federal government announced in June they want to get out of providing mortgages through the CMHC. St. John's Court has a mortgage through CMHC which expires in 2025. The mortgage is at 8% interest and the current balance is \$139,000. The Court buildings and land are valued at about \$3 million. The Court Society is looking at options for refinancing the mortgage as well as taking advantage of funds that may be available for building repairs. Changes to the BC Societies Act is prompting the Court Society to look at its bylaws and consider how it may want to operate in the future. In light of the potential changes, the Court Society is looking for new members of board with relevant experience e.g. lawyer, real estate, and accountant. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin looking for volunteers 	
 ANNOUNCEMENTS The Christmas Bazaar Committee would like to hold a bazaar this year on Nov 19th in the Church Following Peggy Wilmott's presentation last month, Rhoda is organising a GVAT information meeting to take place after the Sunday service on September 18th 	
NEXT MEETING • August 16, 2016 7pm Denson Lounge • Trevor to do opening prayer	
 ADJOURNMENT Motion by Penny to adjourn at 9:06pm Carried 	
Prayer	