

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF SALT SPRING ISLAND
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020, 2PM**

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

Chair: Walter Stewart, People's Warden

Secretaries: Dale Storm & Eva Lam

PRESENT: Doreen Davidson (Incumbent's Warden)
Walter Stewart (People's Warden)
Anne Clapham (Alternate Lay Delegate)
Elaine Hunt (Alternate Lay Delegate)
Sue Savage (Synod Delegate)
Jim Smith
John Metzger
Lolla Devindisch
Lynne Fraser (Safe Church)
Michael Pidgeon

Absent/Regrets: Gyllian Davies

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 21 NOVEMBER 2019

MOVED Sue Savage

SECONDED Michael Pidgeon

THAT the minutes be approved as read. CARRIED.

REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank-you letter from Copper Kettle for our support.
- Thank-you letter from the Church of Latter Day Saints for our work in the community.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

• **MOTION: 2019 Financial Statements**

After November's appeal for help with our \$30,000 deficit, the parish generously came through, and at the end of December, we had a net income of \$45,867.78. After discussion, it was:

MOVED Doreen Davidson

SECONDED Elaine Hunt

THAT Parish Council recommend to Vestry the approval of the financial statements for 2019.

CARRIED.

• **MOTION: Anglican Foundation**

We received an appeal for funds from the Anglican Foundation. When we painted the exterior of St. Mary's, we received 50% of the funds for that from the Anglican Foundation; it is appropriate that we donate to them out of our bounty. After discussion, it was:

MOVED Doreen Davidson

SECONDED Jim Smith

THAT Parish Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the allocation of \$4,000 to the Anglican Foundation from the 2019 budget. CARRIED.

- **MOTION: Surplus**

The Finance Committee has recommended that we transfer funds from our 2019 surplus to our Capital Replacement Fund to help address all the work needed to the All Saints' building. After discussion, it was:

MOVED Doreen Davidson

SECONDED Lolla Devindisch

THAT Parish Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the transfer of approximately 90% of any 2019 surplus to the Capital Replacement Fund. CARRIED.

- **MOTION: Budget for 2020**

Noted that Transforming Futures is totally separate from the Operating Budget.

-We are hopeful that the installation of a new heat pump will reduce our 5560 Utilities expense.

-5585 Repairs (All Saints): the increase reflects the hiring of a maintenance person.

-Gyllian's travel expenses come out of 5240 Miscellaneous expense as well as wardens' meetings.

-5329 Parish Committee & Organizations includes expenses by Anglican Caterers, Altar Guild, etc.

-5170 Organist Expense: David is paid according to the RCCO scale, and every January, the scale is factored into his increase. The same applies to the clergy and lay staff, as well as a cost-of-living adjustment in January. After discussion, it was:

MOVED Doreen Davidson

SECONDED Elaine Hunt

THAT Parish Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and recommend the budget for 2020 as circulated to Vestry for approval. CARRIED.

- **Donation alternatives:** As well as signing up for the Diocesan Electronic Collection Plate (ECP), donations may be received by eTransfer. We don't have an ATM in church for this purpose or to set up a 'bill payment' option.

ACTION: WALTER WILL LOOK INTO OPTIONS FROM THE DIOCESE AND/OR THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AN ATM IN CHURCH FOR DONATIONS.

ACTION: DALE WILL PUT THE OPTIONS FOR GIVING ON OUR WEBSITE.

BUILDING AND LANDS

ALL SAINTS

Heating

- Walter Stewart signed the work order for the installation of heat pumps, which will be installed the week of February 10th.

CEMETERIES

Grounds' Maintenance

- The cemeteries have not been kept as trimmed as they should be; do we want to continue to use Fernwood Landscaping for the next March to November period this year?

ACTION: WALTER STEWART WILL CONSULT WITH FERNWOOD LANDSCAPING ABOUT THEIR CONTRACT.

Storm Damage update – Doreen Davidson

- Doreen is expecting an estimate from the surveyor for fencing at St. Mark's II. The fencing is not included in payment from the insurance company.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Smile Card Program

- The program continues to be popular; the M&O budget for Smile Cards has been completely spent.

PARISH LIFE & GROWTH

Incumbent's Report to Parish Council (Gyllian Davies)

In Gyllian's absence, her written report was presented:

• Liturgy & Worship

- Christmas services & pageant, Advent Lessons & Carols, Southend Christmas: attendance was much improved.

- St. Mark's services moved to All Saints from November 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020 due to high heating costs: attendance significantly impacted with only three at one service. Discussion: the role of a sung BCP Merbecke service when attendance is so low vs. a said service, or the viability of a service when many of the attendees also attend All Saints. There are no other churches in the Diocese with a sung BCP service. Although some have wanted to cover the heating costs, none of us are able to direct our givings to a specific parish expense.

- Memorial Service for Don & Val Watt, taken by Richard Stetson because Gyllian was ill.

• Pastoral Care

- visits with parishioners.

- hospital visits.

- Home Communion Team Training: Christmas communion taken to shut-ins and a regular communion rota set up for those who wish it.

• Christian Education

- Two Lenten programs in 2020:

(i) St. John the Evangelist yearly offering;

(ii) Diocesan-wide project of reading *Watershed Discipleship* as a lead-in to explore and take action on individual calls to be Christ's disciples.

• Other

- Committee meetings: Outreach, Climate Crisis, Finance.

- Star of the Sea.

• Clergy Day

- *Watershed Discipleship* in Cedar.

MOTION

MOVED Elaine Hunt

SECONDED Michael Pidgeon

THAT Parish Council accept the report from Gyllian Davies. CARRIED

Star of the Sea - Update

• Star has a full program through to April.

• Heat continues to be an issue, as does cold, snowy weather.

Transforming Futures - Update

• TF Team: Carolyn Evans, Jim Smith, Joan Dickenson, Walter Stewart, and ex-officio Dal Brickenden.

• Walter is on the Diocesan TF Team; their goal is to be of greater service to the community.

• Jim Helset has prepared a set of computer-assisted plans of the building taken from the original plans; the focal point of our TF project will be improvements to All Saints' building.

• We have ~\$80,000 in our Capital Replacement Fund; a spending schedule will be created.

• Emergency Service Agreement has been signed. We will need to have a conversation with the new emergency services coordinator when one is in place, and the CRD.

• Discussions have already taken place with our kitchen workers and music programs.

• Suggested improvements will be presented to Vestry in 2021.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Services

- Sun Jan 26 Hymn-Sing, 11:30am at LMH ECU.
- Thu Feb 6 Holy Communion, 11am at LMH ECU.
- Thu Feb 13 Holy Communion, 10:30am at Greenwoods.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Special Events & Services

- Sun Feb 2 Candlemas, Bishop Logan's visit
- Sun Feb 16 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING @ All Saints
- Wed Feb 26 Ash Wednesday, 4:45pm All Saints
- Sun Mar 1 First Sunday in Lent 10am All Saints
- Sun Apr 5 Passion/Palm Sunday 10am All Saints
- Thu Apr 9 Maundy Thursday, 6:00 pm Supper & Service
- Fri Apr 10 Good Friday 12noon All Saints
- Sat Apr 11 Holy Saturday Vigil, 10:00 pm
- Sun Apr 12 Easter Sunday 10am All Saints
- Sun Apr 12 Easter Sunday 11:45 St Mark's – Resumption of St Mark's services
- Sun Apr 12 Easter Sunday 12 noon St Mary's
- Noted that some people are missing the Wednesday night Tenebrae service of Light and Darkness during Holy Week.

MINISTERIAL

- The old sign that belongs to the ministerial needs to be removed from the back of All Saints.

MOTION

MOVED Jim Smith

SECONDED Lynne Fraser

THAT Gyllian will be asked to consult with the ministerial about what they want to do with the sign, and if there is no action taken by the end of February 2020, the sign will be burned. CARRIED.

ACTION: GYLLIAN WILL ASK THE MINISTERIAL IF THEY WANT IT, OTHERWISE, IT WILL BE BURNED.

PENDING BUSINESS

Handicap Parking Spaces

- Update: The spaces were not painted in 2019 due to discussions about what might be done with the paving stones.

ACTION: ELAINE HUNT WILL LOOK INTO WHAT WAS DONE AT MAHON HALL TO IMPROVE THEIR PARKING LOT USING SIMILAR STONES.

Old All Saints' Sign

- Ron Dyck did paint the sign in 2019 during the dry weather. Many thanks to Ron for doing this.

OTHER

Annual Vestry Meeting – Sunday, February 16, 2020

- Churchwardens: Doreen Davidson will be stepping down this year; Walter Stewart will stand for nomination again this year. The Delegates to Synod will be the two churchwardens; we no longer qualify for three Synod Delegates. Two alternates will be nominated.
- Elizabeth Van Akker will be nominated for Finance Committee Chair.
- Anne Clapham, Lolla Devindisch, and Lynne Fraser will be completing their terms, so there are three vacancies for Parish Council.

ACTION: THANK-YOU TO DON CUNNINGHAM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE.

Election of a New Bishop to the Diocese

- Bishop Logan will be retiring at the end of April this year, the day before he turns 70.
- Diocesan Council will write up the Diocesan profile. Nominations will open for a 21-day period and be due on May 28th. The Diocesan Nominating Committee will decide the slate to accept or reject. The list will be presented to the Synod Delegates by June 21st.
- Diocesan Synod will take place on June 27th, 2020.

Native Hawaiians Visiting

- Planning is underway for a visit this summer.

ACTION: GYLLIAN WILL GET AVAILABLE DATES FROM THE ROLANDS AND LET THE HAWAIIANS KNOW.

Adjournment

Lolla Devindisch moved that we adjourn at 3:50PM.

Next Parish Council meeting – Thu 20 February 2020, 2pm at All Saints’ Upper Hall.

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

Doreen Davidson, Incumbent’s Warden

Walter Stewart, People’s Warden