

**ST. PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
20 October Tuesday 7:00 p.m.**

via zoom: 807-484-6311 p/w: worship

1. Prayer Time:

Christopher read a passage from the Letter to the Hebrews - - Chapter 12:1-2:
“since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

He spoke about how easy it is to feel overwhelmed right now, - that it is nearly impossible to make sense of what is happening in the world around us. The challenge is to persevere and to look to Jesus. His Light does shine in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. Creating “church” we begin with the intention of encouraging people – to support each other – to focus on goodness, truth, beauty, compassion.

2. Regrets:

None! All 13 Council members were present.

3. Minutes – 15 September 2020

Minutes were circulated on the night of September 15.

No edits or corrections were suggested.

MOTION: to accept the September Minutes as circulated – Gillian

Seconded: Esther Carried.

4. Finances

A summary of St. Philip Finances for October 2020 was prepared by Treasurer, Ged McLean with input from bookkeeper, Kathy Fyfe and circulated October 19, 2020.

MOTION: To communicate the following announcement:

St. Philip Church is blessed with consistent financial support from our congregation for which we are all very thankful. Income and expenses to October 28, 2020 are compared to 2019 data in the table below. Please consider this when planning your giving:

	2020	2019
Income	\$ 223,639	\$ 246,696
Expense	\$ 205,261	\$ 256,059

Seconded: Greg. Carried

5. Review of In-Building/Zoom worship

Christopher received 15 emails from parishioners in response to his invitation to provide feedback regarding their experience with church as it is being offered at this time.

- Karen summed up the responses saying that over all, they have been very positive. There is still nothing we can do about offering children's activities.

Kudos to Grace – role of our Youth Work Grace Bodie was greatly affirmed. She is exceptional with the young people, - both in facilitating gatherings and keeping in touch with individuals. Some of her events have been filled to (covid) capacity. We are grateful for her ministry among us.

8:30 AM Sunday service was a good decision and has been well attended – attendance numbers are very close to the same numbers attending the 8:00 AM in pre-covid days.

The 'technical support' group has a meeting planned. Changes are in the works. Ged advised council that we need to move forward with a plan in place to provide for the technical to video / film / stream the various meetings and services.

The AGM – set for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 will be a Zoom meeting.

6. Jazz Vespers – 8 Nov. 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers returns to St. Philip, on Sunday evening, November 8 for a first – experimental run. Ken & Betty are working with Bob to ensure that all Covid health protocols are followed. A number of changes have been made to the old format. Registration for seating will be required. There will be no bulletin printed and no food or drink offered. Spacing for the band and the singer will be measured out. Depending on the response and on the feeling of safety for all concerned, further monthly services of Jazz Vespers may follow.

7. Remembrance Day – 8 Nov.

Since there will be no other gatherings for Veterans or members of the public at the Cenotaph or at the Legion on Remembrance Day this year, Council would like to incorporate some of the traditional Remembrance Day observances in our Sunday worship on November 8. Dave Conway had already spoken with Julian earlier, who will record several of the traditional hymns on the organ, which will be played on the 8th. Dave will connect with Anthony Hendriks regarding taping him play Last Post on trumpet. We will have a Remembrance Wreath and flowers in the sanctuary.

8. Neal Tucker - increased hours

Neal has been paid for 12 hours work at the church each week. His Verger / cleaning duties have increased because of the extra "Covid cleaning" and his time has now been increased to 16 hours per week.

Several council members offered high praise and thanks to Neal for all of his work.

9. Halloween

Esther has taken the initiative in planning this great family event on Oct 31 at 10:00 AM: drive around trick or treating! Families will be given a list of houses, plus a pumpkin patch on the church lawn. Instructions on the order to drive around will ensure small

numbers at each stop. Hosts at each house will have self serve treats outside (and hand sanitizer!) for contact-less trick or treating.

10. Office support

Karen Fenimore came on staff at the beginning of September. Her original commitment was to work 9 – 12 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, until the end of December. The arrangement is going very well and as Karen cannot travel at this time, she has agreed to carry on in the new year – taking it week by week.

11. Advent begins Sunday 29 November, 2020

Shannon has proposed doing a virtual candle wreath lighting which she will video with families and show at each service during Advent.

12. Pageant – tech honorarium

Karen Fallen, Jenni Jennings and Barbara DiLucca are working together to create a virtual Pageant. The production will include the traditional readings and songs, as well as clips of Christmas traditions from parish community members.

Ian Carmichael will take all the pictures, video clips and readings and make the pageant out of them. Karen, Jenni & Barb would like to provide an honorarium to Ian for his technical work in creating the video.

MOTION: to authorize payment of an honorarium up to \$500. to Ian Carmichael for technical work on creating the pageant video. - Karen

Seconded: Ged. Carried.

13. Christmas service times proposal:

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24:

6:00 pm and 8:00pm.

Christmas Day Friday Dec 25:

One service of in-building worship at 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 27: No services

14. Stairwell Gallery

There hasn't been any art on display in the stairwell for many months. For most of that time, "traffic" moving in the stairwell has been extremely low. There is more activity in the building now. Preschool parents come and go through the main front doors and walk down the stairs each day. There are services on Sundays and Thursdays again now too. Sharon will look into the possibility of mounting a new display in the coming weeks. Ged also made the suggestion that we add a virtual dimension to our gallery show. Displaying the art work on the web would allow many more people to enjoy it rather than just those who do actually come to the church.

15. Possibility of Taize worship in-building December 31

A new year's eve Taize has been proposed. It is not yet clear what that might look like, as generally the services do involve a great deal of music.

16. Children In-Building

Everyone involved in the decision-making process will meet in January to assess any new directives offered in the way of allowing children to be more involved and active in our church programs.

17. Rain Friendly public spaces:

<https://www.lifebetweenumbrellas.ca/rain-friendly-principles>

suggestions from the VPSN (Vancouver Public Spaces Network)

Check out their website. They have lots of great ideas for creating gathering spaces.

Principle #1 Rain-friendly public spaces enable protection from the elements

Principle #2 ... protect against weather-related safety and accessibility considerations

Principle #3 ... support health well-being when it's harder to go outside

Principle #4 ... foster social inclusion, connection, and community-building

Principle #5 ... provide a multisensory response to grey, overcast and wet weather

Principle #6 ... support a range of weather-appropriate activities and programming

Principle #7 ... Catalyze culture and creativity

Principle #8 ... support the local economy

Principle #9... inspire Learning, Innovation, and Adaptation

Principle #10 ... are sustainable, resilient, and regenerative

18. Annual Meeting 26 January 2021

Parish Council members whose term is expiring, please make a decision before the next meeting on November 17, as to whether you will let your name stand for another term.

WARDENS: 2-year term -

Karen Van Rheenen: term **complete**

Larry Anthony: served 1 year, 1 year remaining

SYNOD DELEGATES: 3-year term

Sharon Richmond: served 1 year, 2 years remaining

Jennifer Sharlow: served 2 years, 1 year remaining

Dave Conway: term **complete**

Karen Van Rheenen: term **complete**

TREASURER: 5-year term

Ged McLean: served 3 years, 2 years remaining

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE: 2-year term

Greg Anctil: term **complete**

Raymond Fieltsch: term **complete**

Gillian Fosdick: term **complete**

Esther Graham: term **complete**

Judith Slimmon: term **complete**

Ken Davidson: served 1 year, 1 year remaining

Further nominations please submit to Larry Anthony

19. MOTION -to Adjourn. Gillian

Carried

Next meetings: 17 November, 15 December, 19 January, Annual Meeting 26 January

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen
