

**ST. PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL - ZOOM
MINUTES**

**17 November 2020 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
via zoom: 807-484-6311 p/w: worship**

1. Regrets / Absent: Raymond Fieltch

2. Minutes – 20 October 2020

Circulated on the evening of October 20. Dave Conway and Christopher Page offered 2 corrections. A second Draft was circulated on the morning of October 21.

No further amendments or edits offered.

MOTION: To accept Minutes of the 2nd Draft, October 21, 2020 – Gillian Fosdick

Seconded: Esther Carried.

Question asked about whether the Minutes, once approved, are being posted. The bulletin boards are currently being re-covered and nothing is posted at this time.

However, after each council meeting, the previous month's Minutes are sent to Ceal McLean for posting on the church website.

3. Finances:

November 2020: A summary of St. Philip Finances for November 2020 was prepared by Treasurer, Ged McLean with input from bookkeeper, Kathy Fyfe and circulated November 16, 2020.

St. Philip financial offerings for 2020 are roughly 10% below average. But expenditures are remarkably close to our offerings so the church remains in a positive cash flow situation due to income from preschool and investment interest.

- Ged also reported that the parish finances would soon be moving to a cloud-based version of our current software which will great help for access. This implementation will be fully completed in 2021.

MOTION: to Accept the November Financial Report as circulated. – Ged McLean

Seconded: Larry Anthony. Carried.

2021 Preliminary Budget

Overall strategy is to maintain current expenses and expect to finish the year in a modest deficit which will be covered by our cash reserves. Ged projects that our 2021 income will be equal to the actual 2020 income.

- Proposes continuing staff incurrent positions with the recommended increases (2-3%) for Rector (Christopher Page); Family Minister (Shannon Carmichael); Youth Worker (Grace Bodie); Verger (Neal Tucker); Office Worker (Karen Fenimore) Bookkeeper (Kathy Fyfe).

- no major renovations or building projects planned for 2021.

- Outreach budget increased to \$22,000.

- Music & Church Technology budget – increased to \$10,000 to further support Zoom church.

- assuming that the synod assessment will be reduced by 10% and will not follow previous years assessment method

5. COVID update:

- Singing: In an update from the Diocese, congregational singing continues to be prohibited. This includes singing outdoors.

- Baptisms: Unless requested on an emergency basis, baptisms are not permitted in the diocese at this time.

- parish safety: The parish is working actively on all efforts to create 'safe church' – with use of masks now mandatory, hand sanitizers widely available, physical distancing maintained. The vision is to parallel the safety practices of a good restaurant – in being pro-active with all cleaning and distancing requirements.

- Thursday morning services: - As a result of Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry's recent tightening of Covid restrictions, it was decided that we should cancel the Thursday morning communion service and book study in the building and beginning November 26, replace them both with a 10:00 a.m. Zoom study of a booklet of Advent meditations. The booklet will be circulated by email to all.

- Jazz Vespers – 6 December 4:00 & 7:30 pm

Two Christmas Jazz Vespers services are on the schedule – at 4:00pm and 7:30 pm on Sunday, December 6. It was decided to go ahead with these – with the proviso that masks are now mandatory for the entire time of the concert / service and that attendees will be social distancing. "family bubbles" only: the days of friends self-identifying as a "safe six" are over for now and we must respect the call to caution as Covid numbers climb in the province.

Christmas service times:

The Christmas ZOOM Video Pageant will be on Saturday, December 19th at 4:00 pm.
Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm – IB & Zoom,

8:00 – In-Building Worship and Live stream

Friday, Christmas Day – 10:30 am – In-building worship

Sunday, December 27 – no services

Taize worship in-building December 31 7:00 p.m.

Two singers leading. Everyone else: masks – sanitizers.

6. Annual Meeting Zoom -- 26 January 2021

- Parish Council: Judith Slimmon and Raymond Fieltsch have each completed their two-year term and have chosen not to seek a second term.

WARDENS: 2-year term

Larry Anthony: served 1 year, 1 year remaining

Karen Van Rheenen: nominated for 2-year term

SYNOD DELEGATES: 3-year term

Sharon Richmond: served 1 year, 2 years remaining

Jennifer Sharlow: served 2 years, 1 year remaining

Dave Conway: nominated for 3-year term

Karen Van Rheenen: nominated for 3-year term

TREASURER: 5-year term

Ged McLean: served 3 years, 2 years remaining

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE: 2-year term

Ken Davidson: served 1 year, 1 year remaining

Greg Anctil: nominated 2-year term

Gillian Fosdick: nominated 2-year term

Esther Graham: nominated 2-year term

Any nominations for council should be given to Christopher Page,
Karen Van Rheenen or Larry Anthony.

Motion to Adjourn – Gillian

Next Meetings: 15 December.

**** The date of the first council meeting in January, 2021 has been moved to
2nd Tuesday - January 12th -- Annual Meeting Tuesday, 26 January, 2021.**

Christopher concluded with prayer

And all said ‘The Grace’

**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**
