

ST. Philip Parish Council
MINUTES
15 December 2020 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
via zoom: 807-484-6311 p/w: worship

1. Prayer

Christopher began by reading the meditation from his Advent booklet: "Grace for the Journey: Pondering the Nativity Narrative" – reading part of the reflection for Wednesday, December 16 (Luke 1:72-75), saying – "The challenge of life is to find this deep force at the heart of existence and bring myself into alignment with this surge of energy and goodness that is the true nature of life." He offered a brief reflection on the passage and then opened our meeting with prayer.

2. Regrets / Absent: Raymond Fieltsch

3. Minutes – 17 November 2020

Circulated on the evening of November 17.

No amendments or edits offered.

MOTION: To accept Draft Minutes of 17 November, 2020 – Gillian Fosdick

Seconded: Esther Graham Carried.

4. Finances – 2021 Budget

Treasurer, Ged McLean circulated December 2020 Finance Report and 2021 Budget Proposal prior to the meeting this evening.

Our financial situation remains stable. Giving is down 10% relative to the five-year running average. Current total income remains slightly ahead of expenses but we expect this to reverse slightly by year end.

- Proposed Budget for 2021 is projecting a loss of under \$10,000.

Discussion about increasing our Missions Funding

MOTION - MISSIONS FUNDING: That 10% of Bequests we received in 2020 be allocated to Missions. – Ged Mclean

Seconded: Ken Davidson. Carried.

This MOTION is not creating a regular increase in the Budget, but a commitment which will be reviewed annually, based on Bequests received.

Office computer upgrade proposal

That we approve purchase of new office computers in Fiscal 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

MOTION: Ged McLean Seconded: Esther Graham. **Carried.**

Roof:

The current roof of the church building was done in 1997 and concern has been expressed about the condition.

Warden, Karen Van Rheenen was asked to contact a local roofer. One recommended by several parishioners came to give an assessment of the current state of the roof and an

estimate of the cost to replace it. The cost will be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$50,000. The recommendation is that we should budget accordingly and move towards replacement in the next 3 years.

5. COVID

At this moment there is no possibility that we will be back in the church for 'in-building worship' before January 10, 2021. A new update will be released by provincial health authorities and through them to our Diocesan leadership.

6. Christmas service times:

Saturday 19 December 4:00 p.m. – our own unique **Zoom Christmas Pageant**

Thursday 24 December – 6:30 pm on zoom. The first half hour will be child-oriented, followed by a more adult focus starting around 7:00 pm.

Zoom host will be on-line at 6:00, if you want to join to chat.

Heather Page will join Christopher at the church as he hosts the Zoom service on Christmas Eve. No other people will be present in the building.

Since very little of the church is visible on the Zoom screen, members of the Altar Guild will do only minimal decorating this year.

* There will be one arrangement of flowers and some decorating of the Advent candle wreath.

* They will not put up the traditional candelabra

* Shannon Carmichael is in touch with Neal Tucker about putting out the Creche scene. It will be used in Shannon's Children's Story time – both for the Christmas Eve and Epiphany services.

Friday 25 December – 10:30 a.m. on zoom: readings, prayers, children's story

Sunday 27 December – **NO SERVICES** In-Building or zoom

Sunday 3 January 2021 Epiphany 10:00 zoom – Judith Slimmon will speak in the sermon time reflecting on the way of hope in these unsettled times.

7. Annual Meeting 26 January 2021

St. Philip Anglican Church Parish Council 2021

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

Evelyn Savage: nominated for 2-year term

8. Stairwell Gallery:

Mike Pipes and Victor Lotto have both expressed a willingness to show their art in our Stairwell Gallery - once in-building worship resumes.

9. MOTION to Adjourn: Gillian Fosdick. Carried.

next meetings: 12 January (nb: date change), 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**
