

2021 AGM PACKAGE

AGM: February 7th, 2021 following the 10am Service. VIA ZOOM.

THE PARISH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

6110 Fulton Rd., Edmonton, AB, T6A 3T3

AGM AGENDA

1) Opening prayer	<i>Est. 2min...</i>
2) Appointment of Recording Secretary and Declaration of Membership	
3) Adoption of Agenda	
4) Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting (Included below)	
5) Celebrations, God-moments, and motions of thanks	<i>10min</i>
6) Financial Report and Proposed Budget for 2021	<i>15min</i>
7) Rector's Ministry Report (given during 10am service)	<i>-</i>
8) Commissioning of visioning group and Synod Delegates	<i>5min</i>
9) Motion to approve signing authorities – <i>Rector, Treasurer, Wardens</i>	<i>2min...</i>
10) Appointment of 2020 Parish Accounts Examiner – <i>TBD</i>	
11) Leadership thank yous	
12) New Business	<i>10min</i>
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13) Closing prayers	<i>/~44min</i>
14) Thank you for your prayers and presence here today	

Annual General Meeting Minutes from 2020

Date: February 9, 2020

Location: St. Augustine of Canterbury Church
6110 Fulton Road
Edmonton, AB T6A 3T3

Incumbent/Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Crane

In Attendance: 31 People

Joanne Oakes	Jim Ellis
Joyce Taylor	John Hanley
Paul Fuelbrandt	June Miller
Jordan Yeo	Paul Klann
Simone Klann	Sherry Prokopuk
Margaret Green	Phyllis Molyneux
John Tyler	Mary Jean Strachan
Grace Johnston	Sheila New
James New	Megan Crane
Clayton Ernst	Amanda Ernst
Eileen Fairbrother	Betty Sparling
Tim Batke	Val McCormack
Mikaela Hanley	Lauretta Howard
June Greig	Joanne Hoch
Joe Sparline	Lindsay Batke
Jodi Howard	

Chairperson: Rev. Jonathan Crane

1. Opening Prayer

Jonathan led the opening prayer.

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary and Declaration of Membership

Jonathan appoints Joanne Hoch as Recording Secretary for today's meeting. Joanne Hoch checks the sign in sheet, asks if everyone has signed in, and declares 31 people have signed in for today's meeting. Jonathan reminds all that each individual signs in, and not as a couple.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Two additions to the agenda are proposed before approval. 13.a will be a presentation from the Sign Committee, they will provide pictures of signs that are being considered for purchase

There are two additions to the agenda, 13.a will be from the Sign Committee, they will present pictures of options they are looking at. The second addition to the agenda is 13. b and will be a discussion of acquiring an AED machine for our premises.

A motion to accept the additions to the agenda is put forward by Sheila New and Seconded by Clayton Ernst. None opposed, the motion carries.

4. Approval of minutes of 2019 annual meeting.

Motioned to approval of the minutes was unanimous.

5. Celebrations, God-moments, and motions of thanks

- Joe Sparling: Reflecting on past letters written about the future of the church strength to strength weekend, “old and tired” a time of turn around and young families, he is very pleased with the way things are looking for the future of St. A’s
- June Greig: thanks to Clayton for completing the shopping for Bissel Centre last January. This year St. A’s will be providing for the Bissell Centre on August 23
- Mary Jean Strachan: thank you for Jonathan for everything that he does for everyone. Also, thankful for the kid’s time up at the front of the church
- Paul Klann: appreciative of the church going into the community, hot chocolate, to meet neighbourhood. Enjoys how our church has become a hub of the community, for both in the church community and the physical community.
- Megan Crane: the number of people who do so many unseen things that Lauretta, June, Sheila, Eileen Perlau all of those people do. That are done so well and so quietly.
- Val McCormack: Thankful for our music and often hears after a Sunday service, “Is your music always like this?”
- Lauretta: Thankful for Erich who helped carry her coffee up the stairs. Also, thankful for the support of simple supper to the church community and a lot of community members. So glad for kids in the church. 15 years of Simple Suppers!
- Joanne Hoch: thankful for Joe as the volunteer Treasurer.
- Megan Crane: thank you to Joanne in the office, catching things that no one else does.
- Lauretta: Thankful for the Sunshine Garden, Sherry and all other people involved for the beauty they provide.
- Eileen Fairbrother: Thankful for those involved in the Christmas Pageant.

6. Financial Report and Proposed Budget for 2020

- Barb Ash will be taking on the role of Treasurer from Joe Sparling going forward.
- On P. 20 of the AGM booklet shows the actual money that we can use and have access to \$90,981.
- On p. 21, Joe has changed the format to a summary for expenses and revenue for the greater congregation rather than an extremely detailed. Joe suggests focussing on what we do with our money rather than get caught up on every penny.
- On p. 22 a detailed 2020 Budget is provided, Joe would like to draw attention to the first section 'Reaching Out'. This is a new way to show where our money is going in a meaningful way. Joe would also like to share that the bookkeeper budget is less because Joanne is more efficient than past bookkeeper. We have decided to increase her wage from \$20 to \$25 per hour.
- The website is more expensive provider this year and advertising is increased as well. A small amount of Facebook advertising was used for events.
- Jonathan thanks Joe for his time. He goes beyond just the dollars and shows us all how this fits in with the mission of our church.

7. Rector's Ministry Report

Listing of so many events that our church has been a part of in the past year.

Thankful for our congregation and the greater community, other parish's within the Diocese, other churches within the community.

Our last retreat at Strawberry Creek.

We become an expression of God's work within the neighbourhood. God is always present in our work, even if we are not aware of it.

Especially thankful for those who come up to him and say, did you see this in the news, what can we do about this?

Community of people who keep their eyes on the greater community and the world.

So many stories about how God is working people in the world that see a need and just do it. We submit all the things that we have done, and the things that we have noticed.

Thoughts for the future:

Might be part of our vision, highlight them for pieces that we can watch, kids stepping into a new way, growing older, how can we attend to them and their needs in the church, where students and children feel welcome and comfortable in the world.

How as a church community give strength and courage to go out in the world to face what they will be faced with.

Spiritual Direction, and how that works in the church. A group of people have been going through the church to do the work of St. Ignatius. How does this work in a parish and church.

A theme we need to attend to: how do we tend to the land in an ecological manner keeping the indigenous perspective, how do we suburban, middle-class, mostly non-indigenous community live well on this land.

Strength to strength weekend, old and tired, what do we do well. What does the church of 2034 look like? The participants wrote letters, community hub to the church of 2035. How strong that vision was of a community hub. What would be the next steps to move toward that vision of those letters. Maybe we plan another strength-to-strength weekend?

How we got to where we are now and what steps we need to take to get there. We be the church, be comfortable with who we are and what our gifts are. We have this work to do in this area. What does it look like for this church to be active in this community? Not to a doing thing, but a being thing, being people of hope of resurrection, full humanity of God's love. Clearly doing the work of God, not attempting any great thing, just doing what trust that God will use what we have.

a. Rector's Sabbatical Update

The proposal is online for the congregation to read. Jonathan will be leaving the Sunday after Easter, he will engage three month sabbatical and one month of family vacation and will be back in August. Heather Liddell, who will be replacing Jonathan during this time has some gifts in children's ministry, Val McCormack noticed. Is there a possibility to enrich the kids community, could we bring someone in to carry on after Heather is finished her time with us? One possibility could be a community vacation bible school/summer camp. Jonathan's sabbatical project will be a Podcast, rather than a written piece of work. A podcast that will be similar to a radio show, focusing on the land, ecologically and with an indigenous focus. With interviews of various people in relation to these topics. *(Edit. Sabbatical was cancelled due to Covid)*

8. Discussion and decision about chairs and pews

- Is has been proposed by one of our renters, a choir to purchase individual chairs to replace the pews currently in place.
- Where we are now is that we would keep the pews, unless there is a motion to go towards the chairs.

- Feedback came in strongly that we keep the pews as they are, but we think it would be good to hear from those in favour of the chairs.
- Barb Ash and Dan are in favour of the chairs, stating flexibility of the space would be a huge advantage. The desire to keep the pews about memory and tradition.
- Kathy Harvey, who is an event planner shares that the chairs facilitate a multi-use space providing possible opportunities currently not explored.
- Val McCormack believes the chairs would be a good idea. Pews are a set space. If there are chairs, we can arrange them that fit the congregation that we have. Bring people together closer rather than all spread out. For the Christmas Pageant, chairs will give us more space to arrange as needed. Chairs make wheelchair and walker accessibility much more attainable.
- Sheila New who is not in favour of chairs, wonders what would happen to the floors if we switched to chairs and would it be all chairs, or just a few rows of chairs.
- Paul Klann shares that chairs would provide more flexibility for things such as the musical group for the Storytelling night, as well as using the space for conferences. Chairs provide flexibility and opportunities.
- Jim New shares that his son's church has chairs no pews, and Jim asked his son what the advantage is. Jim's son shared with Jim: Flexible for setting out a certain number of chairs. Get people to gather in small groups, get a real story of what people want.
- John Tyler, shared that as one of the original attendees of the church, starting in January of 1958, he feels changing to chairs, turns the church into another community hall and goes against the grain for him
- Mary Jean Strachan expresses her concerns regarding moving and arranging the chairs She shared that during simple supper it is hard to get people to move the chairs. Mary Jean also expresses concerns about the longevity of the chairs, replacing the chairs will be our cost. She believes cleaning will become an issue.
- Note: 10-15 years was a very conservative estimate in regards to replacing the chairs
- June Miller, as a lay minister, she has noticed people moving to the other side of the church. She would want to keep the Kneelers for those that wish to pray in that way. She feels a combination would be good.
- John Hanley shared that he believes pews are beautiful and bring beauty to the church. Half and half would be great and serve the best of both worlds.

- Jonathan asked if anyone wants to make a motion for chairs, either in whole or part in favour.
- Joanne Oakes asked if we can make a motion in favour of just keeping the pews. No motion is needed for no change.
- Jim New commented how hard the pews are.
- Val McCormack comments that this is too divisive of an issue and without a strong feeling one way or the other, she suggests we should defer this decision for another year.
- Megan Crane will suggest to the choir who brought forward the proposal that choral chairs which will likely serve their purposes better.
- Paul Klann asks if a presentation of what these chairs look like? Paul also suggests speaking with current congregations who are using the chairs. Talk to them about some of our concerns. Jonathan responded, we do have a picture of the proposed pew chair
- Sherry Prokopuk expresses concern about the beautiful wood the pews are made of it and what will happen to it if we switch to chairs? In this society, we should use what we have, natural material.
- Joyce Taylor questions about storage of the chairs not in use? We don't have room for things that we currently have.
- Val McCormack shares that the 8 a.m. service use chairs with no issues.
- Jonathan closes the conversation at this time. No motion is needed to keep the pews as this is not a change from the current situation.

Action item: Megan will talk to the choir for a new option, and we will decline the option for replacing the current pews at this time.

9. Commissioning of visioning group

Last year was the first year that we tried this structure. Meeting are required to meet a minimum of four times per year and once to plan the AGM, according to the canons. The Vision Group Members need to be approved by the larger congregation at the AGM. Dollars spent over the amount of \$200 can be approved by the Vision group alone, where amounts over \$10,000 needs to go to the greater congregation. The Vision Group responsibilities include such things as what is god doing among us, where are we going among many other topics.

There is a separate, smaller business team, which includes, Jonathan, the Treasurer, Joanne, our Bookkeeper and June our Office Administrator.

Sherry Prokopuk puts her name forward to be part of the Vision Group.

Paul Fuellbrandt would also like to be part of the Vision Group.

Mikaela Hanley puts her name forward.

The Vision Group going forward will include:

Jonathan

Megan Crane

June Miller,

Joe Sparling

Paul Fuellbrandt

Mikaela Hanley

Sherry Prokopuk

Val McCormack

June Greig

Mary Jean Strachan motions to approve the above members, Betty Sparling will second the motion. All in favour, none opposed, the motion carries and the above list is approved.

10. Motion to approve signing authorities – Rector, Treasurer, Wardens

June Greig let's her name stand as the people's warden.

Barb Ash has put forward her name to become the Treasurer

Rector's warden, to be appointed at the first vision meeting.

A motion made by Sheila New to accept the above signing authorities and allow the Vision Group to pass the name for the Rector's Warden. The motion is seconded by Joe Sparling. The motion passes with all in favour and none opposed.

11. Appointment of 2018 Parish Accounts Examiner – Jeff Baker

Joe makes a motion to check with Jeff Baker that he is available to complete our books again this year and will bring that to the first vision meeting.

Val McCormack second's Joe's motion.

All approved, none opposed, motion carried.

12. Leadership Thank You

13. New Business

a. Sign Committee

- Joe Sparling and Clayton Ernst presenting
- Lauretta Howard and June Greig are also a part of this committee

- The desire is to have electronic sign, that can be programmed from the inside.
- First roadblock discovered we need a permit from the City. This area is most likely zoned as residential, and there is a bylaw in RF1 zoning that you cannot have an electronic sign in any residential. RF1 zoning has a subsection for religious organizations.
- Alternatives to an electronic sign, one company can provide slide out trays that can be brought in and changed without being outside in the cold weather. Pictures were provided on the PowerPoint to the congregation for review. Option to have a cross on the sign if we wanted to make it more 'church-like.'
- Clayton share that one option is to open the sideways, but you still have to be outside to change the sign, but the Second option as mentioned above is preferable.
- Regardless of the option, the current sign needs work and we need a new one.
- Black background with white lettering would last longer.
- The option to change the wording outside is \$16, 680
- One option is to have sign lit at night, this would be an additional cost to hire the electricians the company employs.
- Mikaela inquired how much the digital signs were. Clayton replied that they are \$50-60,000, but are currently unattainable without a permit from the city, which is unlikely due to zoning issues.
- Reminder that we will still need a volunteer to change the sign as needed
- Phyllis inquires where would the money come for to pay for the sign. Last year we talked about using the reach funds.
- Val McCormack makes a motion that the greater congregation approves up to \$16,000 to be spent on the sign chosen by the sign committee. Joanne seconds the motion. Two opposed, majority in favour and the motion is carried.

b. AED

- The cost to have an AED installed and on-hand is about \$2000. There is a local Rotary club that has funds that may be available. Joanne Hoch already looked into a Grant to fund the AED, but the grant program is no longer running

- Clayton inquired as to maintenance and upkeep of the AED machine. Shawn Nicolson has put his name forward as per Amy Nicolson.
- Eileen Fairbrother puts forward a motion to purchase, June Miller seconded. All in favour, one opposed, majority in favor so motion is carried.
- This will be the responsibility of the business committee to go ahead with the purchase of it.

14. Closing Prayers

Jonathan leads the closing prayers

15. Adjournment

Megan Crane puts forward a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion is seconded by Laretta and none opposed. The meeting is adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Reports and Updates

AGM Financial Report on Year 2020

The Parishioners of St. Augustines have always been generous in their commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the service of ministry here. As I reflected on this report during this time of Covid-19, I felt that I should give a more detailed view to get a feel of how we are doing than a shorter version at this time.

The government did announce a significant wage subsidy for businesses and charities (CERW) whose revenues have declined at least 30% because of the pandemic from the previous year (2019) for the three-month period of May, June, and July. This relief funding was available to the Diocese as the employer, then is passed along to the individual parishes in the Diocese of Edmonton.

A brief review of the history to date is in order. The subsidy is delivered by four-week periods, the first of which began on March 15. We received the full subsidy of 75% of wages for the first two periods, which was applied to the May and June payroll. Because the diocesan aggregate income recovered significantly in May, we were ineligible for the third and fourth periods. We are thankful that the subsidy has been so helpful for these two months.

Another offer came in August from the government of Canada for a cash relief. The subsidy was 1.2 times the decline in monthly revenue; so, for example, if our revenue is down 20% from the same month in 2019, we will get a 24% subsidy. This is much lower than the 75% we received initially, but it is still significant. We did not receive August, September, October but we did receive in November and December.

One of our budget challenges was our reliance on the rental income that we had budgeted for in 2020. Our renters in the annex have been as affected by COVID-19 as we have. Consequently, expected income from this source has not been as high as we budgeted. We have negotiated a more realistically achievable rent with the Release church for 2021. This should provide less uncertainty in this area. The Community Choir, Opportunity Sounds, has been back in a modified format since September following the COVID-19 Guidelines laid out by AHS and will continue this year.

We had unexpected building maintenance costs. 2020 brought us some unexpected repairs (hot water tank), so the Visioning group decided that we should create a Rainy-Day Fund into which we would make monthly deposits until it builds up to a point where we can easily handle unexpected major costs.

Our parish giving has kept pace with our financial needs. We are grateful for your continued financial generosity in support of the work of our parish.

FUNDS on Hand:

Barnett Fund: Trust Fund held by the diocese of Edmonton **2020**

Opening Balance: \$60,632.95
Income earned: \$1,383.00.
Income paid to Parish: \$1,175.00.
Income Revested: \$208.00
Closing balance: **\$ 60, 840.95**

Bank Balance

Year end Balance: **\$53,268.00**
Total: \$114,108.95

Year 2019 Actual:

Barnett fund: \$60632.95
Year end Bank Balance: \$30,384.00
Total: \$90,981.00

CERW Benefit received 2020: \$5,865.94

Reach Funds (held by Diocese): \$23,507.00* (awaiting confirmation update)

LED Lighting Donations (2019) being held: \$3,000.00

St. Augustine of Canterbury
2021 BUDGET - DETAILS 2
Revenue

	2019 Actual	2020 BUDGET	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Undesignated Offerings				
4010 General	\$ 131,798.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 65,570.00	\$ 65,000.00
PAG		\$ 70,000.00	\$ 67,406.63	\$ 68,000.00
Tithe.ly		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 28,737.06	\$ 26,000.00
4030 Open	\$ 639.55	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 18.75	\$ -
Special-Simple Supper/book sale		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,576.91	\$ -
Miscellaneous				\$ 2,000.00
Designated Offerings				
General -Altar Guild			\$ 676.00	\$ -
Clergy Discretionary			\$ 1,649.30	\$ 500.00
Outreach		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,851.00	\$ 3,000.00
Other Revenue				
4210 Weddings/Funerals	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,000.00
4225 Church Rentals	\$ 5,570.00		\$ 2,475.00	\$ 3,000.00
4222 Annex Rentals	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 1,388.76	\$ 8,400.00
4230 Annex Utilities	\$ 3,593.06		\$ 1,307.00	
4240 Fundraising	\$ 4,944.39	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,172.30	\$ 1,500.00
4250 Interest - Diocese Funds (Quarterly)	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,500.00
4260 Sundry	\$ 105.00		\$ 1,581.92	
Memorial	\$ -		\$ 2,675.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenues	\$ 165,559.00	\$ 168,000.00	\$ 184,342.63	\$ 180,900.00
Expenses				
5010 · Clergy Stipend	\$ 85,176.60	\$ 87,516.00	\$ 81,650.06	\$ 88,912.20
5030 - Automobile Allowance	\$ -		\$ -	
5050 - Diocesan/Conference/Synod fees	\$ 330.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 720.00
Total 5001 · Parish Ministry	\$ 85,506.60	\$ 87,916.00	\$ 81,830.06	
5211 · Bookkeeping	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,078.87	\$ 2,000.00
5220 · Photocopier	\$ 1,568.24	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 965.80	\$ 1,500.00
5230 · Office Supplies and Postage	\$ 762.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 722.00	\$ 1,000.00
5240 · Advertising/tech support	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,634.69	\$ 1,500.00
5241 - software/services ex; Zoom,MS365	\$ 999.94		\$ 718.20	\$ 1,000.00
5260 · Bank Charges	\$ 244.77	\$ 250.00	\$ 91.60	\$ 250.00
5270 · DDF/ Loan Interest	\$ 588.49	\$ 415.00	\$ 4,878.36	\$ 4,878.00
5280 · Accounting and Auditing Services	\$ 551.25	\$ 551.00	\$ 551.25	\$ 500.00
Total 5200 Office Administration	\$ 6,409.95	\$ 6,416.00	\$ 14,640.33	
5310 · Music Ministry	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,675.00	\$ 12,000.00
5313 · Music Ministry - Other	\$ 444.73	\$ 650.00	\$ 589.50	\$ 600.00
5320 · Worship Supplies	\$ 899.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,359.10	\$ 1,000.00
5330 · Adult Education	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.10	\$ 300.00
5340 · Youth and Sunday School	\$ 54.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 232.90	\$ 300.00
5350 · Hospitality Supplies	\$ 1,310.16	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 469.65	\$ 500.00
Total 5300 Worship and Programs	\$ 12,708.72	\$ 14,450.00	\$ 14,775.75	
5410 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,826.30	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,046.95	\$ 3,000.00
Waste management			\$ 1,281.24	\$ 830.00
Rainy Day Fund				\$ 1,800.00
5420 · Insurance	\$ 4,274.84	\$ 4,449.00	\$ 4,753.43	\$ 5,022.00
5430 · Janitorial	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,147.25	\$ 2,000.00
5435 · Janitorial Supplies	\$ 110.80		\$ 476.31	
5440 · Yard Maintenance & Snow Removal	\$ 3,152.63	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,849.05	\$ 5,000.00
Total 5450 · Utilities Church	\$ 13,253.63	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 22,575.66	\$ 22,000.00
Total 5400 · Church Properties	\$ 29,160.20	\$ 31,449.00		
5600 - Special - Parish Events	\$ 437.71		\$ 2,245.00	\$ 500.00
5610 - Special -Reach	\$ 500.00		\$ 624.38	
5800 · Other Expenses,Anglican FDN pag/payroll fee/Ang.Foundation	\$ 4,095.40		\$ 2,300.00	\$ 145.00
5860 · Weddings/funerals	\$ 45.97		\$ 565.44	
Total Special & Other(GEA)	\$ 4,079.08	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5710 · Assessment & Apportionment	\$ 22,824.00	\$ 22,476.00	\$ 22,476.00	\$ 21,936.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 162,733.00	\$ 164,207.00	\$ 181,305.41	\$ 180,693.20

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

Bissell Centre – 10527 - 96 Street

Sharing this ministry with St. Luke's Anglican Church

Contact – Sally Neale – 780 257-6325

St. Augustine's Church has contributed annually since January 1985. We are one of 50 churches and Faith communities supporting Inner City Pastoral Ministry.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS – (COVID-19 – unusual year – masks & keeping our distances).

100 Lunches in brown paper bags

- all items must be in original sealed bags
- 100 packages of chips or tacos or similar product
- 100 packages of protein bars or breakfast bars – no nutribars or substitutes
- 100 packages of cheese & crackers or peanut butter & crackers
- 100 pks of cheese, individually wrapped
- 100 oranges in a box – do NOT put in lunch bags
- 100 bananas in a box – do NOT put in lunch bags
- 100 juice boxes – to go into lunch bags
- 100 bottles of water – do NOT put in lunch bags

Additional Supplies:

- 1 large container of coffee
- 1 10 lb bag of white sugar
- 1 large coffee mate

All items to be delivered to the Bissell Centre between 09:00 and 09:15 AM on Sunday morning.

Parishioners were very generous donating dollars and food items.

A volunteer group of around 10 or 12 met at the church on Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00 am and put all the Food and juice carefully into brown paper bags, in short time.

Submitted by:

June Greig

Sign Update

Following approval at our AGM last year, a proposal and quote was submitted to our Diocesan Property and Planning committee. Any building expenditure over \$1000 must appropriately flow through this group for approval since all church buildings remain a Diocesan asset. Following their review, they determined that the quote seemed very high for the product and for church expenditure of that sort. It was suggested that we look into lower cost options for signage. Clayton Ernst is exploring some repairs to our current sign in the meantime.

Annex Update

Our Annex building remains “as is” with no current plans in work. We did talk briefly with a developer about a housing project, but it did not seem a good fit. The housing would be more expensive than we had hoped and the building quite tall for the area. We are back to the drawing board. Alan Perry, the diocesan representative that was exploring options for us has also moved out of the diocese to work with the National Church office so we will need to re-broach conversations with the property and planning committee to keep things moving. A small group from the Vision Group will meet soon to review the history of the Annex building and land and begin to create some recommendations going forward. If you are interested in learning more about the Annex building’s history please let Jonathan+ know so you can be part of that meeting. Our current push for making some decisions comes from a 2017 engineering report that suggests the building is near or at the end of its life without major upgrades (esp. the roof). The Annex building currently holds our church office in the front two rooms and is rented out otherwise by Release Church – a West-African congregation.

The Church in COVID

March 14th every church in the diocese got a call from Bishop Jane alerting us that the coronavirus crisis meant that we could not meet in person for church the next day.

March 15th Jordan Yeo hooked up his parent’s old handy cam, we ran mics through the sound system and back to his laptop. The internet was spotty and the sanctuary was an empty spiderweb of ethernet cables, tripods, screens all focused close to the piano so we could catch music. Megan was all of a sudden thrust into leading music not only on instrument but solo voice.

Between March and June 2020, Jordan (a legit computer guy), Jonathan+ (a cheerleader), and Adam Kristenson (a local networking expert) fought back the spiderweb of cables and, on Vision Group approval, began to install a livestreaming system in the church. The internet was upgraded (we actually saved money doing so!) and hard-wired across from the Annex building; a new computer was installed; our new friend at Tilt Pan Zoom (TPZ) camera was set up at the back of the church; and an audio ‘snake’ was set up to bring the

instrument sounds back to the sound board. Along the way, members of the altar guild snuck in as needed to change the hangings, scrub the sanctuary, and take care of other preparations for worship. June Greig was diligent to run the taps and flush the toilets every week or two to cycle water. We recently moved all the deep-freeze food and fridge food into one fridge so the freezer and 2nd fridge could be unplugged.

In the summer we hosted a week-long online kid's program with original video content, zoom meets, songs, stories, and crafts. It wasn't the same as in-person, but we felt really good about it nonetheless.

In preparation for modified in-person worship in the fall we figured out how to be safe upon entering and exiting. We worked out some bugs to allow online registration and online giving. Lindsay Batke designed us some elegant place holder decals for the pews, Paul Fuellbrandt, June Greig, and Mikaela helped dream out and measure out how it would all work together. We were able to have two highly-safe in-person services with communion before high COVID numbers brought us into the second lock-down.

Here's to all who have helped church keep going this last year and who have stepped into all kinds of 'newness' to make it work.

Parish Officers 2020

Vision Group

The parish Vision Group fulfills our canonical vestry requirements but chooses to act in a format more fitting with our family-sized parish. Decisions are made via consensus, we keep things as casual as possible and meet only four times per year. We ask the questions like – Where are we going as a parish? What is God doing here? What is challenging us? If you are drawn to share in church leadership in this way, you are more than welcome! All members are elected at the AGM or appointed by virtue of their role in the church.

Jonathan+ (Signing as Rector)	Mikaela Hanley
Dan Ash (honorary clergy)	Megan Crane
Anne Wightman (honorary clergy)	Sherry Prokopuk
June Miller	Val McCormack (Signing as Rector's warden)
Joe Sparling	June Greig (Signing as People's warden)
Pat Jameson	Barb Ash (Signing as Treasurer)
Paul Fuellbrandt	(anyone else?)
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