

St. Philip Parish Council - DRAFT MINUTES

12 January 2021 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Prayer

Christopher began by reading Psalm 40 and sharing a brief reflection before he opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Regrets / Absent: None. All members were present.

3. Minutes – 15 December 2020

Minutes of the December meeting were circulated on the evening of December 15.

Three corrections were made:

1. No name had been given for the Motion made re: computer purchase – that was Ged McLean. 2. The reference to the Creche - the dates it was to be used, should have been Christmas Eve and Epiphany, not 4th Sunday of Advent . 3. The details which had been included in the Minutes regarding the proposed office computer purchase came from an email circulated to council and were not actually presented or discussed at the meeting and have been deleted.

MOTION: To accept Draft Minutes of 15 December 2020 as Amended – Gillian Fosdick
Seconded: Ged McLean. Carried

4. Finances – 2021 Budget

Treasurer, Ged McLean circulated his Treasurer's Report and Draft 2021 Budget prior to Council meeting today. He has produced a tremendous package including a narrative Budget for 2021 (required by the Diocese) a Balance Sheet for 2020 as well as an accounting style budget for 2021).

- Ged expressed gratitude to the people of St. Philip, who have continued to provide financial support throughout this remarkable year when so many programs, services and activities have been limited because of Covid restrictions.

- 2020 'Givings' were low, but have been offset by both reduced expenses and federal government support

No Motion was made this evening. The Draft was discussed so that it would be ready to be moved for adoption at the AGM in two weeks.

5. Office Computer Purchase

A motion was made at the December Council meeting to purchase a new computer system for the church office. The computer and double screens are now in place. Neal Tucker and Ged McLean are working last glitches of compatibility with the WIFI and photocopier.

6. Christmas:

The Pageant and Christmas Eve Zoom services were both really lovely and very well attended. 216 were present when the Pageant was streamed and had a number of viewers tuned in afterwards. 136 attended the Zoom Christmas Eve service.

7. Moving Forward in COVID

Due to the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the BC Provincial Health Officer directed that all events and social gatherings – including religious services, be suspended. The most recent update was announced January 8, 2021 and is in place until midnight on February 5, 2021. Although there is some encouraging news that infections numbers may be going down, it does not seem very likely that restrictions will be lifted at the time of the next update. Ash Wednesday falls this year on February 17. We may need to consider how to create a meaningful Zoom service to mark the beginning of Lent.

8. Annual General Meeting –

The Vestry Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Notice – usually posted in the leaflet and on the bulletin boards and exit doors, - was circulated this year through parish emails and announcements following Sunday Zoom services.

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Christopher thanked all council members for their faithfulness in serving the parish and spoke of what a great support council is to him. Two members in particular were mentioned as they are standing down at the end of this session. He thanked Raymond Fieltch and Judith Slimmon for their time on council.

Raymond said, “it has been a pleasure to serve – and nice to see this functional, cohesive group – very aligned, very open – and running ‘the business of church’ very well.

Judith said her farewell with ‘a bit of a heavy heart.’ She has really enjoyed meeting everyone, and serving these past two years - but feels that her skills lay elsewhere.

One present joy in her life is learning to play the organ – which takes her up to St. Philip almost every day.

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

9. MOTION to Adjourn: Gillian - Carried.

**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**
