

Parish Council Minutes of June 01, 2021
Held on line with Zoom

Present: Rev Wally Eamer, Scott Dolff; Ed Bennington; Sharleen Thompson; Blaine Thauberger, David Leigh, Loretta Deutscher, Russ Mitten

Regrets ...

Chair Blaine

Opening Prayer Wally Eamer

Call to Order 9:20 am

Minutes May 04, 2021 Council Meeting

Moved Loretta - Seconded Scott - carried

Discuss Agenda – changes/additions/updates/order

NOTE – have moved Health/Diocesan Advisories to top before Correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Public Health and Diocesan advisories

No clergy meeting until the 22nd of June so Diocesan lead will not be coming soon. Wally says we won't have a clear idea until the end of June. Sharlene mentioned the BC ruling in the next phase currently scheduled for the 15th. – maximum in building attendance 15% of fire marshal's approved attendance. Looks like outside gathering in July and August – don't know if Diocese would agree to that at this time.

Sharlene suggested asking parishoners if they would like to attend services outside. Mail then telephone to complete poll. Council discussed holding for the Diocesan approval and we could suggest early July in messages to parishioners. Also suggested we might want to ask Diocese if we can return to outside services before their meeting in late June.

Wally and Sharleen planning on travelling late July through Aug and Sep so planning has to include that. We also need to plan on what we do with Wally being away. He's working with Sandy adding weekly service bulletins to her workload so would like to know if lay persons would be involved. Scott might be able to schedule others – i.e. Abbey group.

Brief discussion on live streaming.

Music – not sure if our musicians are comfortable with performing, even outside. Perhaps we record and play back at services. Discussions and what happens over the next several weeks will continue in the planning.

Scott and Wally will put a plan together for further comment and discussion.

Urgent Issues

Non raised

Correspondence

Discussed under other reports

OLD BUSINESS

Service Planning/Changes/Ideas

Wally noted numbers high 30's to high 20's. Feeling that family's are finding Zoom harder to work on. Has been tricky running a breakout room in the Zoom meetings.

Transition Planning

Scott, Ed and Sharlene talked about various scenarios. Bishop says we don't have enough to hire a full time person. Agreed we don't want to go to a costly weekly meeting. Full time who is a good youth leader is first choice. Second was half time person who is a good youth leader. Then part time and youth leader. Also discussed lay led and youth leader. Supply clergy twice a month for

eucharist then lay led etc. Wally costed to see what we might achieve. Long term interim two days a week would be \$300 a day.

Discussion evolved to discussing electrical costs.

Blaine – believe we can do the part time and youth worker etc.

Will be presented after church on the 13th

Church Website

Status of request with Synod Communications office. Wally will follow up with Catherine at Diocesan office.

Wally keeping it up to date, more current than it has been.

Office Administrator

Sandy is doing well

Order of Diocese of BC

They have confirmed that the application has been received. Andrew knows we applied.

Envelope Secretary

Donarius software downloaded last week and hope to install this week.

Stove in Church Kitchen

New (not so old) stove in kitchen. Have to build a backsplash. Replaced unit was 1991 and the replacement is 8 years old.

Invasive plants on Biliston Creek Slope

Tabled

Small Group Meetings

Tabled

Film Discussion Group

Tabled

Parking Lot Rentals

Covered under other reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Rules

Andrew and I (Wally Eamer) put these criteria together for the cemetery. With one exception, they are our current practice.

The exception is in eligibility - added is "The clergy of St. Mary's Metchosin Anglican Church may override these rules in exceptional situations where there are very strong ties to Metchosin." This allows us to respond if, for example, a child growing up in Metchosin dies, but the family don't meet the other 2 criteria: member of church for 5+ years, or living in Metchosin for 30+ years. It is not meant to be an override for people who love the community and/or setting but don't meet the 2 criteria.

How many plots remain depends on the mix of full plots and 1/6 ash plots, and whether some of the space between the church and preschool building is used for plots. Certainly, we have more than a few years left, and much less than another 150 years.

Once finalized and approved, the document will be posted on our website, kept in the office, and could be handed out.

Wally explained he wanted to see an override. Personal information would have to be shared and so having other people (wardens, council etc.) with that information would be widely shared.

Ed explained that overrides have been given, basically done through conversation with the clergy.

Wally updated the form and then Ed moved acceptance of the report seconded by Loretta -

Carried

Reports

Finance – report from Blaine -

good morning all, here is a snapshot regarding our money matters

The dreaded hydro bill for ST.Marys the Virgin \$141.06
and ST.Marys the Incarnation \$725.72
Northern Star plumbing \$ 577.50 for hot water alarm sensors.
Year to Date giving \$ 12332.00
Year to Date Expenses \$ \$21564
Account Balances Incarnation \$38452.00
Heritage \$5619.00
Total \$ 44071.00
We have liabilities of \$ 1323.00
Any questions can be e-mailed or phoned to 778-533-0627

Blaine commented slow and steady.

Wardens

Scott

Scott asked about charging for parking – issue mentioned liability

Ed wondered about a handbill example read by Scott. Would people be interested in placing handbills suggesting parking is free and a donation to St. Mary's would help us.

Russ asked about working with golf course because some people park.

We'll move forward with planning. Concern it could be an issue if people think that's where to park.

Council ok with Scott moving forward with Ed on visitors parking in the lot.

Movie company

Hi Team,

Just got a call from a local film company that would like to rent the parking lot Th/Fri June 17/18. Contract to follow, but I agreed to 1.5 days at \$350/day. They are fully self-contained, will have transport control, block off an area for summer breeze and sleep on site for security. Insurance and contract being emailed out [today](#). Any objections or considerations? Can we let our lawncare people know? I'll let Becky at summer breeze know.

Thanks!

Scott

Fire department using lot for training purposes.

Judy asked about Sunday School curriculum – she suggested one that has a fee. Do we let Judy move forward. Judy will talk to Jenny and they can let us know.

Have a Photography camp involving youth 7 – 12 year olds – 23rd to 27th of August. Could conflict with Bible Camp if that goes forward. Scott will proceed.

Wondering about a fall family camp – after October and not the long weekend or Nov 4th to 7th

Good hike out by Tower Point – with united church – it's working well, three or four families.

Sharleen

Still working on whether we can have vacation bible school – feel need to decide to whether it's worth going ahead.

Messy church last one a week Friday outside then none through the summer. Will be talking to family to run it in September due to our travels. Now scheduled for hip replacement sometime in the future.

We need a group – pastoral care committee so people know where to go when we don't have clergy.

Buildings

Septic alarm has been going off at the church – Summer Breeze calling each morning. Ed looking to have someone in to review. Sealed tank in the basement with pump to get it to the septic field.

Alarm is for a high level. Was an attempt to investigate but nothing found. It's intermittent and usually resolves itself. If it only happens intermittently no follow up or we might need it investigated. Ed will check on overflow issue. Becky was wondering about having a key so they can silence the alarm. Ed thought there was a key to them for the electrical room – he will ask Sharon if they have that key then it opens the mechanical room.

Monday group has been waiting to completely cut the grass after flowering finishes. Working on fence in front right of the lot. Don't know if we can do invasive plant removal at the church.

Renters

No issues.

Deacon Wally Eamer

Ethical Canine

Ethical Canine – they aren't going to access washrooms.

I will let Ethical Canine know, if Parish Council agree that they can run training on our grounds

Wally Eamer

Typically evenings after 6pm and four or five times a month. They would not override a larger rental – i.e. movie rentals.

Approved by council.

Updates as needed

Refugee family

No report from Ed W

Discussions

Council had a wide ranging discussion, focusing on meeting June 13th with the options we have going forward. Transition step to regain financial stability where we can afford to look for a full time minister. Could be a proportionally shared minister.

Sharleen has sent email to Church of the Advent and Sooke – no response so going to contact the wardens of those churches directly.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Blaine

NEXT MEETING suggested June 15th or at call of Wardens

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am