

Minutes St Marys' Metchosin Parish Council Meeting

June 29, 2021 - 9:15 am

Held on line with Zoom

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

Regrets

Chair Scott

Opening Prayer Wally Eamer

Call to Order 9:21 am

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of June 15th reviewed, updated if needed and accepted.

Moved Blaine, Second Sharlene - carried

Discuss Agenda – changes/additions/updates/order

Added Blackberry Festival and Parking Lot festival

Urgent Issues

CORRESPONDENCE-

Sandy/Wally to update on correspondence received.

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Breeze lease

Ed provided background of the lease agreement history. Have kept the lease an even dollar amount through the years.

Ed B move – Blaine Second the increase in the lease agreement to be 2% rounded to dollar as in the past. Carried

Will watch for BC Hydro and then consider a possible energy audit to determine why the cost seems to be going higher. Future discussion to include solar power and heat pump at the church.

Loretta moved to table Hydro related discussions to the next meeting of council

Service Planning/Changes/Ideas –

outdoor plans, - July 11th Two retired clergy have agreed to eucharist one each a month plus the sermon we are approved using the older plan we had in place. Wally did say we would revert to zoom if weather stops outdoor service

inside planning and safety plan, Wally is building plan now and will submit – then the weather change could mean move inside. Ed suggested presenting the plan for inside

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as a weather related plan at this point. Wally will send copy of the application to Parish Council.

service bulletins, will be printed –

Sandy will be comfortable having 40 copies ready. Right now planning on 8.5 by 11 single use copies.

handling money, Blaine and Wally had a brief talk – will be necessary to count the money and we don't want someone thinking there's money in the church from Sunday to Wednesday. Blaine – count and fill out forms then lockup at home until Monday and deposit it. Scott asked what happens if Blaine is not there – Blaine would ask ahead of time for someone to cover. Wally we have issue with covid and the best plans... have to consider how we can best have it counted. In the past year Blaine would count and deposit etc. before covid it would be counted by sidespeople and passed to Blaine for banking.

video recording, Ed W has made himself available to record the services. Council discussed whether the video would be used by those who don't go to church. Ed suggested we start with his offer and then change as needed. Technical ideas discussed to not record but stream. Wally will discuss with Ed and Scott will join them for continuance. Scott – want to make it as simple as possible for Ed.

kids,

In the past children have migrated to CRD gazebo for their own time and then return. Not wheelchair accessible and it ties up a number of parents. Looking at planning and what we'll do going forward. Moving children inside might require another safety plan. Wally will prepare inside safety plan and then, if needed, a plan for children.

music, - musicians comfortable performing outside but not inside. Will have live music in our outdoor services starting on the 11th. Moving inside will change the musicians comfortable with outside vs inside services.

eucharist during lay/deacon led services,

Wally, we wanted to define clear boundary to them and so the simple way was to have them each do a sermon and eucharist module once a month. They could offer more if they wanted. If we don't bring in other priests we could continue with simple liturgy for lay led. Services. Philip and John will not lead the whole service, only the Eucharist part. Wally will lead the services until his holiday.

sermons in lay, deacon led services,

Wally mentioned a sermon is not required at all services. Traditionally the Bishop has to approve who presents sermon. Unsure if license to preach is still required. Talking about the service after in gathering time. Wally would rather not go into the issues surrounding having non licensed speakers.

Lay led – not require a sermon and in long term most of months will be covered in both capacities.

inclement weather planning

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discussed in
outside clergy

Supply clergy – do we want to ask for twice a month July through September. Would mean John and Philip would not have to cover after July until September. Wally has not talked to Bishop's office, archdeacon to this point.

Council agreed having the supplied clergy would be helpful. Moved by Ed that we request supply clergy while Deacon is on vacation. Seconded Loretta – carried

Transition Planning -Parish Plan to Bishop

Survey results from Wally

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C
1st choice	15	20	0
2nd choice	15	12	2

Plan B has some clergy leadership. No dominant choice

Eucharist	4/mo	3/mo	2/mo	1/mo
1st choice	3	1	18	5
2nd choice	2	8	5	4

Interesting that people seem focused on two times a month.

Wally – my personal understanding of this – response is indicative of the church generally. Core difference between A and B – do you want some level of clergy leadership? Plan B if giving doesn't expand won't be possible. Where does the leadership come from in order to grow.

Council members discussed the plans and their ideas on them. Goal is a vibrant expression of Christianity at this church. (Wally comment) General agreement we can choose and then review to see where we are after six months.

Ed B – move we proceed with plan B – Second Loretta – carried.

A letter to the Bishop – specify it would be 2 services a month and how the rest of their time would be used. Youth leadership would be part of the letter to the Bishop.

Wally will prepare a draught and send to Council for review.

Church website

Katherine Pate said yes to look at what we were doing with website and social media. She is available in August but Wally and she will look in October when Wally is back.

Office Administrator:

Sandy continues, duties will ramp up with service bulletins etc. Training on Donarius software this week. Gift offerings to the church – this is not the financial system. Will generate tax forms at the end of the year.

Order of Diocese of BC - application sent to Synod office

Sharleen received email saying it was received – believe the ongoing is with Andrew until the November period.

Envelope Secretary Donarius software as noted above.

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NEW BUSINESS

Wally (Sharlene) vacation July to Oct

Leaving 19th July will be back sometime near end of September.
Uncertainty around travel and our hope to go to visit daughter.

contacting if needed.text message but response time not guaranteed.

Fire Safety Work

Has been done – bill is over \$1,000. They also ensured replacement in the future will be far simpler.

BlackBerry Festival

Need to address status of people to pick. There are some who have picked in the past. Need to ask Royal Bay what we can do this year. If we're going to go ahead we need to raise the information now.

Scott suggested something like a pledge – family pledges one bucket
Ed – not sure where we stand at this point.

Reports as needed

Finance –Blaine – 2021 revenue target

As of this morning 45K in account. Some good donations have come in – plus one plot sale and one ash sale. Made for a good deposit.

Wardens

Scott

Had Hallmark rental in place – believe relationship will continue.

Youth and crew organizing through summer to have Mondays as picnic day.

1st Monday of every month with United group.

Helen McArthur approached for potential fundraiser – marathon run, she would run it all and kids could get sponsorship for portions of the run. Scott asked if we wanted to ask her to proceed.

Thinking car wash fund raiser and Scott will talk to refugee committee.

Have been talking to Rob Crosby-Shearer and his church. He mentioned someone who is their music minister who wants to move into youth ministry and Scott has talked to her briefly. He encouraged her to apply when the Bishop's offer moves forward.

Sharleen

No summer program, messy church down for the summer.

Refugee program changes at the senior church level

Possible they will move here sooner – meeting tonight to review.

Buildings

Apparently municipality has applied for 250K grant for accessibility – possible we might be able to proceed with access project at the old church. Very costly for new church.

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Renters

Dealt with lease

Deacon Wally Eamer

Wondering how people responded to Sunday presentation.

Updates as needed

Refugee family

Other

NEXT MEETING July 13th 9:15 am or at call of Wardens.

CLOSING PRAYER – Scott

Meeting ended 11:35am