Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 3rd, 2021

Submitted by Bridget Metzger

PRESENT: Gyllian Davies, Lynda Turner, Bridget Metzger, Duncan Mathieson, Joan Warren

Regrets: Doreen Davidson, Nancy Wigen. The meeting was **opened with prayer.**

Bridget agreed to be the **secretary.**

Moved by Joan, seconded by Duncan, that **the Minutes of the Nov 5 meeting** be adopted as corrected. Carried.

Financial Report: submitted to committee members prior to the meeting via email by Doreen

Summary:

A total of $8000 ($500 over budget) was spent in 2021

Directed Donations to Parish Outreach was $2884.59

From this $2000 was donated to PWRDF Indigenous Water Projects

Balance remaining $884.59 less $500 equals **$384.59**

Bridget moved and Duncan seconded that her financial report be accepted. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Sweatshirts

It was decided that we drop this due to lack of interest.

Mental Health

A SSI Peer Support and Lay Counselling Mental Awareness Summit will be taking place in January, sponsored by The Salt Spring Mental Awareness Initiative. It was agreed that this will help to provide some education and awareness that we as a committee felt was needed in our community, as discussed in earlier meetings. Gyllian, Bridget and possibly others from the committee hope to attend the Zoom meetings.

Reaching out

We discussed again the need to bring awareness of The Mission and Outreach work to the congregation on a regular basis. It was proposed that we have this as an agenda item each month. Gyllian agreed to read the Thank You card from Copper Kettle.

Red box…put off until January

University of Victoria Elders Engagement Fund $500 was sent to this fund on November 4th

Food Cards Colin was not present to give a report

Angel Tree Dovene has organized this. 2 families from Family Place have been identified and gift tags are on the tree ready to go. Gifts should be purchased as suggested on the tag, wrapped, and replaced under the tree.

School Food Cards Bridget has purchased 24 x $100 cards from Country Grocer and Christmas Cards written "Merry Christmas from The Anglican Church, Salt Spring Island". These will be distributed to the 6 schools on the island. Middle School is only grade 7 this year. They will receive 2 with one extra going to GISS and SS Elementary. As last year, Joan will deliver to SS Elementary, Nancy/Bridget to Fernwood, Bridget to Phoenix, GISS and the Middle School and possibly Charles Hingston to Fulford as Tim is away. Cards will be delivered the following week, Dec 6-9, the second last week of school before the holidays.

Living Water Group Doreen was not present to give a report on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Recruiting new members Several names were put forward as possibilities and Lynda will approach people directly, asking them to consider joining the committee in the New Year.

It was noted that we don't have a **Parish Council Rep** to the Mission and Outreach Committee and the last expenditure of $2,400 for Grocery Cards was not raised at the last Council meeting. **Duncan moved,** seconded by Joan, that the Council be asked to retroactively approve of the expenditure. **Carried.** Gyllian submitted the names of the Council members who will be continuing next year: Gloria McEachern, Deb Toole, Ellen Vesterdal and Ann Clapham. It was decided Bridget will ask Ann if she is willing to be the rep.

The Year End Newsletter Duncan asked that articles be submitted to him by January 15th, 2022.

NEXT MEETING Friday January 14, 2022, 1:00pm

The meeting closed with The Grace