

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine
Parish Council
MINUTES
Tuesday 21 June 2022
Via zoom 7:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Lands with the First Nations – Alastair McCollum

Chair Alastair McCollum

Prayers Terry Needham

Attendance: Nancy Baal, Carol Denton, David Buckman, Terry Needham, Susan Bangrove, Graeme Brown, Wendy Suddaby, Ruth MacIntosh, Karen Lehmann, Stephanie Wood, Alastair McCollum, Lorraine Gates, Erin Kelly, Daniel Fraikin, Carol Anne Harper, Bill Huzar, Joel Hefty, Joan Huzar, Miles Motture, Marguerite Heppell, Carol-Ann Zenger, Judith Reid, Karen Coverett,

Regrets: John McLaren, David Stratkauskas

Adoption of the Agenda moved by Bill Huzar and seconded by Judith Reid **Carried.**

Adoption of Minutes of Tuesday 17 May, 2022 Moved by David Buckman and seconded by Terry Needham **Carried.**

Reports

Ministry Report – circulated - Motion to receive the Report moved by Karen Coverett and seconded by Stephanie Wood. **Carried.**

Financial Report - circulated - David Buckman moved and Judith Reid seconded that the financial update be received. **Carried.**

Transforming Futures – circulated - Presented by Joel Hefty and Bill Huzar

Background to formation of Transforming Futures was given by Bill. Slides were presented by Joel that emphasized: underutilized space, strengthened partnership with community, and a need to increase income. The main areas of interest are: Operations, Worship Outreach, Partnership and Financial.

Breakout Rooms allowed council members to discuss the Report's 14 points. Summary of the Breakout Rooms teams:

- A common theme was seeing SJD Church as a hub for the community and specifically as a hub for the North Park Community Association. Being a hub would allow us to connect with and care for people of the wider community especially as the demographics change over the next few years due to the kinds of housing that is slated to be built near the Church.
- Future decisions with a lens on environmental sustainability should be pursued.
- Reimagining the space with flexibility not only regarding the lower hall and parish house, but engaging in dialogue with other faith groups about sharing our worship space.
- Dialogue around liturgy, music, and service options should be held.
- Opportunities for learning and social events should be considered. Engaging with parishioners we have not seen should be considered.
- The reality of the Church's financial situation of yearly deficit budgets must be addressed pragmatically.

Alastair will prepare a blog for the website and make an announcement in Church about this Report. A summary of the Report will be given to parishioners soon. Parishioners will be asked for their responses. A meeting may be called in a couple of weeks to continue the discussion of utilizing space and the potential review of SJD's operations. [Item 6}

Councilors' Question Time (10 minutes) No Questions

Announcements

Grant Crosswell's funeral will be at Church of the Advent on July 5 at 11 am.

Next Meeting Tuesday July 19, 2022

Volunteer for Prayer **Stephanie Wood**

Blessing and Adjournment - Alastair McCollum 9:04 pm