

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – ST JOHNS HALL AND VIDEO CONFERENCE
MINUTES – THURSDAY JUNE 16 2022 (3:30PM)**

Attendance: Rev Marion Edmondson, Cary Davis, Bob Worbets, Timothy Ray, Lynn Gray, Doug Shantz(v), Chris Widner

Resources: Barb Neid (Treasurer), Kathy Coulthart-Dewey (PC Secretary)

Guests: Mary McArthur

Regrets: Rev Alastair Hunting, Rev Michael Booth, Peter Walker

1. Welcome Scripture Reading, Reflection and Prayer:

In Rev A Hunting's absence, Members accepted his appointment of Cary Davis Rector's Warden as Chair. C Davis opened the meeting at 3:40pm with a prayer.

2. Adoption of Full Agenda (att# 1):

Moved by: T Ray Sec'd by: M Edmondson

That the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

3. Consent Agenda Items (att# 2-4):

B Neid noted the status of givings will be prepared for distribution at the end this June and thereafter on a bi-annual basis.

Moved by: B Neid Sec'd by: T Ray

That Stewardship be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Carried

There being no further comment, C Davis announced all items listed were approved with consent, including the motions contained therein namely:

- a. That the minutes of the May 15 2022 meeting of Parish Council be approved as circulated.
- b. That the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2022 be accepted and approved as presented.

4. Guests – Worship Committee

Members welcomed Mary McArthur leader of the Greeters and thanked her and the other greeters for their contributions during worship services. Marj Aiken will fill one of the vacancies created with the stepping away of C Paget and D Edmondson and a request for new Greeters has been issued. A magnifying glass has been purchased and large print bulletins can be provided on request. Use of scooters may become more prevalent but in the meantime the current one can be parked in the Narthex, rather than the Nave, so as not to obstruct the view for others. On behalf of Peggy Tribe, Rev M Edmondson noted the Altar Guild asks for regular communications from the Worship Committee, particularly about special services. P Tribe also

asks that Clergy return the chalice and plate to St Johns after communion services at St Andrews. It was also noted the crucifix stored in the sacristy has now been mounted and a new vacuum cleaner may be needed at St Andrews. For Joyce Bainbridge leader of the Readers, T Ray noted the roster is healthy at seven members with one more to be available in the fall. On behalf of the full Worship Committee T Ray noted the opening of St Andrews to summer Sunday services at 8:00am including Celtic Prayers, Morning Prayers and 2 communion services each month. Attendance is small but appreciative. The provision of communion in the pews for those who wish it is working well and may be extended to some choir members. The posting of services online continues to be a challenge, despite the training. K Coulthart-Dewey to work with Rev M Edmondson on resolving issues.

5. Business Arising Out of Minutes

a. COVID Protocols: C Davis

The Diocese has granted authority to establish protocols within their own parish's comfort level, notwithstanding a continued recommendation for masking given the church demographic and singing. C Davis invited discussion on whether Members feel comfortable moving toward making masks optional. Pros and cons were offered including, the move to optional masking in the general community, COVID is still a health risk, 90% vaccination rate in BC, the removal of the mask mandate in our own parish during fellowship and options watch the services online. Of primary concern was respect for fellow worshipers.

Moved by: T Ray Sec'd by: B Worbets

That subject to significant concerns raised by parishioners, as determined by the Executive Committee, the requirement to wear a mask during worship services be lifted, effective Sunday July 3 2022;

AND FURTHER that those who choose to wear a mask be honoured and respected for their personal decision.

Carried

Prior to implementation, the Wardens were asked to announce the pending change at all Sunday and Wednesday services encouraging anyone with concerns to speak to them privately.

6. New Business

a. Rectory Status and Future (att #5): B Worbets

B Worbets confirmed the boiler repairs have been completed in the basement of the Rectory, the stair rail has been repaired and trees have been removed. Additional tile still needs to be done to extend the hearth before WETT certification is complete. The next priority is the front porch. The kitchen and bath are also in need of repair and upgrade. These repairs are beyond the Property Committee's resources. It may take approximately \$20,000 to do minimal repairs and perhaps an additional \$75,000 to complete the known concerns. Additional roof repairs are likely in 5-8yrs. Professional assistance is required regardless. Funds to complete the work could be requested from the Glebe fund. A third option would be to sell the property. L Gray referenced the BC Assessment website noting

the Rectory site is 0.5 acres in size and is assessed at \$155,000 (land) and \$255,000 (1940's structure). Severance into 2 building lots might be an option. On behalf of Rev A Hunting, B Neid noted future clergy may be interested in Rectory housing. T Ray reminded members a motion was passed in 2018 requesting the Diocese undertake a feasibility study to determine the best course of action. Seniors housing with St Andrews Church as its worship centre and the cemetery as its greenspace had been discussed but the Diocesan Asset Manager then retired. Rental housing is critically low in the area. The current rental income is \$19,000/yr. Revisiting a feasibility study by the Diocese was discussed by the Executive Committee with no recommendation made.

Moved by: M Edmondson Sec'd by: T Ray

That advice be sought from a qualified builder to determine an estimate for bringing the building up to a more hospitable standard and that a maximum expenditure to obtain the estimate be set at \$2,500.

Carried

7. Round Table – Areas of Interest

Communications, more specifically untapped opportunities to extend the church's message, was raised as a significant concern with a request that the Executive re-establish a Communications Committee and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

Finance appears to be a Committee of one with no action; again an issue of concern to be addressed by the Executive.

With respect to In-Reach, Safe Church training has been completely redone, including a new version for clergy, and will be available online only in the fall. All pending training needs are deferred until then. And the requirement for criminal reference checks will be limited to only those dealing with vulnerable persons.

8. Closing Prayer and The Grace

C Davis lead members in a prayer of fellowship.

9. Adjournment:

On mutual consent the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

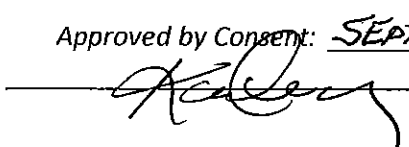
NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15 2022 AT 3:30PM

Attachments (#1-5)

Recommended Motion for September 15 2022 meeting of Parish Council:

That the minutes of the June 16 2022 meeting of Parish Council be approved as circulated.

Approved by Consent: SEPT 15 / 2022


Rector