

**Parish of Holy Trinity
Vestry**

Sunday, 27 November 2022
following morning worship

P = present R = regrets A = absent

Members					
P	Ritchie Arthurson		P	Rob Loudfoot	
P	Karen Bender*		P	The Rev. Donald McKenzie*	
P	Sandra Bender*		P	Michael Minor* (chair)	
P	Be Buckingham		P	Olushola Ojeleye	
R	Janice Headley		P	The Rev. Andrew Rampton*	
P	Zilla Jones		P	Joan Steer*	
R	Joan Lloyd*		P	Ross Steer*	

Guests and Observers					

* ex officio member

Call to Order

Michael Minor called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM with a land acknowledgement and opening prayer.

Acceptance of Agenda

MOTION: Zilla Jones/Sandra Bender

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: Sandra Bender/Joan Steer

That the minutes of the regular session of the meeting on 30 October 2022 be accepted as circulated.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

MOTION: Zilla Jones/Karen Bender

That the minutes of the *in camera* session of the meeting on 30 October 2022 be accepted as circulated.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Nominating Committee

Churchwardens will pursue seeking nominations for offices which need consideration at the AGM. People currently holding office who are eligible to continue are encouraged to let the nominating committee know if they wish to continue or not.

Sandra Bender indicated that she is aware of the conflict of interest in being the Music Ministry Coordinator and being People's Warden. This situation has been discussed with the diocesan chancellor and as long as appropriate declarations are made and Sandra recuses herself when necessary, this should not present a governance issue. In the interest of a "cleaner" structure, Sandra indicated she would be willing to step down if another People's Warden could be found.

Correspondence

1. KLD Orphanage Institution

A letter was received sending Christmas greetings and requesting a donation in support of the orphanage.

Some research on the orphanage and the request needs to be done. Andrew will research and report back.

Topics

1. COVID-19 Protocols
Vestry has no desire to change current protocols (mandatory masking). The policy of mandatory masking will be revisited in the new year.
2. Stewardship Sunday
Happening on 4 December 2022. The Rt. Rev. William Cliff (Bishop of Brandon) is coming to preach and guide the event. Celebration Luncheon is being catered by Al Sham restaurant (owned by Syrians who came to Canada as refugees). Vestry members are asked to encourage others to attend.
3. Financial Report
Parking lot rents have been received for the remainder outstanding in 2022. Our deficit in 2022 is currently double what was anticipated. The parking lot, recurring offerings, and Endowment Trust supplements are all significantly lower than budgeted for. Expenses are well-managed but revenue is drastically lower than needed to sustain the budget.

MOTION: Ritchie Arthurson/Andrew Rampton

That the financial statements be accepted as received.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

Conversation was had regarding the parish overdraft (currently about \$390,000 at 6%) and the parish investments (currently about \$180,000 with a return of 4%) and the possibility of liquidating some or all of the parish investments to relieve pressure on monthly cashflow.

MOTION: Rob Loudfoot/Be Buckingham

That \$55,000 of the investments be liquidated to offset the costs of the De'Athe lawsuit settlement. Beginning in January 2023, \$5,000 per month be liquidated to relieve pressure on monthly cashflow, to be reviewed monthly by vestry.

For: Donald, Sandra, Shola, Zilla, Rob, Be

Against: Ross, Joan Steer, Karen, Ritchie

Abstaining: Andrew, Michael

CARRIED

Details on the parish investment account will be circulated to vestry this week.

Conversation was had regarding the receipt of life insurance from Bruce Lang's estate in the amount of approximately \$29,000. This money is currently in the chequing account, while past parish practice was to transfer bequests to the Endowment Trust.

MOTION: Sandra Bender/Zilla Jones

That the money from the Bruce Lang estate remain as cash in the chequing account at this time.

For: Shola, Karen, Donald, Ritchie, Joan, Ross, Zilla

Against: Rob, Be

Abstaining: Andrew, Michael

CARRIED

Zilla Jones excused herself from the meeting at this time.

4. Draft 2023 Budget

Conversation was had regarding the two draft 2023 budget presented by the Finance Committee. Vestry will consider these options and decide on a budget to forward to the AGM at its December meeting.

Minutes of Current Meeting

Minutes of this meeting will be circulated for adoption at the next meeting of vestry.

Next Vestry Meeting

Sunday, 18 December 2022.

Closing Prayer

Those present recited together the Doxology.

Adjournment

The business of the agenda concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.