

**Parish of Holy Trinity
Vestry**

Sunday, 30 October 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)
R	Be Buckingham	P	Olushola Ojeleye
R	Janice Headley	P	The Rev. Andrew Rampton*
P	Zilla Jones	P	Joan Steer*
P	Joan Lloyd*	P	Ross Steer*

Guests and Observers			

* ex officio member

Call to Order

Michael Minor called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM with a land acknowledgement and opening prayer.

Acceptance of Agenda

MOTION: Sandra Bender/Ross Steer

That the agenda be accepted as presented, with the date changed to read “30 October 2022”.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Fundraising

Sandra reviewed the call at the last vestry meeting for fundraising ideas that engage the community external to the parish.

Sandra offered to prepare a concert with donated time and talent from parish musicians to be performed in March as a fundraising and community-building event. Joan L. and Donald offered to assist with organizing a fall supper style event as a potential fundraising effort, with a time to be determined.

Ritchie suggested advertising the church as a filming location and as space for film crews to meet for lunch and breaks etc. Manitoba Film and Sound receives applications from locations who wish to be considered.

GoFundMe as a strategy for fundraising based on public goodwill for the church.

2. Diocesan Synod 2022 Report

A written summary report is attached to the minutes of this meeting. Karen and Ross reported on their experience and observations at diocesan synod. The core of the bishop's charge was a call to lived discipleship in Christ. Several of the resolutions (especially C-6, C-7, and C-8) have work that our parish and vestry must do, which will be taken up in future discussions and meetings.

Correspondence

None

Topics

1. Financial Report

Financial statements to end of September 2022 are attached to these minutes. The month was typical with the exception of late receipt of the parking lot income and the De'Athe lawsuit settlement payout.

MOTION: Ritchie Arthurson/Zilla Jones

That the financial statements be received as presented.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

2. Facilities Maintenance Report

Rob reported that the screen on the crawlspace at the south transept has been replaced with a more secure screen; gutter cleaning has been completed; south transept window has been repaired and the exterior pane has been replaced with a Lexan pane; north porch window by ramp door is to be replaced this week also with a Lexan pane; new campsite has been established on the east side of the bell tower.

3. De'Athe Lawsuit Settlement

The lawsuit by Beverley De'Athe against Holy Trinity Anglican Church has been settled. The settlement proceedings paid to Ms De'Athe were a written apology and \$57,500. Ms De'Athe has discontinued the suit and has released the parish from further liability in this matter. The payment is significant but, given all of the circumstances and the advice of a highly competent legal team, was deemed both appropriate and economical.

MOTION: Andrew Rampton/Joan Steer

That the meeting move to an *in camera* session for the remainder of this item's discussion.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

The meeting returned to standard session at 1:39 PM.

There are many hurts in the parish that stem from this incident and the circumstances around it. Anyone who wishes to talk through their experiences around this incident—or any other—should feel free to speak to the clergy or churchwardens about arranging a good time to do so.

MOTION: Zilla Jones/Sandra Bender

That the parish request the diocese resume orientation and training for churchwardens, vestry members, treasurers, envelope secretaries, synod delegates, and other volunteers. Offering to parishes a list of people willing to engage in conflict resolution, complaint investigations is an important component of this request.

For: Unanimous

CARRIED

4. AGM 2023 Preparation

The parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 12 February 2022. Deadlines for reports, proofreading, and distribution of materials will be circulated before the end of November.

a. Nominating Committee

The churchwardens and synod delegates form the nominating committee. Volunteers to assist with this work were solicited. A request was made for current members' length of service in relation to term limits be circulated; this will be done before the next vestry meeting.

Michael Minor excused himself from the meeting at 1:50 PM. Sandra Bender assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes of Current Meeting

Minutes of this session and the *in camera* discussion will be circulated for review and approved at the next regular meeting of vestry.

Next Vestry Meeting

Sunday, 27 November 2022.

Closing Prayer

Those present recited together the Doxology.

Adjournment

The business of the agenda concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.