

**ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH VESTRY MEETING**

**Tuesday May 16, 2023**

**Susan in the Chair**

**Present** : Susan, Pam, Anita, Lynne, Shirley, Terry, Elsie, Ken, Laura, Pat, Norma, Doreen via zoom with Nina joining at 7:30 and Betty at 8:10.

**Regrets** : the Reverend Liz Richens, Sue, Audrey

Acknowledgement of the land: *In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Sioux and Oji-Cree people and the homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. As we come from many places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live work and serve God the Creator here.*

The meeting was held on Zoom, opening at 7:03pm

Scripture Reading – Anita read Luke 24:44-53

Added to the agenda:

8. Mission and Ministry Report (as previously circulated

11. New Business:

c. WWVC

d. Truth and Reconciliation

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1. **MOTION #1:** That the Agenda for May 16, 2023 be adopted as amended. (Pat/ Pam) Carried

2. **MOTION #2:** That the Minutes from April 18, 2023 be adopted as circulated (Shirley/Elaine) Carried

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Review Timeline: Added to the timeline: Agape, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Vestry BBQ June 20<sup>th</sup>; Hoe Down September 30<sup>th</sup>; Bazaar November 4<sup>th</sup>
- b) Photo Directory: The package from IPC has been received and Betty and Audrey will be meeting to plan the timeline for the photos etc.
- c) May 6<sup>th</sup> Cleanup: this event was very successful. Clearview Window Cleaners will be here in the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> for the outside windows and the ceiling fans. If the weather is inclement, the concentration will be on the fans inside. Ken requested that a thank you be sent to Bruce Oaks Recovery Centre for their help. The gentlemen cleaned the vestibule of the Hall and the woodwork in the vestibule of the church. Ken reported that they would be happy to help with any painting which the hand rails in the church need. Shirley will send a thank you note. Laura will supply the contact person and address. It was suggested that the pulling of weeds be added to the work list for next year. The rose garden is often neglected, and grass and portulaca have taken hold.

d) Church BBQ, May 28<sup>th</sup>: Susan is buying the food and Sue is coordinating on the day. The Men's Club is grilling. Ken offered to meet with Susan regarding food needed as he has the records from past years.

4. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were previously circulated: Clergy including Music Report, Corporation, Altar Guild, Treasurer, Mission and Ministry, Property Management

Discussion regarding reports

a) Clergy Report: as distributed.

b) Corporation: Edge Company Development had invited the corporation to a townhall meeting and then cancelled, saying the meeting was premature. Information was given that a mixed development is planned for the area where the R and R restaurant is. Important to note the possible impact that the development would have on the church (and condo building). It was stressed that it is essential that St Andrew's remain vigilant on this development's plans.

c) Altar Guild: as distributed

d) Treasurer: We remain as status quo. A generous donation and small events' income have offset the insurance increase.

**Motion # 3:** That the Treasurer's Report be adopted as circulated. (Pat/Laura) Carried

e) Mission and Ministry: The Thelma Wynne event on Sunday went extremely well. Everyone was so generous. Norma will be taking the goods collected to St Matthew's/Maryland tomorrow. \$95.00 was collected from the donation bowl, which more than covered the cost of the lunch. Lynne asked that the Minutes note a special thank you to the ACW and the Thelma Wynne Committee who worked together to coordinate this function.

f) Property Maintenance: A correction to the circulated report: There were 5 gentlemen from Bruce Oaks, not six. Fire Extinguishers were inspected May 5<sup>th</sup>. The report stated that one was needed at the front of the church. Ken will clarify this when the inspected extinguishers are returned and the substitutes removed. Ken has also replaced the sign on the choir room door.

#### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Emergency Procedures: This has taken longer than anticipated as other sections have been added. Susan hopes to have material for the next meeting. Ken requested that two signs be considered: one from the church to the tunnel to the parish hall and the other on the east facing exit door on the east wall of the church stating that the alarm will sound when the door is opened

#### 5. New Business:

Hoe Down: the date has been set for September 30<sup>th</sup>, including booking Brad Denby with the square dancers (\$600). There will be a committee meeting June 12 and Nina is looking for St Chadians for the committee. Anita and Lynn volunteered. Members of the committee will be seeking donations from community businesses as well as donations from the congregation of new items for the baskets. The last Hoe Down sold 112 tickets. As there are potentially more in the congregation this time, there will be no holding (until the evening of the event) of tickets. The evening offers fun, Chicken Chef dinner, and for sale, wine, beer,

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and soft drinks. The committee will be asking for volunteers to help with setup, serving, cleanup. Ken usually gets the permit for the bar and Nina for the raffle.

- a) St Andrew's tables: Grans and More would like to borrow the long tables for Art from the Attic, October 15<sup>th</sup> at St Vital Mall. The mall is closed overnight and there is security. Set up is the night before and tables would be returned Sunday. At the moment, tables are only being lent to parishioners. Corporation will discuss this. As well, Nina, personally, would like to borrow seven tables June 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Personal use without a deposit is not a problem. Shirley will get back to Nina.
- b) WWVC: Short Term Report: The joint services are being perceived as being very positive, having led to one church's providing clergy for another. May 24<sup>th</sup> is the joint service for Pentacost, 6:00pm in the garden at St Mary's.
- c) St Bede's has received permission to sell and will join with St Mary's. Both have food banks two days a week and are concerned that both food banks continue to operate to serve their approximately 60 different clients. Two dates have been set, May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> for those interested to come and observe the operation. Norma and Anita were involved in the food bank at the Christian Centre and commented on the huge commitment involved: one person to meet the truck, four to five people unloading the trucks from (then) Winnipeg Harvest, 30 people in the group to setup tables, sort and attend, etc. "A huge commitment". At the Christian Centre, clients could choose their items- 'exhilarating to watch the clients' growth over time'. Noted that food stuffs should be delivered from Harvest, not picked up. This closure could affect St Matthew's/Maryland contributions here at St Andrew's. Shirley and Susan are attending May 18<sup>th</sup> to observe. The church sets up the interactions with clients, not Manitoba Harvest. Manitoba Harvest does give a list of clients. Several questions were asked: 1) Why is a replacement needed? Couldn't St Matthews/Maryland take these clients? The increased distance makes transporting their supplies difficult on the bus or walking. 2) How much space/personnel is needed for the food bank day and for storage? Leftover groceries have previously been taken to Agape. When the Christian Centre started the food bank, they invited the congregation to an information session with Winnipeg (then) Harvest. Shirley invited anyone interested to accompany them on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Truth and Reconciliation: An insert will be in the bulletin this Sunday with information on the coming events for the month of June. Sign up is required for the Seven Sacred Teachings and the Blanket Exercise.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Date for next Corporation Meeting – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm

Date for next Vestry Meeting – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, a short meeting and then the BBQ. Information to come.

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