



St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Smiths Falls

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair, Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Present: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer, Karen Bryan, Garry Rodford, Bob Mulrooney, Terry Dillabough, Linda Coleman, Dawn Dunlop, Pat Lee, Lois Arkell, Linda Denham.

Regrets: Paul Howard, Tammy Mulrooney, Dan Willis, Bob Theoret

Scripture Reflection: **Luke:14:25-33** Selected by Thomas. In this scripture, Jesus tells his followers there is a cost to discipleship. There will be consequences to following him.

Adoption of Agenda:

Amendment to Previous Minutes: Reports: *Pastoral Care*: Thomas reported that this team is amazing. During Advent, they prepared and delivered gifts to Shardon Manor and Victoria House and "*members of the congregation*" made cookies.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2024, made by Pat Lee. Carried.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Town Hall

The previously discussed Town Hall meeting will take place after Vestry, March 3, 2024. This will be a time to consider some options and present thoughts on moving forward.

Reports:

Budget:

Bob Mulrooney presented the "January through December 2023 Preliminary Income and Expense – 2024 Budget vs. Actual Detail" report.

There is a predicted deficit which will be funded from CTF dividend transfers. Previously we haven't used all the dividends, but this year these dividends give the Church the luxury of time,

however, here is a concern about long term. Lois feels this is a good time for a Town Hall meeting to discuss where the parish feels the priorities are and how we are going to support mission and ministry. Karen feels that special projects can be brought forward here.

There was discussion about the \$2,000.00 budget for the Cemetery Board. The Board will not be able to cover the maintenance and upkeep expenses with grants alone. The Board only covers St. John's Cemetery, but we maintain Port Elmsley as well.

Motion of thanks by Karen to Bob for all the hard work he put into the preparation of this budget. Wholeheartedly approved by Council.

Motion by Dawn to approve the budget and to take it forward to Vestry.

New Business:

Garry Rodford announced that after 30 years this will be his last Parish Council meeting. A motion of thanks by Thomas for Garry's service and faithfulness.

Speaking on behalf of Paul Howard and herself, Karen announced they will be stepping down as well. Karen stated it has been a privilege to work with various councils over the past 30 years. A motion of thanks by Lois to Karen.

Linda Coleman announced she is also stepping down as a member of Parish Council. A motion of thanks by Thomas to Linda.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The Grace: led by Thomas.