

MINUTES OF
THE PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

February 23, 2014
(a very snowy Sunday)

The 2014 Annual Vestry Meeting was opened at 12:03 am with a prayer by the Rector, The Reverend Robert Szo. 31 parishioners from St. Mary's and 18 parishioners from St. Stephen's signed the Acquittance Roll.

Deacon Gil Shoesmith suggested that the collections plate be passed from the sidesman in the aisle along the pew and then back to the aisle via the next row. He noted that many people do not put an offering in the plate each week (some give electronically, some give monthly, etc.), but in this way, everyone would touch the offering plate and it would be more like the story of the loaves and the fishes when everyone gave whatever he had and there was much more than enough to share.

Irene Feir was appointed as Recording Secretary.

The Reverend Rob Szo said a prayer for those on the Memorial List for 2013:

Ron and Anthea Waterfield
Robert Scott
Lyle Grimes
John Alexander Ormiston
John M. Reynolds
Timothy R Wait
Albert Reginald Harrison
James Mackay Sutherland
Robert James Harvey
Frederick Charles Westgate
Margaret Anne Balderstone
Michael Duncan Abbott
David Main
William Gregory Scuby
Garry William Clifford

Minutes:

Moved by Leslie Pedlow, seconded by Ian Stuart, that the Minutes of the February 17, 2013 Annual Vestry Meeting at St. Mary's be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Moved by David Scarth, seconded by Jen Buscall, that the Minutes of the February 24, 2013 Annual Vestry Meeting at St. Stephen's be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Reports:

Moved by Len Fallan, seconded by Ian Stuart, that all of the Reports (except those of the Treasurer) be received as circulated. The Rector asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Carried.

Outreach (St. Mary's)

January	Rector's Discretionary Fund
February	Saanich Peninsula Hospital Chaplaincy
March	Outreach Account

April	*Parish Youth Programmes
May	*“Save the Mothers” Walk
June	*Sidney Lions Food Bank
July	Outreach Account
August	Anglican Appeal
September	Companion Diocese of Myanmar
October	Christmas Hampers
November	*South Island Centre for Counselling and Training
December	Primates World Relief and Development Fund

Both churches will work together on those items marked with an *. Moved by Gay Miller, seconded by Ken Pedlow, that we use the above list (as presented in the Annual Reports). Carried.

The Rector showed a *Dilbert* cartoon – a lighthearted look at the difficulties of acceptance of change.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget – St. Mary’s:

- Treasurer, David Cooper, presented his famous chart.
- He told us that St. Mary’s is a class B church. (Class A churches run without deficits or dipping into Capital Funds; Class B churches use some of their Capital Funds; Class C churches have no Capital Funds to use and are in debt).
- To be able to be more financially secure, parishioners need to look carefully at their own finances to see if they can give a bit more to the church.
- He also asked that people putting the “new plastic” bills in their envelopes be careful NOT to fold them. Once folded, they do not flatten out!
- David presented the Budget, which had been accepted by Church Council, and which was in the Book of Reports.
- Moved by Leslie Pedlow, seconded by Sue Smith, that the statements and the Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget – St. Stephen’s:

- Treasurer, Jen Buscall, said that the statements were in the Book of Reports.
- Moved by Jen Buscall, seconded by Norma Sealey that the Reports be accepted as presented. Sharon Butler asked for clarification about the General Fund. The motion was carried.
- Moved by Jen Buscall, seconded by Norma Sealey, that the Budget as presented be accepted. Carried.

Cemetery Report – St. Stephen’s:

- There was some discussion about the Cemetery Report and a question from Sharon Butler, and then it was decided that the Report had been accepted as part of the general acceptance near the beginning of the meeting.

The New Parish Council:

- John Smith explained the proposed composition of the new Council as per the Notice of Motion in the Book of Reports: From each church there will be an appointed Rector’s Warden, an elected People’s Warden, and four members at large, one of whom will be the Treasurer, and some of whom will be the Synod Delegate(s) and alternate. That makes a Council of 12 people (optimum number according to the Canons) plus Rev. Rob and Deacon Gil.
- Moved by John Smith, seconded by Nancy Choat that the Parish of Central Saanich adopt this system.
- Bob Westgate asked if this structure would be reviewed again next year to see if it is working successfully. John responded that this was a good suggestion and it probably would as there might have to be changes as other things change.

- The motion was carried.

Appointments:

The appointments for 2014 are as follows:

- St. Mary's - Rector's Warden - Lynn Fallan
 - Auditor - Keith Feir (moved by David, seconded by Leslie, carried)
 - Facilities Use Co-ordinator - Leslie Pedlow
- St. Stephen's - Rector's Warden - Don Wilson (Synod Delegate)
 - Auditor - Susan Burns (moved by Jen, seconded by Norma, carried)
 - Facilities Use Co-ordinator - Carol Peaker

Nominations for Council:

John Smith explained that the Nominating Committee was composed of John Smith and Nancy Choat from St. Mary's, and Jackie Kolson and Rev. Rob from St. Stephen's.

- John Smith presented the Committee's nominations and asked for further nominations/volunteers from the floor:

- St. Mary's: People's Warden – Derek Osman
 John Beresford
 Nancy Choat (Synod Alternate)
 David Cooper (Treasurer, Synod Delegate)
 John Smith
- St. Stephen's: People's Warden – Sandra Scarth (Synod Delegate)
 Jen Buscall (Treasurer)
 Lynda Clifford
 Margery Lord (Synod Alternate)
 Bryan Waller

Installation of the Council:

Reverend Rob hopes it will be next Sunday.

Motions of Thanks/Comments:

Lynn Fallan thanked the retiring members of St. Mary's: Marjorie Denroche, Len Fallan, Irene Feir, and Shirley Rainey. She also move a motion of thanks to Leslie Pedlow "who gives consistently over and above her position as our administrative assistant. Her experience, knowledge of the workings of St. Mary's and quirky sense of humour is essential to the smooth operation of St. Mary's".

Don Wilson thanked retiring members of St. Stephen's Council: Trish House, Ken Sleightholme, Sharon Butler, Norma Sealey, and Peter Simpson. He also thanked Carol Peaker for her long years of wonderful wonderful service as church secretary, and Tracy Stubbs who took over for Carol in January.

Moved by Lynn Fallan, seconded by Don Wilson, that the Parish extend a "vote of thanks" to all of the above from both churches. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn – Jen Buscall moved to adjourn.

Closing - The meeting ended at 12:50 with the Grace.