

St. Philip's Parish Council – minutes (approved September 2026)
7pm, Monday 22 June 2026 at St.Philip's

Attendees: Allen Doerksen, Mark Laidlaw (minutes), Paul Scambler, Larry Anthony, Florie Varga, Mike Pipes, Dave Conway, Evelyn Savage, Adam Tarnowski, Gerianne Knowles-Robson

Regrets: John Laidlaw, Bruce Richmond

Guests: None

Meeting came to order at 7:23pm.

AD opened with prayer.

Agenda approved as amended.

Minutes:

ES noted that there were about 80 people at Parish Picnic.

Approved as circulated.

DC asked about feasibility study timeline. A discussion about meetings with St.Matthias ensued.

PS requested that depreciation reports for the building be circulated to council; MP, FV, and/or LA to follow up with Diocese.

Rector's report:

- AD shares about dynamics in Vision conversation. In summer Wardens and Rector to develop a framework; refined with help of Parish Council. Anticipated to be presented to congregation in September/Fall. The starting point for the framework is discerning answers to foundational questions like: What is uniquely ours to do? What is our purpose? Who do we serve? These help to determine our core ministries.
- AD highlights that discussion of vision and mission can be fraught, and can be a source of challenging conversations. He highlights that it's important for Parish Council to fully engage with the process.
- AD circulated a document about the Discerning between Status Quo and New options; highlighted key points to council. Challenges of status quo bias; types of conflict including process and content conflict can be helpful if handled well.

Preschool Contract Update:

- MP reports that contract with preschool is now signed.
- AD reports conversation with Angela at preschool.

Treasurer's Report

- PS asked whether there was a change in giving over the summer; ML promises to find data
- LA asked whether non-attendees were regularly donating; ML to ask envelop secretary

Missions:

- Committee recommended that \$1000 be donated to ICA
- Motion: The remaining \$1000 from the Missions Committee allocation will be given to the Refugee Sponsorship Group associated with the Intercultural Association (ICA's Charitable No. 107509838RR0001). Moved: DC; Seconded: AT; Carried

Meetings: Parish Council 20 July, 2026 (5pm-9pm)

Meeting adjourned with the Grace at 9:10pm