

St Philip Parish Council – Minutes (approved 26 Oct 2026)

7:00 pm Monday September 21, 2026

Attendees:: Allen Doerksen, Evelyn Savage, Paul Scambler (minutes), Larry Anthony, Florie Varga, Mike Pipes, Adam Tarnowski, Dave Conway

Regrets: Mark Laidlaw, Gerianne Knowles-Robson, Bruce Richmond

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Agenda approved as circulated

Review and approval of June 22 minutes

The August 2, 2026 financial report was acknowledged as having been previously received.

Church website & Facebook: Discussion about church website and accessibility to it with passwords. Reference was made to the feasibility reports which should be available on line. PS to contact Anna to review and have instructions sent to all parish council members. Reference was made to the church Facebook page and the need for some editing of unauthorized postings and spam.

Vision & Mission: Florie reported that she had assembled the feedback from members of PC together with the input received from the congregation at previous meetings. She reviewed the further draft that had been previously circulated to members of PC. She led those in attendance at PC through a process to further refine our mission statement, values and guiding principles. Following the input she received during the meeting she will produce a further draft of our vision and mission for circulation to PC prior to involving the congregation in the process. Members present expressed their thanks to Florie for all of the hard work she has done to date.

Meeting with Bishop: Larry and others reported on a meeting with Bishop Anna and Brendon Neilson of the Diocese and Fr. Allen, Mike, Florie and Larry. Council was advised that “the meeting with Bishop Anna was helpful, constructive and encouraging. Bishop Anna was very supportive, and even excited, by our current missioning process. Her encouragement for us to continue affirms to us that we are on the right track in making this a priority. Bishop Anna further affirmed that St. Philip remains in control of its destiny: there is no agenda to coerce the good people of St. Philip to re-locate. In her words, “Our goal is to pass on a vibrant church for the next generation.”, but she is willing to allow us to decide how best to accomplish that.”

Meeting adjourned with the Grace at 9:15 pm