

Parish Council Meeting September 15th, 2019

Present: Reverend Cameron Gutjahr, David Hildreth, Trevor Mills, Karen Brumpton, Eve Brealey, Anna Morgan, Pam Tattersfield, Muriel Shephard, Rita Carey

Note taker: Elaine Graham/Anna Morgan

Rev. Cameron opened the meeting with prayer.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

label pins, upcoming event fundraising ideas, outreach.

Karen moved and Pam seconded the acceptance of the revised agenda. **Carried**

Review and Acceptance of Past Minutes

Rita moved and Trevor seconded to accept the minutes from the July meeting as printed. **Carried**

All business arising from the minutes are on the agenda

Financial Reports:

Eve presented the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement for August 2019. It was noted that there is a balance of \$4,611.00 in the combined contingency funds. It was also noted that the funds from the Diocese of New Westminster for Cameron's curacy has been received. This will be reflected in the September financial statements. Eve moved and Rita seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. **Carried**

Rita gave an update on the envelope contributions. It was decided that a change to the envelopes should be made for 2020 – the line that reads 'roof fund' will be changed to 'contingency fund.'

Building and Maintenance

Window quote – Paul Sutton

It was decided that the windows will be cleaned in the spring – *note to include this item for the March 2020 meeting*

Paint quote-Paul Winch

Alpine has quoted \$3,000.00 to replace the eaves on the rectory. Paul Winch has quoted \$1,250.00 (max) to strip and paint the eaves on the rectory.

David moved and Pam seconded that Paul Winch strip and paint the eaves. **Carried**

*friendly amendment ~ the funds for this project will come out of the contingency fund. **Carried**

Doors:

It was reported that we are \$300.00 short on the doors. The doors have been ordered and Trevor has volunteered to install them. Thanks to Trevor and David for all of their hard work on this project.

Trevor's Maintenance Report

Has got shelves for the junk room and has put them up
Ladies washroom door fixed
Sign is back up secured with a bracket
Another sign to go up
Chairs have been repaired
Roof has been cleaned from debris
Replaced some parts on the light fixtures
Website updates are done on a regular basis
Facebook page is up and running
Will power wash our eaves troughs
Shed roof will need replacing next year

Thank you Trevor!

Fundraising

Karen informed the committee that Maureen McDougall has made a donation of a quilted table runner for the Christmas bazaar – we will need a lottery license for this Elaine to check into getting that set up
Our final fundraising event for the year will be a gift basket raffle. There was a discussion regarding concerns over too much fundraising.

Stewardship

Report from Cameron- we have been encouraged to do an intentional stewardship campaign this fall starting on Thanksgiving. We will be looking at our resources, finances and more. Cameron is looking for volunteers for a stewardship committee, several names were given to Cameron. Rita agreed to be part of the committee. We will look at what changes need to be made to the pledge cards. This stewardship campaign will be focusing on stewardship as a spiritual discipline.

Anglican Foundation

\$50.00 is our annual donation. A request was made to match our donation of 500.00 that was made in 2018. There was some discussion as to when we made the 500.00 donation. Karen moved and Pam seconded that St. John send a

cheque for 250.00 to the Anglican Foundation - this motion was not carried, it was agreed that we would table this item to the next meeting.

Screening/Dismantling Racism

Cameron is taking the Dismantling Racism course in September. He will check and see if it would be possible for someone to come to Squamish to educate the parish. Cameron will also see if there are others in the community who would like to take this training.

Cameron spoke to the council about getting their Police Record checks done, it takes 2 weeks and is free.

Children's Ministry/Grant Application

Sunday school - Cameron reported on the bags and stand that have been made for children. Elaine will send out an email to the greeters about the bags for kids. There are five people who have indicated an interest in teaching Sunday school. Parish Development Grant - meeting to take place on September 24. The committee was asked to read the information sent out in the proposal. Pam and Karen have sent in their regrets for that meeting.

Cameron also spoke to "Coffee with Cameron" that took place in August - 70% of the parish was visited during that time! Cameron reminded the committee to continue to let him know of people who may want/need a visit.

Mutual Ministry Agreement

Cameron and the wardens will be meeting to go over the goals ect.

Ministry Groups

Discussion Group is starting to meet in September

Uke Hymn Jam Group will begin September 25, 45 minutes ukulele playing and 45 minutes singing for anyone who wants to drop in and sing

Prayer Group has started up, they meet on Thursdays in the chapel.

Ian Brown has made a request for space for a choir to practice, it was agreed there would be no fee for this group

It was brought to our attention that the ALANON group is struggling to make their payments.

The labyrinth drop in group will start on Thursday Sept 26, there will be both an indoor and outdoor option

Thanks to Donald Lawton for his suggestion for Holy Cross Day Backpack service went very well

Upcoming Events

St. Michael and All Angels (Sun. Sept 29)

Feast of St. Francis (Sunday Oct 6th– Animal Blessing)

Junk Room Clean-out (Sat. Oct 5)

Thanksgiving (Sun. Oct 13)

Halloween - Cameron will set up a table outside with hot chocolate and candy for the neighbourhood Halloween....Cameron would like to open the church and hand out Halloween candy to the community, possibly hot chocolate or juice boxes...decorate the church a little..

All Souls Day Sat. November 2nd...Cameron discussed having a candlelight service with prayers.include all the important people from our lives that have passed..have people sign up names they wish to remember on a list. There is already a list for the memorial gardens.

Bazaar...on track..date November 30 th. Rita discussed perhaps selling Purdy's chocolates as a fundraiser.....Suzy approached Rita with some interest in starting a craft group that would meet weekly..Rita to talk to Suzy...will discuss at next meeting .

Advent discuss at next meeting

Christmasdiscuss at next meeting

Fundraising..previously covered.

Anna discussed the idea of purchasing lapel pins for the whole congregation as part of Cameron's outreach...then welcoming newcomers before the peace with a lapel Cross...Rita suggested putting them on the St. John the Divine Anglican Church business cards.

David will look into getting the best price possible for 100 crosses from the Anglican St. Andrews church supply store in Burnaby.

Moved by David seconded by Trevor that we spend up to \$125.00 **Carried**

Training for the Automated External Defibrillation device...David has been looking after that.

The rectory was discussed. As of the meeting the rent had not been paid in full for September. The six-month lease is up in December. Major clean-up and painting will be needed before new tenants. A suggestion was made to use a property management company. Trevor noted that there is a known need for rental homes in the area.

Motion: That 60 day notice be given to the current tenants in the rectory on Friday October 25th 2019 (for the end of December).

Moved: David Hildreth Seconded: Trevor Mills **Carried.**

Next meeting October 20 th.

Move to adjourn meeting David...seconded by Trevor

The meeting closed with the Grace.