

**St. John the Divine, Parish Council Minutes
December 8th, 2019**

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

Regrets: Muriel Shephard,

Note taker: Elaine Graham

Rev. Cameron opened the meeting with prayer.

Karen moved and Rita seconded that the agenda be accepted as printed. **Carried.**
Eve moved and Anna seconded the acceptance of the past minutes. **Carried.**
It was agreed that all business arising from past minutes were on the current agenda.

Financials and Envelopes Reports

Eve presented the October 2019 and November 2019 financial reports. Eve moved and David seconded the acceptance of the October reports. **Carried.**

Eve moved and Karen seconded the acceptance of the November financial reports. **Carried.**

It was noted that the assessment fees for 2020 will be increased by approximately 63.00 per month.

Money from the bazaar is still coming, to date over \$6,000.00 has been received and is not included in the November financial report.

A request was made that annual comparisons be included in the financial reports. Eve and Elaine will work on this.

It was agreed that honouraria be given to Linda Halverson and Scott Christie for 2019.

Rita reported that the pledges for the year are over budget. To date there are a total of 24 pledge cards in, last year the total was 18, approximately \$43,000.00 has been pledged for the general fund.

Stewardship Report

It was agreed that the Stewardship campaign was very successful. A big thank you to Rita and Don for leading the campaign. It was suggested that the wording for the pledge form be reviewed, it was also agreed that the it was very helpful that the bulletin back page reflections were stewardship focused. There was conversation about either a spring or Easter fundraising event. Karen volunteered to organize it.

Maintenance Report

Trevor reported that the roof leak has been fixed thanks to the storm blowing off a piece of flashing.

The front and side doors have been resealed and are now draft free.

There were some loose wires in the furnace, they have been corrected.

Trevor has arranged for snow removal.

The meeting room has been painted, thanks Trevor and Ulreke for doing this.

Cameron is working with the user groups so that the closet is used for storage not the room.

Trevor has replaced many light fixtures.

There is a new couch coming for the narthex area, it is a gift from a member.

It was noted to add 'flooring' to the January agenda.

In the new year we will work on redoing the nursery room

It was noted that the tree behind the cross is in need of attention, Eve and Rita will look after it.

We seem to be having some issues with the newsletter being sent from the website, Trevor is working on this.

Facebook page is up and running, we are looking into how to increase our exposure, possibly by placing some ads on facebook.

Screening Check-in

A link has been provided for the training, to date Anna and David and Cameron have completed the training.

AED Training

Training will be for parish council and user groups. It is a half day training session that includes CPR training. The cost is 50.00 per person. It will take place in either February or March 2020

Grant/Children's Ministry Next Steps

A job description is required, Cameron will work with a small group to bring this together, Anna has someone who can help with this.

Training and materials are required for Godly Play.

Messy Church to start up in January.

It was noted that funds can be accessed before someone is hired. Cameron will check to see if there are any other churches in Squamish interested in Godly Play training.

Ministry Group Updates

The groups are going well, a variety of people are attending the groups, including folks from the community. All of the church groups will be taking a break over the Christmas season. The labyrinth group has been slow, Cameron suggested that it be re-evaluated in the new year.

Upcoming Events

Christmas - hand outs will be available on Christmas Eve providing information for the Sunday school program and Messy Church
Sunday December 22 at 4:00pm there will be a **Carol Sing A-long** at St John, Cameron will invite all of the neighbouring churches

School for Parish Development - Cameron will attend along with a minimum of two others from the parish - this item will be on the January agenda

Vestry will be held on Sunday February 23rd following worship. The Church committee has been invited to the Hildreth's home for lunch following the meeting.

There will be a **baptism** on November 1st, 2020 All Saints Day - Cameron will lead baptismal preparation classes once a month, there will be an open invitation for folks who would like to learn more about the Anglican traditions

Cameron will be taking some vacation time in February

Cameron will be doing some stewardship follow up in January.

Next Parish Council Meeting

will be Sunday January 19th, 2020 following worship.

Adjournment - David moved, the meeting was closed with the Grace.