

PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 8, 2016, MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendance: Linda Burnett, Melody Kennedy, Tracey Adomeit, Dean Cormack, John Hepburn, Cindy Allen, Toni-Lynne Jackson, Olufemi Banjoko, Alwyn Almeida, Eric Halliwell, Reverend Sue-Ann Ward, Phil Watson, Mary Sharp

Regrets: Reverend Jeff Ward

1. 7:00 PM. Call to Order and Opening Prayer by Dean Cormack
2. Acceptance of the minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2016
Moved by John, seconded by Eric
Carried
3. Financial Report
Cindy noted that PAC has increased.
There will be a credit for \$200 - \$300 coming from Lakeland Gardening in March because of misses that they did, and John had to call the company a couple of times. John will talk to the rep about possibly them charging us for the full amount and then writing a cheque to us as a donation.
4. Wardens' Report
Welcome to our two new Wardens. Each warden is assigned to a committee. Please bear with them as they get used to their new roles.
5. Rectors' Report
There is no report for this month.
6. Narthex Fundraising Campaign
Tracey - Linda McGregor, Barb Allemang's sister, is a professional fundraiser. Tracey will be meeting this week with both Barb and Linda as a first step before Linda will come in and talk to a small group, after Easter, but hopefully early in April.
The architect, Drew Hauser, will also come to speak to the whole congregation, helping to build up excitement for the project.
7. Building Committee Report
 - a) Rectory walk-through
John will drop in to see the tenant, Steve Miller, in the next week. Toni-Lynne suggested that we could perhaps send him a fruit basket as he recovers from surgery. John offered to take care of that when he goes to visit Steve. He will also remind Steve that he needs to give us written notice when he wants to move out of the house.
Peter Vance did an update of the lease for 2014-15. The Wardens should check the lease and see if it needs to be on a month-to-month basis.
Cindy - the plumbing in the church kitchen will be done on Friday: scoped, flushed and repaired
The City of Hamilton has confirmed that the Rectory is indeed part of the Historical District.
8. Cemetery Board Report
There is a new contract for grass cutting, which is up 2% from last year. They will also take care of the scattering garden.
9. Outreach
People have volunteered for the March 19 Food Drive at Fortino's.
Dean - the Food Bank has an excess of canned tomatoes. He suggested that we have a tomato Sunday as we had for peanut butter, where parishioners can purchase canned tomatoes. It was also suggested that we do the same for potatoes, as the Food Bank has so many donated on a weekly basis. Dean will arrange this.

10. Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild will be having their Easter planning meeting this coming Sunday after the 10:00 AM service.

As usual, they will host the Palm Sunday coffee hour between the 8:30 and 10:00 services, after which the 10:00 worshippers will process into the church with palms.

There will be a Pot Luck Supper on Maundy Thursday, with washing of hands, followed by the stripping of the altar.

11. Worship Space

Sue-Ann - wondering how we can better serve people with physical limitations, e.g. someone in a wheelchair. She suggested the possibility of removing the first pew at the front of the church, on both sides, and leaving the space empty, although with folding chairs available. It would allow more room at the front during a funeral, wedding, baptism, children's pageant, etc. Then those with mobility issues could choose if they would like to sit at the front, middle or back of the church. St. Luke is going to be ordering more comfortable chairs that link together, and we might add on to their order. Sue-Ann will bring photos and costs to the next Parish Council meeting.

12. Organ and Pipes

Joe is suggesting that we remove the console that he sits at as that is where the problem is. The pipes can be wired to his keyboard. It might be possible to put a notice on church website looking to replace some of our pipes that are misshapen, etc. Joe has made a list of the ones that need to be replaced

Sue-ann - there is a nice organ at the St. Peters building that HARRRP is using as a community centre.

13. Sound System

There are challenges with the acoustics in the hall. We are trying to make some changes to make the situation better.

One more microphone needs to be purchased for the worship space, at a cost of \$500 - \$1000.

There is also an attempt to tone down the feedback.

14. Other Business

There will be a music meeting after church this Sunday to choose some more contemporary pieces. Jeff will meet with Joe about this.

There will be a stewardship meeting on Sunday, March 20 after the 10:00 service. Tracey will be the chair of the committee.

There will be coffee hour between services on Sunday, March 20.

Sue-Ann - will there be a Garage Sale this spring? Toni-Lynne thought perhaps we might rent out tables, and have a smaller section for the church to do. Do we want to do GiftCraft again? There are probably 6 boxes left, 2 or 3 of which are Christmas. We could just unload what is left and order another one to start fresh. The date will be determined.

Re: the concerts mentioned at last month's PC - Sue-Ann has firm commitments, but no specific dates yet.

Newcomer's dinner - Dean and Toni-Lynne will organize this, and will put together a list of people to be invited, and schedule it in the next month or two.

Fun Zone - date has not been set. It could be Saturday, September 10, but will check with Sobey's first to ensure that they don't plan a similar event for the same date, as happened in 2015. Toni-Lynne suggested that if the new school year starts Sept 6, it might be better to make it a week later, Sept 17, instead of the first weekend of the school year.

WOW (Wild on Waterdown) will be in June this year, not September, if it happens, and it might be good to have our garage sale the same day.

Christmas Market - Denise will be scheduling a meeting of those organizing tables, in April.

7. Motion to adjourn.

Moved by Tracey, seconded by Sue-Ann.
Carried