

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

7:00 pm, BRH

Present: Jane Delroy, Cynthia Greer, Penny Miller, Janis Perkin, Brian Kauk, James Kelly, Gillian Morris, Les Cundell, Michael Perkin, Sharon Walter

Regrets: Will Knight, Suzanne Wilkins, Laurie Slaughter, Gillian Martin, Margaret Lodge

1 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

2 Special Guest: We welcomed Georgia Roberts who was attending on behalf of the Financial Advisory Committee.

3 Approval of Agenda: Amendments to the agenda were added to other business. Acceptance of the amended agenda was moved by James Kelly and seconded by Sharon Walter.

4 Approval of previous minutes:

There was a typo in item C found in Other Business: Penny Miller “with” should read Penny Miller “will”

Motion to approve the minutes: moved by Penny Miller and seconded by Gillian Morris

5 Business arising from previous minutes:

Item D in Other Business regarding Refugees will be moved to the January meeting to allow enough time for discussion

2016 Budget

At this time all attention was turned to the presentation of the proposed 2016 Budget and no other reports were received to allow time for a complete review.

Gillian Martin, the treasurer for the parish was not available to report due to work scheduling and so Father Brian walked us through the proposed budget for 2016.

James Kelly asked what is meant by Diocesan Fair-share. Brian gave an explanation of how the diocese sets a percentage of a parish’s annual income which then comes to the diocese to support the work which it does.

Father Brian pointed out that there are Canons in the church which set out lists that prioritizes how each parish’s bills should be payed. Personnel first, interest, mortgages.... including Fair Share. After a lengthy discussion of options and adjustments to the budget it was concluded that the budget would be at an unacceptable deficit. There was a discussion on what we as a parish need to do. Father Brian advised that we should be in discussion with the diocese regarding our current financial situation.

It was then moved by Michael Perkin and seconded by Cynthia Greer that:

“Due to a projected deficit in the draft 2016 budget which appears unsustainable Parish Council recommends that Corporation initiate a conversation with the diocese to explore options.”

Carried unanimously

6 Rector's Report: N/A

7 Wardens' Report: N/A

8 Treasurer's Report: N/A

9 Outreach: N/A

10 Choir: N/A

11 Other Business:

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Gillian Morris has compiled all of the data from the table work done on the day into one document. It was felt that we couldn't review the information at this meeting as we were already running overtime. It was decided that the original planning group of Janis Perkin, James Kelly, Gillian Morris and Brian Kauk with the addition of Michael Perkin and Penny Miller would meet on Tuesday January 5, 2016 to review and group the questions into categories. It is hoped that we can then have subgroups, not necessarily members of Parish Council, to take the questions and do the research. We will the report back in the new year.

12 February Meeting Date:

The meeting in February will take place on February 3, 2016 as February 10 is Ash Wednesday.

13 The next meeting will be January 13, 2016 7:00 pm. in BRH.

14 Motion for Adjournment: moved by James Kelly and seconded by Sharon Walter.

Respectfully Submitted by Janis Perkin, Recording Secretary