

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of
April 10, 2019
7:00 pm, Choir Room
DRAFT MINUTES**

In attendance: Rev. Rob Davis (Interim P-in-C), Cynthia Greer, Pauline Adams, Judy Life, Karen Barber, Suzanne Bisson, Kate Greer-Close, Bill Barber, Gillian Morris, Michael Perkin, Janis Perkin

1. Opening the meeting

Call to order: Pauline Adams opened the meeting at 7:06 pm

a. Opening Prayer: offered by Rev. Rob Davis

b. Regrets: Margaret Lodge, Julia Fogg, Georgia Roberts

c. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Gillian Morris seconded by Karen Barber carried

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

March 13, 2019 minutes

In Stewardship Report: Kate Close-Greer should read Kate Greer-Close

Moved by Michael Perkin seconded by Kate Greer-Close carried

3. Business arising from previous meeting;

Kitchen Renovations- Pauline Adams gave an update. The contract has been signed.

The committee met with the company and chose colours for the cabinets etc. They have started reparations and work will start May 27th or 29th. They will produce drawings. A freezer and a refrigerator have also been chosen and research on the dishwasher is ongoing.

Cleaner's Contract- The review of the contract is still being looked at by Corporation. The cleaners have been made aware that Kiwanis will be using the church and that there will be kitchen renovations starting. Pauline Adams will contact St. Stephen's to get information on how they contract for cleaning etc.

Spring Cleanup- This is planned for May and the Pathfinder Group is interested in helping this year.

4. Regular Reports

a. Rector's Report

Rectors Report for Parish Council, April 10, 2019

Two months already; how time flies when you're having fun! Between Sundays, the Lenten Study (going well with 14-16 people attending), services at the Perley, a couple of pre-Baptism visits,, and a little bit of hospital visiting my time has become a bit more full than I expected in retirement. But it is certainly wonderful. Worship here has been a blessing to me with the Inter-generational Service on March 31st a particular highlight. My great thanks to Kate and the children, and to Ariane and the choir who so ably supported them in this. I will not soon forget the beautiful rendition of 'Hiding Place'.

The Holy Week and Easter pattern of worship will be as normal (normal being defined as however two or three of us remember doing it last year!) beginning with Palm/Sunday of the Passion this Sunday then the Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 pm followed by the vigil in the church. The Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 1:30 pm and the Great Vigil of Easter at 9:00 pm on Holy Saturday all culmination in the Easter Sunday Services at 8 and 10 am.

Sunday April 28 will not only mark our celebration of our Patronal Festival and Parish Lunch but will also include Baptisms at our 10 o'clock Service, which does seem like a very appropriate way to celebrate the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist.

The Bishop has undergone surgery to remove the growth on his lung. This went well although the surgeon had to remove more of the lobe than expected. The Bishop hopes to be back at work by early June. Do keep him in your prayers. There is no further word on Rev. Jessica. She continues on LTD as her doctors confer and try to decide on a way forward for her. So you may be stuck with me for a while yet!

Blessings

The Ven. Rob Davis Priest in charge

b. Wardens' Report

There was no Corporation meeting this month as nothing significant needed to be covered.

c. Treasurer's Report - Georgia Roberts

There was no report as Georgia Roberts had sent regrets.

d. Property Report

Property report for April 10th 2019 Parish Council meeting.

1. Very similar to last month's report, with a separate kitchen progress report.
2. No big issues, until the snow is gone.
3. Clean up outside day suggested for the 11th May (day before Mothers' Day)
4. The Pathfinders have offered to do something to help, since they do not pay any rent. Will suggest that they bring rakes on Wednesday May 8th or possibly 15th at their usual time.
5. Paul and Steve have fixed little things around, lights, door closers, a new cover for the plugs in the conference room by the kitchen door.
6. We have purchased 2 small solar motion detectors for any place they might be useful. Waiting for spring.
7. Windows for the office, and 2 new small carpets for the link entry are the next things on our list.
8. Also checking the office entry steps, and bricks.
9. The work that the roofers did, removing the snow and the ice, worked (unless there's a problem as I write this) Some tarring may need to be done. Then we will discuss any next steps. If you have an opinion, please offer it. It will be taken under advisement.
10. Please note the 2 grand pianos in the church. If you see anyone putting anything at all on them, please remind them that they are not ours, and we cannot put anything on them.

Further to the report:

Bill Barber took measurements for the rug required for the cloakroom and the Link entry at the stairs. Some quotes were collected; one from Argos was for \$2.50 per square foot.

The cost for clearing the roof of snow that was causing the leaks was \$750.00 due to the fact that it was an emergency call. Fr. Rob Davis suggested that the same company come back to see what was the cause and make an estimate on the costings for repair.

e. Membership

Past Parish events:

March 13 > April 17 Lenten program

March 31 Mothering Sunday and Inter-generational service 10am

April 3 Card Party lunch – 23 tables (92 players) - \$500 going to St Mark's and \$500 to Cornerstone

Up-coming Parish events:

April 10 > April 24 Lenten program continuation 1:30pm

April 28 Patronal Sunday – 3 baptisms followed by parish lunch and 'welcome newcomers'

Communications:

Newsletter: Next issue is mid-May for June distribution. This is the end of season/summer newsletter

but I hope to have some info on Fall events, so please plan ahead.
The Fall issue will be produced in mid-August.

Web: There is still nothing to report. I emailed Joy Bowerman and Fr Rob. Joy said she had been in touch with one of the Elites. I have no details. The old site is still being maintained.

Margaret Lodge Membership

f. Stewardship

Michael Perkin reported that there will be a fall stewardship campaign. He is working with Bruce Lodge and Fr. Rob Davis on the format.

Michael Perkin attended Provincial Council and reported that their focus going forward would include God's Creation, climate change and homelessness.

g. Outreach

Outreach Report for Parish Council - April 10, 2019

Coffee Company and Conversation:

Our weekly gathering for seniors in the community continues. An advertising drive led by Laurie Slaughter took place recently outlining our planned events. A new spring advert was created by Margaret Lodge.

The entertainment includes light Jazz on Apr 25; gardening tips on balcony and box gardening on May 2 and a barbershop chorus on May 16. We are getting more attendees from the general community and it is expected that with nicer weather soon to arrive, the numbers will increase.

Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH)

The weekly food donations to the DDFH continue thanks to the generosity of St. Mark's parishioners. Lawrence Peever kindly transports the donations every Monday morning. Next month in May there will be a request for donations of small gifts that the children of DDFH can give to the mothers for Mother's Day. This year, we plan to include Father Day gifts in June.

Doreen Matteow has amassed a cache of blankets and other supplies for babies, which will be donated. We are waiting a response from DDFH regarding when these are needed.

h. Choir

Choir Report 10 April 2019

The Junior and Senior Choirs continue regular rehearsals and are preparing for Holy Week.

Karen M. Barber

Choir Representative

i. AED

AED Report 10 April 2019

There is nothing to report at this time.

Karen M. Barber

AED Contact Person

j. Fire Extinguishers

Fire Extinguishers and Emergency Lighting 10 April 2019

The fire extinguisher in the kitchen, which was not included in the first inspection, has now been certified.

Karen M. Barber

k. Little Free Library

Little Free Library Report 10 April 2019

Larry Last met with Bill Barber (Deputy Warden) and Karen Barber (contact person for the Little Free Library) on 1 April 2019 and presented his plan and cost estimate for the Little Free Library. The plan is a basic one, but is quite attractive and will be constructed of cedar with cedar shakes for the roof. The fittings will be brass and there will be a Plexiglas window in the door. Mr. Last is not charging us for labour and will supply some of the materials from his own workshop. The estimate, approx. \$139.68 including tax, does not include the cost of the supporting structure.

Bill and I propose the design and estimate be approved so that Mr. Last can begin work. He felt that 2 or 3 weeks would be sufficient time for him to finish the cabinet.

Karen M. Barber

Further to the report: the first motion "Bill (Barber) and I (Karen Barber) that propose the design and estimate be approved so that Mr. Last can begin work. He felt that 2 or 3 weeks would be sufficient time for him to finish the cabinet."

Moved by Bill and Karen Barber seconded by Kate Greer-Close CARRIED

2nd motion "It is moved that Parish Council approve the purchase and installation of a support post for the Library not to exceed \$200.00."

Moved by Karen Barber seconded by Michael Perkin CARRIED

k. Children and Youth

Children and Youth Report - April 10, 2019

Here is the news on children and youth for March 2019:

I think that the Intergenerational Service worked well. Thank you all for supporting the youth in taking on new (to them) roles. The Sunday school is preparing Easter cards for our parish and beyond (shut-ins, seniors and the Perley). We are also going to be decorating cookies to give to Centre 454 (at Easter).

The older children will remain in church and participate in the dramatic reading of the Passion this Sunday.

If anyone has any thoughts for an outing - a play, a concert - that would be appropriate (with some religious content!) for the Sunday school, I would be pleased to hear about it e.g. if a church group is putting on a production or other event. We have received some directed donations so I am looking for something special.

Kate Greer-Close

5. Other Business

None

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:00pm. Choir Room

6. Adjournment

The Business being completed at 8:24pm the closing prayer was The Grace led by Rev. Davis

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin Recording Secretary