

**ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of December 13, 2017
7:30 pm, Choir Room
DRAFT MINUTES**

In attendance: Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Rev Jessica Worden-Bolling, Jenny Morphew, Gillian Morris, Kate Greer-Close, Margaret Lodge, Georgia Roberts, Maria Padin, Penny Miller, Laurie Slaughter

1. Opening the meeting

Call to order: Rev. Jessica filled in for Bruce Lodge and called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Opening Prayer/Reflection: offered by Rev Jessica

Regrets: Ray Davidson, Bruce Lodge

Absent: Cynthia Greer

Approval of the Agenda:

Added to Other Business by Rev. Jessica: Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Moved by Michael Perkin seconded by Jenny Morphew; carried

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

There was a question as to where the discussion of a new working group which had been mentioned in the November agenda under other business actually appeared. It was covered under the Stewardship report.

Moved by Gillian Morris seconded by Michael Perkin; carried

3. Business arising from previous meeting

There was no business arising to work on and so discussion moved on to the 2018 Budget

4. Budget 2018

Georgia Roberts worked with both Karen Roberts, Envelope Secretary and Joy Bowerman to project the 2018 figure for envelope givings. Footnotes were added at the end of the budget paper to help with an understanding of certain calculations.

It was noted that the chimney needs to be shortened and recapped. This would require approximately \$1,000.00 from capital reserves to do the repairs. This is a rough estimate of the cost and Corporation will have some estimates for Vestry to consider.

Some discussion covered such things as adding an amount for fundraising (General Income) and publicity (Expenses-Programs).

There was a question as to whether our cleaning expenses could be reduced by reducing the hours of the cleaning service. It is understood that Cynthia Greer is working on this question.

The \$4,000.00 in Repair and Upgrade in Expenses will cover the routine services to our furnaces etc. and will cover surprise repairs that might crop up, i.e. the sump pumps.

Corporation will be looking for a new quote for the paving of the parking lot which will include the walkway in the Link area.

2018:

• **January 7** Creche Sunday

Vitality: Nothing to report

Communications:

MTW Advent issue was printed and distributed. As suggested by Council, there was an item encouraging parishioners to receive MTW via email. Next MTW will be Lent. Please plan ahead.

Margaret Lodge
Membership

Choir / Sunday School

Email Report received on December 11, 2017

Greetings!

Choirs

Junior choir: The children continue to sing joyfully and are very flexible about when they sing during the service. In general, it seems to work well for them to sing before the children's circle.

Senior choir: I understand that the Advent Carol Service went well with some additional singers who joined specially to augment our numbers as several choristers had to be absent.

Children:

The children have coloured many Christmas cards to send out to our parishioners who are either shut-in, or in need of special comfort, as well as to folks who attend the Friday services at the Perley. We have delayed our cookie decorating (for St Luke's or Cornerstone) until January in the hopes that it will be less onerous for our busy bakers.

We did sell the materials for making advent wreaths again this year (many thanks to our donors of candles, foam and greenery). Fewer people bought them this year but the timing was difficult with me and my mother simultaneously away, and thus our only sales week was at the same time as Jackie's going away party. I hope to market them better next year (when I will not be moving :) All children will be welcome to participate in the Christmas pageant on Sunday December 24 during the 10AM service.

Kate Greer-Close

Outreach Report

The budget allocated to Outreach has been partially spent on decorating for Debra Dynes fall Soupalicious event which Penny Miller and I have done as St. Mark's contribution to this fundraiser for the past three years. It is our way of supporting our major local community outreach activity. In keeping with this ongoing and caring support on our part, I would like to use the remainder of the small budget allocated to Outreach for this year, to provide Barbara Carroll with funds for her emergency Christmas needs which arise every year just before the holiday. Such needs are a family who realize that they have not registered in advance or suddenly find that they need support in order to make a Christmas for their children or older people who are alone and in need within the D.D. community. She always finds that there is a sudden request or need and does not have extra monies with which to respond in the days before Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Slaughter

New Seniors' Ministry Initiative:

The efforts to develop a partnership in conjunction with local seniors' programs will be continuing in the early New Year. Our committee has learned that Julian of Norwich's community is also considering a seniors' outreach of some kind and so, in order to share and cooperate in any new initiatives in this field, our committee members plan to meet in the second week of January 2018 with representatives of Julian of Norwich. If they are considering any sort of program to answer the needs of seniors, it may be that both church groups/committees can develop a mutually beneficial program to serve the local community's older citizens and that each church's specific activities can support and enhance the program developed by the other.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Slaughter

6. Other Business

- a. Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
The date is January 21, 2018. Rev. Jessica has asked for members to help form a planning committee to work with her. Janis Perkin and Gillian Morris have volunteered and Cynthia Greer will be asked to join.
- b. Outreach: Laurie asked Council for the unused balance of the Outreach budget to be given to Debra Dynes
- c. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

7. Adjournment

Business being completed the members of Parish Council gathered to share some seasonal refreshments

Respectfully submitted by
Janis Perkin, Parish Council Secretary