

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of
February 6, 2019
7:00 pm, Choir Room
DRAFT MINUTES**

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

1. Opening the meeting

Call to order: Pauline Adams opened the meeting at 7:05 pm

a. Opening Prayer: offered by Rev. Rob Davis

b. Regrets: Bruce Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Jenny Morphew

c. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Gillian Morris seconded by Karen Barber carried

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

January 9, 2019 minutes

Page 1 Business arising: a typo in heading-remove the triple aaa

Page 5 under Stewardship- Amount from GIFT funds for Coffee Company and Conversation should read \$1,300.00 in the motion.

Moved by Michael Perkin seconded by Cynthia Greer carried

3. Business arising from previous meeting;

Kitchen Renovations- Pauline Adams gave an update. The working group met with another person on January 14, 2019 to get a 2nd bid. This bid proved to be more inclusive than the first one albeit slightly higher. It did not include any appliances.

Solar panels- The reduction in production was mainly due to the fact that the summer of 2018 was very hot and humid

Kick the Habit- After checking with Penny Miller the following was discovered. Kick the Habit is not a renter as such. Due to the way that the group operates donations are required to be made by the participants and then they make a donation to the church from this collection.

4. Regular Reports

a. Rector's Report

As Rev. Rob Davis has just started his tenure with St. Marks there wasn't a report as such. Rob expressed that he was happy to be here.

b. Wardens' Report

Corporation

Georgia gave us an update on the budget to be finally presented tonight for voting onto go to vestry. Pauline and I will propose and second it. We had a short discussion on any changes to the composition of P.C. which will be noted in the Vestry report.

Property concerns

Living out of buckets, and yes there is one at the door to the office now. Nothing to do but smile and tip the water out.

The kitchen will be going ahead soon. We have 2 bids, and there will be one more. We are very happy with one of them and the contractor. Early spring might be a good time. With money from Joan Knight, and money from the closure of the circle/guild, there is more than we expected.

Concerns were expressed about the odour in the men's washroom, but not the women's. That was the beginning of a discussion on the renovation of the washrooms. More will come up in the months ahead.

It took us 2 hours to discuss the above.
Leaks in the Church will be addressed in the spring.

c. Treasurer's Report - Georgia Roberts

There are some minor changes in the staff allowances in the 2019 budget as the financial form 3 from the diocese gave the actual amounts.

d. Property Report

Covered in the Warden's Report (section b)

e. Membership

Membership / Vitality / Communications

Parish Council February 6, 2019

Membership: since December baptism: 1 new members: 0 death: 0

Vitality Group:

We have not met to discuss events for 2019. Next 'event' would be Patronal Lunch (St Mark's day April 25) but might be delayed due to Easter.

Past Parish events:

January 13 Parish Breakfast - 8.45am

Baptism - 10am service

January 20 Week of Prayer – Madonna Della Risurrezione

January 31 Coffee, Company and Conversation started its new season

Up-coming Parish events:

February 7 > Coffee, Company and Conversation 10am every Thursday

February 24 Parish Vestry

March 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7pm

March 6 Ash Wednesday services 10am and 7pm

March Lenten program to be arranged

Communications:

Newsletter: Lent issue is being printed February 13 - with Tax Receipts.

Next issue is May for June distribution. Plan ahead

Web design: There is still nothing to report – the old site is being maintained

Diocesan Communications - Crosstalk / web / newsletter : When trying to post on-line for the Pancake supper etc., I found that the system was not active. I was then informed that the position of Communications at the diocese is vacant, and there is no Crosstalk or on-line bi-weekly mailings until possibly April. We are unable to advertise.

Diocesan Journal: I also found out that the Anglican Journal (Crosstalk is delivered via their mailing) now requires direct confirmation for a subscription by June, either on-line or by e-mail or snail mail. I have put this info in the newsletter and Joy has offered to co-ordinate confirmation for those who need help.

f. Stewardship

Michael Perkin is hoping to plan something for Lent. It will need to be discussed with Rev. Rob.

g. Outreach

Food Drive

A food drive for the Children's Emergency Lunch Program for the Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH) is underway for the month of February. A large bin of lunch staples was delivered to DDFH by Lawrence Peever this past Monday morning.

The Emergency Lunch Program provides approximately 70 lunches per day to the elementary school aged children in the community. DDFH has operated this program for some years after the school curriculum was changed to include two breaks per day including snack time.

These families struggle on a daily basis to meet basic needs and the lunches and additional times become very difficult to manage on a daily basis or in times of crisis. This food drive will run until February 23.

Information of the Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH)

It has been suggested to me and I wholeheartedly agree that there is a lack or a misunderstanding of what DDFH is all about. Since the DDFH is our main outreach focus, it is important that parishioners become aware of their various programs. Many of their programs focus on children and young and has provided continuity and stability for over 25 years. Over the coming weeks, I will be looking into ways to be able to convey an overview of what DDFH is all about.

Coffee, Company and Conversation for Seniors

The success of Coffee, Company and Conversation and feedback from the participants resulted in a commitment to continue in 2019. The first session of the new year took place on January 31 with thirty-persons in attendance.

h. Choir

Choir rehearsals have continued as normal since Christmas.

The annual interdenominational service held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was hosted this year by Madonna della Risurrezione on 20 January. The theme was "Justice and only justice you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16; 18-20). The priest and members of the congregation and choir of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and Bishop Peter Coffin and members of the congregation and choirs (senior and junior) of St. Mark's Anglican Church also participated in the service. A time of fellowship followed the service and it was a pleasure to meet and talk to members of our neighbouring churches.

Our new interim part-time priest, the Venerable Rob Davis met with the choir on 31 January.
Karen M. Barber
Choir Representative

i. AED

The CPR-C/AED training took place as scheduled on 18 January 2019, from 1 to 5 p.m. Sixteen individuals have now been certified and carry identification cards to that effect. The trainer also explained how to use the Naloxone kits that are stored with the AED unit.

Karen M. Barber
AED Contact Person

Note: It would be valuable to create a list of the trained and qualified people who can use the AED.

j. Little Free Library

There is nothing further to report on the Little Free Library at this time with regard to this project. However, with regard to the results of our visioning exercise, where using our outdoor spaces effectively was identified as one of nine areas of interest, I would like to put forward a proposal that a nominal donation (perhaps \$50.00) be made to Greening Sacred Spaces, an organization operating in partnership with Faith & the Common Good. It provides information and support for many ways of using outdoor space effectively. We are already in the planning stage for our Little Free Library and are looking to build a labyrinth. Their resources and support could be valuable (including suggestions as to possible sources of funding).

Further information is available at https://www.faithcommongood.org/greening_sacred_spaces and a compilation of ten case studies is available in the office for anyone interested in reading about their projects.

Karen M. Barber

The following motion was made: "It is moved that a \$50.00 donation be made to Greening Sacred Spaces. The funds will be taken from the Ministry Reserve Account."

Moved by Karen Barber, seconded by Kate Greer-Close, Carried

k. Children and Youth

Here is the brief update on children and youth. The Sunday school children enjoyed tea time with Bishop Peter in January. They discussed his travels and observations of life and needs overseas and how we could help. The children were already thinking to direct funds to a community well, a goat and school supplies, and their talk with Bishop Peter confirmed these choices. We have directed \$166 towards these via PWRDF and other groups.

Now that Father Rob has joined us, I look forward to discussing future inter-generational services and Sunday school with him.

5. Other Business

Lenten Project

The two projects chosen by Parish Council are PWRDF-The Water Project and Centre 454. Georgia Roberts and Kate Greer Close will write up the short summaries for each choice.

Vestry Luncheon

Parish Council members were asked to help augment the coffee hour offering. A list will be sent to members by e-mail to remind them of what they offered to make.

Thanks to Leaving Members

Pauline Adams offered thanks to all members who have finished their term on Parish Council and to those members continuing for their faithful service during the past year.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:00pm. Choir Room

6. Adjournment

The Business being completed at 8:35pm closing prayer was The Grace led by Rev. Davis

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin Recording Secretary