

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of
February 12, 2020
7:00 pm, Choir Room
DRAFT MINUTES**

In attendance: Rev. Julian Campbell, Georgia Roberts, Bill Barber, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Judy Life, Cynthia Greer

1. Opening the meeting

Call-to-order: In Pauline Adams' absence Cynthia Greer opened the meeting at 7:04 pm

a) Opening Prayer: Offered by Rev. Julian Campbell

b) Regrets: Julia Fogg, Michael Perkin, Pauline Adams, Suzanne Bisson, Karen Barber, Margaret Lodge, Kate Greer-Close

c) Approval of the Agenda: Approval was moved by Gillian Morris and seconded by Bill Barber.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

Errors and Omissions

Remove Julia Fogg from Regrets

Page 3 Rector's Report change "given" to "giving"

Page 5 Membership: clarify with Margaret Lodge the number of forms from the Fall Campaign

Approval was moved by Judy Life and seconded by Georgia Roberts.

3. Business arising from previous meeting

a) Black History Month: Coming up-

February 16 The Reverend Canon Hilary Murray will preach the sermon at the 10 a.m. service

During coffee hour music will be provided by The Radicals and Nepean Panharmonic Steel Drum Band

February 23 The Reverend Jeff Hall will preach the sermon at the 8am and 10 a.m. service

b) Solar Panels Update: A team has been put together. Research is needed to decide the best way forward.

c) Church Temperatures: Georgia Roberts asked what be the comfortable temperature for the church. It was suggested that 21C seemed reasonable. We also need to see if the temperature is different in various spots in the church proper.

4. Regular Reports

a) Rector's Report Rectors Report, February 2020

Rev. Julian has asked Corporation to look at beautifying the foyer/ welcome areas in the link to freshen it up and bring some unity to the space.

There is interest being shown in starting a men's group. The group would meet once a month and would include fellowship, discussions and doing work around the church.

The book study is on hiatus until March 2020. A Lenten study is being planned.

Ash Wednesday Services will be on February 26, 2020. Joy Bowerman is helping with the logistics.

Induction- Family and friends of Rev. Julian are coming from the Bahamas and beyond.

The Birthday Masses are going well. The liturgy is a work in progress.

b) Warden's Report

Mostly Property issues this month. See Property Report

c) Property Report

Property report to Parish Council for February 12th

1. The roof

Back in October we arranged with John Tegano to have his men clear off the snow after a large snowfall, from the south roofs above the font and the sacristy and office. Mr. Tegano also suggested that Paul recaulk the horizontal and vertical seams over the office part, which he did.

Tuesday Feb. 11, 2020 was the first time they came. Paul took the snow off in early January, but he couldn't remove the solid ice layer. Just over 2 weeks ago the south side flat roof started to leak. We attached a submersible pump to a hose into the sacristy sink and the pump drained the large bucket. This seems to be working and it is checked at least once a day usually more. The office roof seems fine at the moment.

We had one bid for reroofing, a) office \$11,000 b) south side flat roof \$32,000. We will be asking 2 companies for bids in spring, for the work to be done immediately. No decision on where the money will specifically come from.

2. Solar panels

A team of interested people has been put together, with Steve Close tentatively at the helm.

A new Enphase Envoy (Monitor) needs to be bought, so that warranties on the failed micro-inverters can be processed. There are between 10 and 12 failed inverters.

Options

- a) Just replace the failed components
- b) Replace all 52 components.
- c) Look into newest technology for larger inverters.
- d) Look into a different company.

Then

Find a company which still does the work, maybe one of the original bidders.

Make a final decision on options.

All this work will be undertaken by a professional installer, with only the fact finding being done by our group, no actual climbing.

Property work

I spoke with the Minister at Carleton Memorial United church, who told me that they had engaged a man who would check out the building for jobs needing doing, and then I believe he would do some of them and look into getting other jobs priced. They paid him a retainer. I hope we can go back very soon, to speak with him and learn more. This seems a possible way of dealing with property. More information will be provided.

Office equipment

We need to find a place in the 2020 budget for office equipment. The printer is on its last legs.

The computer needs to be updated to Windows 10, and is presently unsupported. It makes sense to buy a new computer at the same time.

Joy has been asked and is happy to look into both purchases.

Bishop Reed Hall Lighting

Occasionally our renters ask for more light, so Penny asked Living Lighting to give us some low budget ideas. The suggestions were reasonable, but we do not have any idea of the costs, except under \$5,000. At the same time a brighter bulb should have been put in the men's bathroom.

Cynthia Greer

d) Treasurer's Report

Georgia Roberts reported that she had finally received the figures from the diocese needed to complete the 2020 Draft Budget. It should be noted that the figure for Fair Share was less than what had appeared in the 2020 budget shared with Council in January.

e) Membership:

Margaret Lodge being absent there wasn't a Membership Report.

There will be a Patronal Festival on Sunday April 26, 2020 which will include a luncheon. Newcomers will be invited to attend and their presence acknowledged. Rev. Julian will include a welcoming liturgy at the 10am service.

f) Stewardship

No report

g) Outreach

OUTREACH February 12, 2020

Coffee Hour After 10 am Service

As well as the regular service attendees, numerous persons from the local community attended the Sunday coffee hours on February 2 and February 9 to celebrate Black History Month. Our little kitchen was bursting at the seams with the coffee teams arranging platters of savoury and sweets, cheese and fruit and beverages. A very special thanks to the coffee teams Laurie Slaughter, Wanda Bowman, Coralie Sheehan and Pam Rogers on February 2 and to Mani & Suja Mani, Gwen & Vern MacLean, and Judy Life on February 9 for all the extra work they so graciously took on. And many thanks to Sheila Pitt for organizing the Caribbean and African delights and the delicious Sorel drink. The coffee hours were a wonderful success and would not have occurred without team effort.

Debra Dynes Family House/Ottawa Food Bank

St. Mark's continue to donate weekly food items as well as provisions of clothing and other items for the new born babies of Debra Dynes Family House. An insert was included in the Sunday bulletin listing the types of food items required and this has proven to be helping to parishioners.

Coffee, Company and Conversation

This seniors' outreach initiative continues. A Black History Month art feature with Janis Perkin took place on February 6. Janis brought supplies for attendees to craft collages using lovely print paper, photos of noted Black Africans and Canadians, and images of African fauna. Many thanks to Janis for supplying the materials and for her instruction.

h) Choir

Choir Report 12 February 2020

Members of both the Junior and Senior Choirs attended the Service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. We joined choir members from the Greek Church and from Madonna della Risurrezione for the service. A time of fellowship followed in the Hellenic Centre Hall, with wonderful food. Preparations have begun for the Lenten services.

Karen M. Barber, Choir Representative

i) AED Report 12 February 2020

A new contract with the Paramedic Service has now been signed and will remain in effect for three years. New batteries have been installed in the AED unit and new adult pads have been supplied.

Karen M. Barber

j) Safety Checks 12 February 2020

Routine inspections of the fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, and exit lights continue.

Karen M. Barber

k) Little Free Library Report 12 February 2020

Our Little Free Library is now on the world map. I am receiving reports from the organization as Steward for the library. If anyone would like more information please let me know.

Karen M. Barber

m) Children and Youth

Children and youth report for February 2020

We have now sent the children's Advent fundraising amounts to PWRDF and PLAN. Thank you for all of your support!

PLAN

back to school \$45

bees \$35

bed net \$10

girl power \$100

total \$190

PWRDF

\$65 shallow well

\$30 goats

total \$95

5) Other Business

a) Vestry 2020

Vestry will be held in Bishop Reed Hall. Food planning to augment Coffee Hour is in process.

b) Thanks to Members whose terms on Council have finished

Cynthia Greer offered thanks to those who have finished their terms. They are Janis Perkin, member at large, Georgia Roberts, Synod member and Julia Fogg. Also, Cynthia Greer has finished her term as People's Warden but will continue as the Deputy People's Warden.

c) Large Print Service Books

Bill Barber noted that there are large print service books in the bookcase in the church. It was pointed out that we need to make people aware that they are available by announcement at the beginning of the service and perhaps a note in the bulletin.

Notes for the Bulletin

None

The next meeting

The next meeting will be March 11, 2020

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm with the saying of the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin, Recording Secretary