

**ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of 8 June 2016
7:00 pm, Bishop Reed Hall**

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Rev. Brian Kauk, Margaret Lodge, Cynthia Greer, , Ray Davidson, Kate Greer-Close, Jenny Morpew, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Heather Simpson, Gillian Martin, Gillian Morris, Sharon Walter

1. Opening the meeting

- a. Call to order – 7:00 p.m. by Sharon Walter
- b. Opening Prayer/Reflection was offered by Fr. Brian Kauk
- c. Regrets : Penny Miller, Suzanne Wilkins, Laurie Slaughter
- d. Approval of the Agenda
Hall air conditioning was added by Jenny Morpew
Moved by Cynthia Greer, seconded Gillian Morris, carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting(s)

The Outreach report needs to reflect that there was a discussion regarding the Alzheimer's Café and that it was decided that it would not be held this fall.

Motion to approve amended minutes: moved by Cynthia Greer; seconded by Kate Greer-Close; approved.

Sharon Walter's voice failing Father Brian took over as Chair for the rest of the meeting.

3. Update on the 4 Initiatives

a. Four Initiatives:

Fundraising:

Cynthia Greer put forward that an expectation of the fundraising initiatives would be around \$5000.00 yearly

Rental Management (User Fees) and Marketing

No new report

Stewardship Campaign

Some statistics from the spring campaign:

59 forms were received

8 new PAR members

Increased givings from existing PAR members

The co-chairs are still collating information from the forms.

New Ministry Exploration

Father Brian reported. The small group which consists of Georgia Robert, Jan Oswald, Laurie Slaughter, Suzanne Wilkins and Keith Wilkins feel that they have just dipped their toes into the water in this exploration. They hope to wrap up soon and submit a report.

4. Budget

Parish council reviewed the draft budget proposed for 2016 as the first 2016 budget was due to expire in June 30, 2016.

The Lenten Outreach funds for Refugees needs to be assigned either to another church or the Diocesan program. The Outreach Committee will need to discuss this and present a motion to Parish Council before Vestry. The funds have been moved to a reserve account until a decision is made.

After some small changes there was a motion to accept the proposed 2016 budget. Moved by Heather Simpson; seconded by Gillian Martin CARRIED

There was some discussion regarding Fair Share. St. Mark's will receive the Fair Share for 2017 in September. It can be appealed and the first steps would start with our Archdeacon Chris Dunn. Margaret Lodge requested that the Wardens look at a request to lower the St. Mark's Fair Share for 2017.

5. Business Arising

None

6. Regular Reports

a. Rector

Handed out Community Outreach-Choosing Hope- Changing Lives 2016

Parish Council made a request to Mother's Union regarding the funds raised at the planned September 25th BBQ. They hope that these funds can be donated to Cornerstone.

b. Wardens (including Property)

Suzanne Wilkins will represent Father Brian on the GIFT Committee.

We now have a Health and Safety person. Joy Bowerman will fill this role.

Father Brian met with Jim Lyons and we can get a building condition report at a lower fee, Corporation is looking into this

New Rector-The Official Committee has already started meeting. The members are the 2 lay members to Synod and the standing warden. All meetings are confidential.

c. Treasurer

The budget papers for May 2016 were presented.

d. Membership

Report is attached

Cynthia Greer gave a report about the fall Rummage/ Boot Sale to be held in September.

We would perhaps have tables for rental located on the church lawn. A rain location would be the parish hall. Father Brian suggested that we reserve some tables for those who might not be able to pay.

e. Stewardship

Michael Perkin expressed deep appreciation to Bruce Lodge and Sharon Walter for their well thought-out campaign.

f. Choir
No report

g. Outreach
Margaret Lodge is now assisting/supporting Laurie Slaughter

7. Other Business

Hall Air Conditioning

Jenny Morphew brought forward a request to investigate the possibility of installing air conditioning in Bishop Reed Hall. Corporation will bring back a report to council in September.

Members of Synod

St. Marks usually has a Warden as an alternate member to Synod. Cynthia Greer made the motion to nominate Sharon Walter as the Alternate. Seconded by Jenny Morphew ACCLAIMED

A note was received Thomas Pilson thanking the GIFT committee for the donation enabling his August trip to Iqualuit,

Next Parish Council Meeting, September 14, 2016

8. The Agenda being completed the meeting adjourned with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin, Parish Council Secretary

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Membership Report

St Mark's Picnic

Invites are in the process of being delivered to newcomers (since November 2014) to be guests at the annual church picnic on June 26.

Margaret Lodge

Chair – Membership

Parish Vitality Working Group

Report to the Membership Chair and Parish Council

1. Dinner and Music Event

The April 23rd birthday celebration for the Queen's 90th got good coverage in Crosstalk.

2. Songs for the Soul

The choral workshop, organized by choristers Lindsay Setzer and Kate Greer-Close, was held on May 15, and led by Roxanne Goodman. Nearly 40 parishioners attended, about half non-choir members. It was a great time of making a joyful noise to the Lord. This is just a start.

3. Tales and Tunes

The North Winds Brass Quintet and Ottawa Storytellers entertained a large audience in the sanctuary on June 5th. Our preliminary accounting shows that ticket sales amounted to \$1,670* with about 75 people attending. The music, stories, snacks and beverages were all greatly appreciated by those who attended, including many from outside the parish. A number of visitors, including members of the North Winds Brass quintet marvelled at the beauty of our church. They also noted that we have a very good venue for events such as Tales and Tunes and offered to come back next year when their stories will feature the work of Mark Twain. * \$500 for St Mark's plus \$166 in 'desserts'

4. The Big Give

St. Mark's provided treats and beverages to passersby on the front lawn as we did last year. New additions this year were a Bouncy Castle that was very popular for the children and boom box music (Most popular tunes--The Beatles). Kate Greer-Close did a great job leading the work on this event and many people provided treats that were greatly appreciated by passersby. We were blessed with wonderful weather and about 60 people showed up to enjoy the day with us (far more than last year).

5. Pasta Supper (planned for October)

We are planning to have a pasta supper in October and have tentatively set October 22nd as the date for this event.

6. Other

- The choir will be singing with the congregation in June.
- Garth Hampson has agreed to perform at the November 16th luncheon for seniors.
- Welcoming and Sharing Sunday is planned for Oct. 16 (Vitality will have a table).

7. Working Group Future

The Parish Vitality Working Group has initiated quite a few very successful events since its inception in January 2015. These events have brought together parishioners for fun and fellowship and also raised funds for the church. Our June meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the future of the group--- how to proceed in the future with recurring events that have been successful and with potential new events.

Summary prepared by Brian Harrison.