

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST  
PARISH COUNCIL  
Meeting of  
October 16, 2019  
7:00 pm, Choir Room  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Rev Rob Davis (Interim P-in-C), Georgia Roberts, Karen Barber, Margaret Lodge, Bill Barber, Suzanne Bisson, Gillian Morris, Julia Fogg, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Pauline Adams, Judy Life, Kate Greer-Close

**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:** Suzanne Bisson, Cynthia Greer

**c) Approval of the Agenda:** Approval was moved by Pauline Adams and seconded by Karen Barber.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Errors and omissions: in Attendance Janice should read Janis; under Business arising, c. Perley it should read Two volunteers are planning to quit, not quiet; in the regular Reports: the title of i. should read Children and Youth not Choir; the title of m. should read Choir and not Children and Youth; j. requires the removal of the title AED Report 19 June 2019 Approval was moved by Suzanne and seconded by Georgia.

**3. Business arising from previous meeting**

**a) Parish Breakfast:** The parish breakfast on November 17 is being coordinated by Cynthia Greer.

**b) Perley:** The last communion service provided at the Perley by St. Marks will be November 15, 2019. This is the end of 30 years of St. Mark's Service to the Perley. Fr. Rob suggested that perhaps Fr. Julian could chat with the Perley as to whether the Perley staff and volunteers could do the transporting.

**c) Jobs:** At the moment Paul Greer is the go-to person for the fix-up jobs around the church. It would be good to have a list of others who could also do these small jobs.

**4. Regular Reports**

**a) Rector's Report**

Rectors Report, October 2019

Father Rob and the Warden Pauline Adams gave us a short report on the selection process for our new incumbent.

It was pointed out that it was not our normal process for replacing the incumbent. It was noted that there are not many clergy who are available to move parishes.

There was no parish profile created for the current parish situation, no interview done with the candidate as is normal and the whole process took one week. Very little information was given to the priest and what was given was outdated.

Some of the reasoning may be that the Diocese didn't want to appear to be pushing Jessica to return to work while still recovering and perhaps the circumstances of the Bishop's health issues.

We were told of Father Julian's call to do something different and his acceptance of the invitation to serve in the Diocese of Ottawa. The general feeling of the Council is that both Fr. Julian Campbell and St. Marks had been shortchanged in this process but our wish is that the people of St. Marks be a blessing to Father Julian and Father Julian a blessing to us.

## **b) Warden's Report**

It has been decided that any planning for the Christmas season will be done with Father Julian when he comes.

## **c) Property Report**

Property report to parish Council October 16, 2019

In Cynthia Greer's absence Pauline Adams gave a report.

- Windows The large windows in the office and the priest's office need to be replaced. Work will start on October 18, 2019.
- Snow clearing A contract has been made with Elio (son Stefano) for snow clearing.
- Link carpet The carpet will remain as is for now.
- Outside office/choir room steps Guy Davis (Fr. Rob's brother) is going to do a quick and inexpensive temporary fix on the steps by the Choir/Office doors. This will require removing the paving stones and adding stone dust underneath to raise them up. Some of the rotting wood will also be replaced. The cost is in the region of \$500.00. The following motion was made:
- "It is moved by Council that Guy Davis do the repair of the outside Choir Room/Office stairs at a cost of roughly \$500.00."
- Moved by Pauline Adams and seconded by Kate Greer-Close *CARRIED*
- Hall furnace The serviceman from H.VAC had suggested that we should fix the corroded pipes of the supply pipe to the boiler. This was done at the cost of \$700.00.
- Roofing Cynthia Greer has contacted several companies and she is waiting for replies.
- Little library and Shed It should be noted that the Little Library is not winterized and so will be stored inside over the winter month. This is the reason that it feels a bit loose in its mooring.
- Bishop Reed Hall/Church Floors Rose came and stripped and polished the floors in Bishop Reed Hall and the church in time for Thanksgiving.

## **d) Treasurer's Report**

Georgia Roberts presented the financial reports. She indicated that it was a little concerning that our collections are down compared to the last year's collections.

It was important to note that the clergy salary would go back up to the normal rate with Fr. Julian's arrival.

## **e) Membership:**

**Membership / Vitality / Communications**

**Parish Council October 16, 2019**

### **Membership:**

As of today there are no changes since September.

### **Vitality:**

**October 6 – First Anglican Service Celebration:** the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first official Anglican service in what would become the Parish of St Mark's. Thanks to Fr Rob and his support - the old BCP Eucharist with the Merbecke liturgical setting was used. It brought back many memories for the 'elders' of the parish! Many thanks to Parish Council, Mothers' Union and Vitality who prepared the lunch.

### **Communications:**

**Newsletter:** Next issue will be for Advent through to Lent. Deadline mid-November

**Web:** still nothing to report. The old site is still being maintained. We need to get outside help to push this through. I propose this be done via GIFT funds.

**Outdoor Signs:** nothing new

**Pew Leaflets:** These will be updated with Rev Julian Campbell

### **Past Parish events:**

September 26 Coffee, Company and Conversation – started a new season

October 6 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service and lunch – well attended and enjoyed

### **Up-coming Parish events:**

November 2 Church Bazaar

November 6 change of dates New study session through to December ?

November 20 Seniors Eucharist & Lunch

### **Margaret Lodge**

Membership

### **f) Stewardship**

Michael Perkin gave his appreciation of the great work that Bruce Lodge did with the Vision20/20 Stewardship campaign. It officially ended on Sunday October 13, 2019 with a slightly lower response from the last campaign. People were encouraged on October 13<sup>th</sup> to consider sending a response even though it had ended.

Provincial Council is on October 21<sup>st</sup> which Michael Perkin attends. Elder care is part of his focus.

Michael showed the Council the clipping from Crosstalk highlighting the White Feathers being offered to parishes who wish to show their commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation process with our indigenous peoples. All My Relations will be handing them out at Synod to those parishes who want to display them. Michael Perkin will pick one up for St. Marks.

### **g) Outreach**

Nothing new to report.

### **h) New Ministry**

Nothing new to report.

### **i) Choir**

#### **Choir Report 16 October 2019**

Rehearsals continue as normal for the senior and junior choirs.

Karen M. Barber

Further to the report:

There will be a Youth Choral Evensong November 2, 2019 at St. John's March. The St. Mark's Junior Choir will be participating.

### **j) AED Report 16 October 2019**

There is nothing to report at this time.

Karen M. Barber

### **k) Fire Extinguishers and Emergency Lighting Safety Checks 16 October 2019**

Routine inspections of the fire extinguishers and emergency lighting continue.

Karen M. Barber

### **l) Little Free Library Report 16 October 2019**

The little free library is now completely installed and open for business.

It has been suggested that we join the International Little Free Library Association. To do this, our library must be registered with the organisation. When we register, we gain access to a network of support and benefits, including an official charter sign engraved with a unique charter number to put on our library; the option to add our library to the world map; a Steward's guide (more on the Steward below); a subscription to a regular e-newsletter; and (less important for us) access to new, deeply discounted books. Registering is accomplished by purchasing the sign for \$39.00 (I assume in US funds).

Of greater importance than registering (in my mind at least) is the appointment of a Steward, or caretaker, whose duties are to promote and oversee the library, its access, contents, cleanliness and general wellbeing.

I think registering our library would be worthwhile and propose that we do so register it.

Further to the report:

The following motion was made:

"It is moved that St. Marks register their Little Library with the World Wide Organization. The purchase of the sign of registry costing \$39.99 (U.S. funds) will be covered by Gift Funds under the section "Proclaiming God's Word in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Moved by Karen Barber and seconded by Pauline Adams *CARRIED*

### **m) Children and Youth**

Nothing new to report

## **5) Other Business**

### **Notes for the Bulletin**

The next Parish Breakfast will be November 17, 2019.

### **The next meeting**

The next meeting will be November 13, 2017 (later changed to November 20, 2019)

## **6) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm with the saying of the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin, Recording Secretary