

**ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of September 26, 2018
7:00 pm, Bishop Reed Hall
DRAFT MINUTES**

In attendance Janis Perkin recording secretary, Michael Perkin, Ven. Chris Dunn, Pauline Adams, Cynthia Greer, Penny Miller, Karen Barber, Jenny Morphew, Kate Greer-Close, Georgia Roberts, Suzanne Bisson, Steve Coaker

1. Opening the meeting

Call to order Pauline Adams called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Opening Prayer offered by the Ven. Chris Dunn

Regrets Margaret & Bruce Lodge, Judy Life, Gillian Morris

Welcomes Steve Coaker was welcomed as our in-coming People's Warden and Suzanne Bisson as our new Outreach coordinator

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jenny Morphew seconded by Karen Barber; carried

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Remove Penny Miller from the attendance

Moved by Pauline Adams seconded by Georgia Roberts; carried

3. Business arising from previous meeting

Office Phones- Kate will check with Steve Close as to whether the wait times for people calling into the church can be reduced.

Kitchen Renovations- Pauline Adams has a contact in the kitchen renovation service. He could come to a meeting to give input on what is achievable with the budgeted monies that we have set aside.

Coffee, Company and Conversation- Suzanne Bisson reported that posters have been put up all over the community. The first session will have music. John Johnson from the Council on Aging has help the planning group find 4 speakers.

4. Regular Reports

Rector's Report

No report from Rector due to a hospital visit.

Warden's Report _____ September 26, 2018

Corporation report

When we met last Wednesday, the last thing we thought of was that Rev. Jessica would be sick and absent for a while. Therefore some things we discussed will be on hold until she is back with us. Archdeacon Chris is with us tonight, to explain how things have been set up for us, during Rev. Jessica's absence.

At Parish Council the following information was shared:

Rev. Paul Blunt will be with us September 30th and October 2nd

The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin will be taking October 14th, 21st and 28th

Rev. Joan Riding will facilitate the service at the Rideau-Perley on Friday mornings

Stephen Coaker has agreed to become our incoming people's warden.

Rev Jessica was going to present this.

If a vote is needed the 2 wardens will offer a motion that Stephen Coaker become our Incoming people's warden until the February Vestry 2019

Suzanne Bisson has agreed to become chair of the outreach committee, to replace Laurie Slaughter, who will still be working on a new venture for Seniors, to start tomorrow. She was member at large, so we continue to be one member less than usual.

Advent Carol service.

After discussion, Rev Jessica said she would like to have the Advent Carol service during the morning service. This saves having to provide a meal.

She also expressed a wish to have the nine lessons and carols for Christmas during the morning service as we did last year. The date that had been decided is Dec 16th, with the pageant on the 23rd. Ariane has some concern about that. We can wait before finalising the date.

Given the present situation with Rev. Jessica, it seems prudent to have the 2 special services during the main service. This also saves the need to provide a meal.

Property Report

Much of our Corporation discussions are around property issues, since the People's warden is responsible for property.

1. The parking lot was paved during the summer. We also bought 4 kerb stones to replace damaged ones.

The whole parking lot had yellow lines, and handicapped signs painted on, and we bought 3 new handicapped signs to bolt on to the T bars.

The cost of this was taken from our funds.

\$15,000 was removed from the Gladys O'Ray CTF, and the rest, approximately \$11,000 from our own moneys in the retained earnings.

The paving cost \$25,990,

The line painting and handicapped signs cost \$507.50 for a total of \$26,497.50

2. A start was made on interior painting. Thanks go to Bill Barber for painting the cloakroom.

The Link, entrance and staircase will follow shortly. We agreed to have a professional paint them and get it done. Painting will be done by Keith Guild

3. We spoke with the new Principal at St. Rita's, and also with the local constable involved in the schools. I found them very interested in ensuring that the parents were respectful of us and our property.

Paul put up 4 no parking signs, and the principal asked about orange cones. Lo and behold 7 appeared. The parents are happy that their children can walk inside the cone area and be safer from cars. Winter will change this.

4. No action yet on fixing the back steps. We can wait until spring.

5. Margaret Blakeney has worked hard on the gardens at her own expense, and plans to continue. Help and support are always needed.

6. The cedars round the Fisher Avenue side of the parking lot are being tackled methodically by Russ Wilkins. 30 garbage pail loads have gone out, with more to follow, and Paul took 600lbs to the dump.

7. There is a 'new' sink in one of the basement bathrooms, replacing a rusty one. It was very close to rusting right through.

8. We are checking to see if the loop system works.

9. We are awaiting a reply from Stefano on the snow clearing contract.

10. This past weekend (Sept 23rd) the lack of power caused a failure of our 3 sump pumps. The result was a flooded basement. Once the hydro came on, the water drained away very quickly helped along by Francesco, Jeremy, Kate, Joanne, and Paul after the BBQ. Thank you to all the team.

11. We are very much in need of other people to offer to do property work. We are lucky that we have a solid building, but many simple jobs are beyond the capabilities of most of the men because of bad hearts, bad knees, dizziness on ladders etc.

12. However, thank you to the few who are capable and do provide most of the work.

Steve Coaker is interested in investigating if there could be a Property Group formed. One person could direct the efforts of the others. It could also serve as a fellowship group where there could be social activities.

Treasurer's Report

The Gladys O'Ray CTF decreased by \$15,000.00 and this was due to paving costs. The costs for paving have also affected HST and PST

Membership / Vitality / Communications

No report

Stewardship

This has been a quiet year. There is no stewardship campaigned planned.

Outreach

The outreach initiatives continue and include year-round collection / donation of goods for the food banks, the Debra Dynes School Supplies, and lastly the collection / donation of Mother Day gifts for Debra.

With respect to the Debra Dynes School Supplies, overall 219 back packs were supplied through the Caring and Sharing initiative, which provides school supplies to children up to grade 8. Eighty other people who were on waitlists and did not fall into the age range at Caring and Sharing also received school supplies. The items from St. Mark's went into the backpacks and also to the other 80 people. Many thanks from Debra Dynes Family House!

The Seniors' Coffee, Company and Conversation initiative has come to fruition and the first gathering will take place at St. Marks on Thursday, September 27. Committee members are Laurie Slaughter (lead), Georgia Roberts, Penny Miller, Coralie Sheehan and Suzanne Bisson. This is a new community-wide get-together, sharing conversation and coffee in a relaxed and friendly environment.

The aim is to provide a friendly gathering place for seniors in the local community who want to enjoy social activities, entertainment, and minor personal health-care services that would enhance their lifestyle, motivate their interests and provide entertainment.

Suzanne Bisson

Choir

The senior and junior choirs resumed their normal schedule of rehearsals and participation in Sunday worship 6 September and 13 September respectively. Both choirs are looking forward to several intergenerational services this year, the first of which will be Thanksgiving Sunday. This fall the senior choir will be joining some other local choirs for the Chaplaincy Choral Festival on Sunday, 4 November, at 7:30 pm at Cityview United Church. Three pieces will be sung jointly by the choirs: "He, Watching Over Israel" by Mendelssohn, "Sanctus" from the Fauré Requiem, and "Eia, Mater" by Dvorak. The two pieces that were new to St. Mark's choir were introduced last spring and continue to be rehearsed. There will be two joint one-hour rehearsals at Cityview United Church on the two Saturdays preceding the event – 27 October and 3 November - at 1:30 pm. In addition, each choir will present two anthems.

Children and Youth (Sunday School)

Submitted by Kate Greer-Close via email:

Hello all

Here is the report on children and youth.

Sunday school restarted on September 9th with about 13 children. We have quite a range of ages so we will be focusing on younger children some weeks with stories, songs and crafts, and other weeks we will have a shorter structured time for the younger ones (then they will have supervised play in the nursery) while the older children and youth have a discussion/learning time. We are testing this out to see how it suits our needs, and modifying as needed. Kate

5. Other Business

Sharing Sunday- Kate Greer-Close gave us information on an activity that was happening at St. Columba in Manor Park. They are offering an Open House on Sat. September 22nd from 1-3pm which highlights what they have to offer to the community. This may be a viable model for us replacing our Sharing Sunday.

The Fisher Ave. signs- Steve hasn't heard back from his contact at SignFX. The original quote was \$40,000.00.

Georgia Roberts is setting up a food ministry to provide food for Rev. Jessica's family. Contact her if you wish to help.

Next Meeting

November 14, 2018 at 7:00pm.

6. Adjournment the business being completed the meeting was closed with the grace at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted by
Janis Perkin
Recording Secretary