

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of
February 10, 2021
7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

In attendance: Rev. Julian Campbell, Georgia Roberts, Bill Barber, Karen Barber, Gillian Morris, Pauline Adams, Suzanne Bisson, Michael Perkin, Janis Perkin, Judy Life, Cynthia Greer, Terry Frederick, Gillian Martin, Margaret Lodge, Karen Roberts (Guest)

1. Opening the meeting

Call-to-order: Pauline Adams opened the meeting at 7:09 pm

a) Opening Prayer: Offered by Rev. Julian Campbell

b) Regrets: Rev. Jeff Hall, Kate Greer-Close

c) Approval of the Agenda: Approval was moved by Pauline Adams and seconded by Gillian Martin.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

Errors and Omissions

Add Margaret Lodge to Attendance

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

Karen Roberts gave an overview of some of the applications of Zoom which will be used during our Virtual Vestry. This covered such things as changing one's name on the screen and how we will be able to vote by poll. Karen has also offered to give a short tutorial for those who would like to practice ahead of time. There will be a letter enclosed in the mailing with the 2020 tax receipts letting people know about the virtual vestry.

3. Business arising from previous meeting

a) Purchase of the New Photocopier Using GIFT Funds

In these times of forced isolation, communicating effectively is challenging. We find we must do more with our existing resources, and they do not last forever. Right now our photocopier has given up the ghost and has just been replaced. We must use our resources wisely, all the more because our income has been reduced as a result of COVID; it has been suggested that we use GIFT money to pay for the new copier. This falls into the Proclaiming the Word in the 21st century and the Sustainability sections of our GIFT accounts.

Moved by Michael Perkin and seconded by Pauline Adams that GIFT funds be used to pay the for new photocopier, in the amount of \$4676.26 *Carried*

- b) **Nominating Committee 2021:** It is now confirmed that John Hancock will stand for the position of Deputy Peoples' Warden and Janis Perkin will stand for the 1 year term of Alternative Member to Synod.
- c) **Livestreaming:** It was suggested that it might be wise to talk to Joy Bowerman and Alex Dee about continuing to help produce the Morning Prayer Service. If we are returning to in-church worship in March the restriction would still be 50 people allowed on a Sunday morning and so it would be hoped that the video Morning Prayer Service would still be produced. Gillian Martin mentioned that her parent's church is using Zoom to share services and coffee hour. If PC members are interested she will share the link. Georgia Roberts inquired as to what we need to know about livestreaming. How does it all fit together? It would make sense to include Joy and Alex in the discussion. Cynthia Greer mentioned that her son Philip's church has an online service which looks simple and flows easily using VidLand.

4. Regular Reports

a) Rector's Report

Rev. Julian has constructed an idea for the 2021 Lenten season study. It will start on February 24, 2021 at 7pm and will be offered via Zoom. The working title is The Common Thread in the Lenten Season. Materials and questions will be provided to the participants.

Black History Month 2021 has three more Sunday presentations. On February 14th we will have Camille Isaacs-Morrell from Montreal, on February 21st Father Julian will preach on Music Under Oppression and on February 28th Fr. Theodore Hunt from St. Stephen's, Downsview in Toronto will preach on the theme of I am who I am.

b) Treasurer's Report/ Budget

Georgia Roberts pointed out that we would be presenting a deficit budget to Vestry 2021. She also reported that the Diocese was considering the offer Jubilee gift/payment in the Fair Share apportionments. St. Marks is lacking in income from rentals and this is due to COVID-19.

The following motion was made:

"It is moved by Georgia Roberts and seconded by Cynthia Pauline Adams that the draft 2021 budget as discussed at the February 10, 2021 Parish Council meeting and included in the "Annual Reports to Vestry, February 28, 2021" be the one presented to Vestry on February 28." *CARRIED*

c) Little Free Library Report

With spring arriving soon Michael Perkin offered to check with the diocese about regulations surrounding its use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

d) Stewardship

Once again Michael Perkin will be sharing Forward Day by Day's Lenten Madness on the St. Mark's Facebook page.

5) Other Business

a) Vestry 2021

Vestry will be held virtually this year. There was a diocesan Virtual Vestry Workshop and it suggested that each vestry should do only the most essential work and to not raise contentious issues.

b) Thanks to Members whose terms on Council have finished

Pauline Adams offered thanks Margaret Lodge for her work on Mark this Word, so beautifully done and the posterage done for different occasions. Kate Greer-Close was thanked for her time, talent and expertise with children. Thanks were also offered to those who have finished their terms on Parish Council. They are Fr. Jeff Hall, 1 year term Synod member and also Cynthia Greer has finished her term as the Deputy People's Warden and is taking on Membership from Margaret Lodge. Thank you as well to Janis Perkin and Suzanne Bisson for the note-taking duties. Thanks to every member of Council your work is appreciated.

Rev. Julian Campbell offered heartfelt thanks to Pauline Adams for being the Rector's Warden. He also offered thanks to all members of Council for their support and passion for St. Marks. A special thanks was offered to Margaret Lodge for everything that she does and especially the pieces produced for Black History Month.

Thanks was offered to Suzanne Bisson for her service as Outreach Co-ordinator as she hands over those duties to Joan Hounsell.

c) Vestry

The Virtual Vestry will take place on February 28, 2021 at 11am

d) The next meeting:

The next meeting will be by Zoom 7pm, Tuesday March 16, 2021

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm with the saying of the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin, Recording Secretary