

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
2:00 pm, Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

In attendance: Rev. Julian Campbell, Georgia Roberts, Gillian Morris, Pauline Adams, Suzanne Bisson, Michael Perkin, Janis Perkin, Cynthia Greer, Terry Frederick, John Hancock, Joan Hounsell, Judy Life

Opening the Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

Opening Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Julian Campbell

Regrets

Bill Barber, Gillian Martin

Approval of the Agenda

Approval was moved by Pauline Adams and seconded by Cynthia Greer.

Approval of the Minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting

Approval was moved by Joan Hounsell and seconded by Georgia Roberts.

Business arising from previous meetings

Nominations Committee

Pauline Adams reported that the committee had held two meetings and had a slate ready for presentation at Vestry.

Regular Reports

Rector's Report

Rector's Notes February 2022

Bible Study

I'm grateful for the continued support for Bible Study. The first in a 2-part series has come to an end. In the first part, we examined 1 Corinthians. The second part commences March 9th and will focus on the lectionary gospel for Lent, Luke.

BHM

BHM 2022 committee wishes to thank, Bishop Shane Parker, Dr. Camille Isaacs-Morrel and Chief Councillor Rawlson King who willingly offered themselves to be speakers during the month. The month will conclude with a sermon from Fr. Julian

PROBUS

A few parishioners joined me for the PROBUS lecture February 2nd. Your presence was greatly appreciated and the members of PROBUS have sent their many thanks.

Psychotherapy

There are people of our community of faith who are in need of professional help psychologically. Currently, Cornerstone House is assisting us in this regard. We are grateful for the support that this body is providing us.

SPMC

The parish requested an extension for the SPMC but we were unsuccessful in obtaining that extension. This would've given us more time to properly organize our responses. One suggestion was to bring in a facilitator. This proposal I don't support because it could've been time consuming, costly and open the door to endless debates. Thinking about the proposal gave me PTSD because of the fallout from the M.A.P. program. The decision I'm making maybe unpopular but at times leaders are called to make them. My main concern is to do my best pastorally to keep the body of Christ in unity.

Therefore, Parts 1, 2 & 3 are due on 28th February and Parts 4 & 5 are due by 10th March.

I am encouraging all participants to converse with other team members. Let us truly show team spirit with the diocese and have this process completed to meet their deadline.

Liturgy

It has come to my attention that some parishioners wish to make decisions above that of the Incumbent as it relates to the liturgy. Ultimately, decisions related to the liturgy are those of the priest. Currently, I have a de facto worship team made up of myself, Joy Bowerman and Ariane Dind. At the same time, please be reminded that the canons of the diocese have vested ultimate decisions of the liturgy in the Incumbent

Discrimination

I spoke with Bishop Shane about a few troubling issues of racism. These were beyond hearsay because I actually have the emails in my possession. He has advised that if the issues are unresolved that he would be open to convening a tribunal to look into harassment on the job. I'm praying that it doesn't come to this but I'm unwilling to sit by idly and take no action.

Further to the report: There are 2 weddings booked for this year but dates are not determined as yet.

During the Easter season a baptism has been planned.

The 8am communion service is slated to start again in April.

Bible study will resume during Lent and will cover the Book of Luke.

Beth Muma, a new member of the parish, has joined us as a lay assistant.

John MacFarlane: the situation is calming down. The diocese will assist us in response to any other problems that may arise. It will not be brought back to Council unless needed.

The new Deputy Rector's Warden is Laurie Slaughter. Suzanne Bisson has offered to stay on as Rector's Warden for 2 extra years and Laurie will in essence shadow her in order to "learn the ropes".

At this point in the meeting Joy Bowerman joined us. She gave a historical financial overview of the finances and budget planning at St. Marks. This overview had originally been presented to the Financial Advisory Committee while it reviewed the draft budget for 2022.

Treasurer's Report

Some comments for Parish Council about January 2022 Financials

After just one month into the year, there is not too much to be said about our financial numbers. However, here are a few comments.

Balance Sheet for 31 January 2022

There has been no change in any of our reserve accounts since December 31, 2021

Income in January

Collection income for January 2022 (\$12,021) was good, and \$1,757 higher than January 2021.

We had both higher investment income and solar income in January 2022 than we had in January 2021. Good news, since we are predicting both assets to produce more in 2022 than in 2021.

A new organization meeting at St Mark's – AA – has made its first donation.

Total General Income in January 2022 (\$13,382.88) was \$2,439 higher than in January 2021.

Total Directed Income in January was \$126, coming from flower donations and a donation for Forward Day by Day.

Expenditures in January

Memberships were paid for the Anglican Foundation and the Council on Aging of Ottawa.

The expenditure of \$1832.82 in Repair and Upgrade was for the down payment on the basement repairs to prevent flooding.

Total expenditures in January 2022 (\$19,628.70) were \$1,721.76 higher than in January 2021

Bottom Line

In January 2022, our expenditures exceeded income by \$6,119.82

Budget 2022

There has been a small change in the budget figures due to the fact that a few rentals are coming in. There are other renters who also want to return and so the new figure in the budget might be slightly underestimated.

This may also be true of the collections numbers since we could open back up again sometime this year.

The diocesan numbers are quite large but cannot be negotiated and fixed costs such as hydro, gas and water have to be paid.

"It is moved by Georgia Roberts and seconded by John Handcock that the draft 2022 budget as discussed at the February 15, 2022 Parish Council meeting and included in the "Annual Reports to Vestry, February 27, 2022" be the one presented to Vestry on February 27, 2022." *CARRIED*

Property Report

Property Report February 2022

The work is underway in the basement to fix the water leakage problem. It should be completed on Wednesday February 16, 2022 so the basement will be available for rentals on Thursday.

John Hancock and I looked at the problem sink in the basement. We are going to replace the sink and the vanity. John is going to contact a plumber he knows to come and first advise what we should buy to replace the existing sink and vanity.

Bill Barber (via email)

Property Report Solar Panels

In March and April I called Execon Roofing and Solar asking for help to get St. Mark's solar array repaired under warranty.

This company contacted Enphase, who had supplied the solar array components in 2011.

When the replacement parts arrived and a crew was available, the work began.

Full power was restored in June.

Graph 1 indicates the change of output from June 8 to June 9, an increase from about 38 kilowatt hours to about 59kWh.

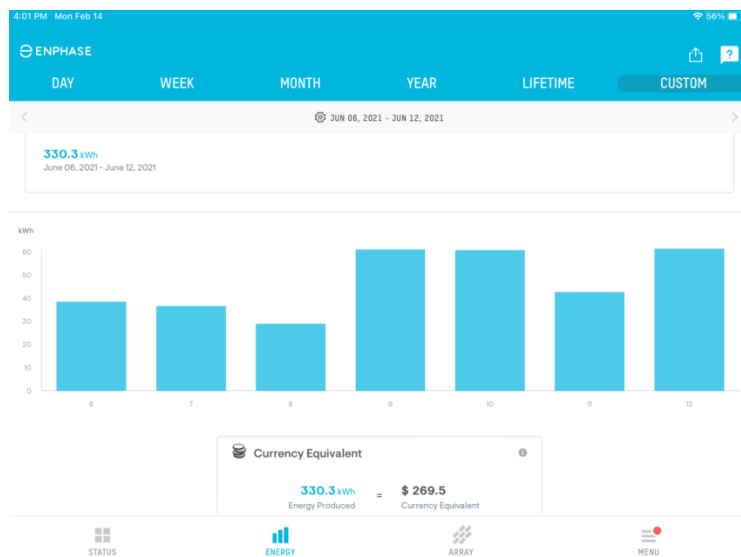
The more recent example of power output, figure 2, for January 30 has a peak power of 10 kilowatts for each 15 minute interval.

So, $10 \text{ kW} \times 1/4 \text{ hour} = 2.5 \text{ kWh}$ per interval or 10 kWh per hour. The sum of heights of all the bars gives 57.2 kWh, January 30.

The line of figure 2 represents the bar heights for January 29, where a full day of sun resulted in 64.3 kWh output for Hydro Ottawa.

Power production for the month of January, 2022 was 983.9 kWh.

John Hancock





Stewardship Report

Michael Perkin attended a Legacy Giving Workshop sponsored by Cornerstone. There are legal aspects that need to be considered which requires the assistance of a lawyer who would assist the giver in including it in their will. The approach would be one on one meetings. One option for promoting this type of giving at St. Marks is posting information on the website or by announcements in the bulletin. The older parishioners would need to be approached with sensitivity.

Membership Report

Membership February 2022

We have one new member, from Resurrection parish which has closed, Bev Muma. She is keen on being involved.

For those who remember Dorothy Ellacott, married to Herb, she passed away recently at 102 years. I'm hoping that when we are allowed to have coffee, then we will see more people coming back. Community is a very important part of church.

Cynthia Greer (via email)

Outreach Report

Nothing to report.

Choir Report

Choir Report February 2022

There has been no change.

We rehearse in the hall masked, distanced, and with the HEPA filters on full blast.

Then we go into the church to practise Sunday's music.

There are only 10 allowed, so they are basically the same each week.

I for one will be glad to be back to normal, and then maybe the Close family will come back, since at present there are 4 of them, so it would be only one a week. Cynthia Greer (via email)

New Business

Lenten Outreach

PROPOSED LENTEN PROJECTS 2022 FOR DISCUSSION

At our Parish Council meeting tomorrow, we should discuss and approve our 2022 Lenten projects. Here are two suggestions made by PC members, however if you have any other recommendations, please bring them forward tomorrow.

Diocesan community ministries - Today for Tomorrow

Over the years, St. Mark's has previously made many of the diocesan community ministries as our Lenten projects. We have a choice of donating to Today for Tomorrow, so that money goes to all of the ministries or we can direct our donation to one of the ministries. For example, this year, it is suggested that a Lenten project could be The Well.

1. The Well/La Source

The Well is one of five Community Ministries operated by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. The Well is guided by the core values of the Community Ministries, which above all else, in a spirit of mutuality, respect the dignity of every human being in the desire to address social injustice. Many of the women that The Well helps experience challenges and injustices in their lives, including homelessness, poverty, ill health, mental health problems and addictions. The Well takes a holistic approach and provides programs to ensure that all women have access to effective tools, resources and support services required to build the life they choose for themselves.

Donations can be made online via Canada Helps.

2. Lytton Fire Response

The Territory of the People, the Nlaka'pamux Nation, and the Village of Lytton were faced with the disastrous fire in Lytton in the summer of 2021 that destroyed most of the town including St. Paul's Anglican Church, a 108-year-old church on Gitwagak First Nation land near New Hazelton.

In summer 2021 PWRDF donated a solidarity grant of \$5000 to the Territory of the People. The Territory also raised funds directly to help clergy provide cash for emergency needs of those who were made homeless or were displaced by the fire. It is anticipated that donations now will help support future rebuilding.

Donations can be made via Canada Helps, PWRDF. As well, Janis has written to All My Relations regarding a means of donations and more information. We should have a response to share at our PC meeting tomorrow Tuesday at 2 pm.

Further to the proposal: All My Relations had no information regarding Lytton for Janis Perkin and suggested contacting PWRDF. Cynthia Greer has contacted the priest of the parish church in Lytton and is waiting for more info.

"It is moved by Joan Hounsell and seconded by Judy Life that the 2022 Lenten Outreach Projects, The Well/ La Source and the Lytton Fire Response be the projects for the 2022 Lenten Season. They will be included in the "Annual Reports to Vestry, February 27, 2022" to be presented to Vestry on February 27, 2022." *CARRIED*

Thanks to Members Leaving Parish Council

Thanks to Members whose terms on parish council have ended

Offered by Suzanne Bisson (via email)

Pauline Adams leaves as outgoing rector's warden. We thank Pauline for her contributions over the past 4 years.

Bill Barber was unable to attend today's meeting as he is with the Atlantic basement people, who are working in the church basement to stop the flooding. So many thanks to Bill for all he has done as people's warden and his dedication to the property portfolio. Bill will continue as the outgoing people's warden and will continue to work closely on property matters with John who moves up to peoples warden.

We will miss Terry Frederick on parish council; his words of wisdom were well-received and much appreciated. Gillian Martin, whom I got to know over the past year: many thanks to you for being a synod representative and for helping out with cleaning up the basement.

Janis leaves PC as an alternate synod member. We are grateful and thankful to all members of the Council, to Janis for her note-taking and distributing the minutes, each and every one of you is appreciated.

Pauline Adams offered thanks to Suzanne Bisson for her work as Rector's Warden.

It should be noted that although Janis Perkin has finished her term as Alternate to Synod, she will continue to be the recording secretary for parish council.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 11am via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm with the saying of the Grace.