

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST  
PARISH COUNCIL  
Meeting of  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
11:00 am, Bishop Reed Hall  
MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Rev. Julian Campbell, Georgia Roberts, Gillian Morris, Pauline Adams, Suzanne Bisson, Janis Perkin, Cynthia Greer, John Hancock, Joan Hounsell, Judy Life, Laurie Slaughter, Rob Mellon, Joan Grayer, Bill Barber, Caroline Findlay

**Opening the Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.

**Opening Prayer**

A midday meditation was offered by Rev. Julian Campbell

**Regrets**

Michael Perkin

**Approval of the Agenda**

Approval was moved by Gillian Morris and seconded by Pauline Adams. *CARRIED*

**Approval of the Minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting**

Errors and Omissions noted on page 7, Zoom meeting changed to in-person meeting and time for meeting end was 2:45 pm.

Approval was moved by Joan Hounsell and seconded by John Hancock. *CARRIED*

**Business arising from previous meetings**

**Welcomes**

Suzanne Bisson welcomed the new members to Council: Laurie Slaughter as deputy rector's warden, Rob Mellon as synod member, Caroline Findlay joins as youth representative and Joan Grayer joins as member at large. As well Pauline Adams has moved from outgoing deputy rector's warden to the alternate synod member; John Hancock moves to people's warden and Bill Barber moves to outgoing deputy peoples warden.

**Piano Donation**

Myrna DeAngelis has donated a piano to St. Marks in memory of her mother Winnie Sully and step-father Keith Sully.

**Vestry Recap**

It was felt that the Vestry by Zoom went well. New parishioners commented on how well Georgia Robert's Treasurer's Report was made. They felt that everything was quite clear.

**Regular Reports**

**Rector's Report**

**March 2022**

Father Julian welcomed the new members of council.

The 8 am Communion service is getting an increase in participants.

Canon Rhondda MacKay has agreed to spearhead a pastoral ministry program here at St. Marks. She will start this project after Easter.

There are now 3 weddings booked for this year but dates are not determined as yet.

### **Lenten Services**

Palm Sunday- will be simplified due to COVID

Tuesday of Holy Week- 7pm- evening prayer with a meditation offered by parishioner

Wednesday of Holy Week- 7pm- Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday- 7pm.

This service will include the washing of feet, a meditation offered by a parishioner and the Stripping of the Altar. The Peace Chapel will be used as the Altar of Repose and so the Chapel will need to be emptied of contents placed there while preparing for worship during COVID. Flowers will be required to create a garden setting.

Good Friday- 1pm – it will include a Meditation on the Cross and communion in one kind from the reserve sacrament.

Easter Sunday -8am. Preparation of new Paschal Candle  
-10am. Communion Service

### **SPMC**

A thank you note was received from Barbara Gagne and it contained a thank you to everyone at St. Marks for having completed the work required.

### **Stephanie McWatt**

Stephanie McWatt, our theological student will be ordained to the Diaconate on April 23, 2022. Stephanie will be the Deacon in Charge at St. Clare, the Parish of North Dundas.

### **Wardens Report/Property**

John Handcock reported that the exterior lights outside of both the Choir entrance and the Office need to be fixed. The problem appears to be the mounting mechanism which needs to be replaced. Research is ongoing. Bill Barber reported on the work in the basement/lower hall. The old sump pump was woefully underpowered to raise the water up and so really wasn't doing the job properly. It was a 3hp (horsepower) and could only lift water up 14 feet. The new pump which was donated by the company doing the repair work is stronger and can lift water up 24 feet thereby solving the problem.

The ice on the roof has been moved and a temporary fix has been put in place. A permanent fix will be looked at in the future.

Both Cynthia Greer and Joan Hounsell commented on the inadequate lighting in the sanctuary of the church. Both choristers and lesson readers can have difficulty in seeing the print. Also during livestreaming people can "disappear"

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Some comments for Parish Council about February 2022 Financials**

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

### **Income to end of February**

Collection income for the first 2 months has been good, being \$1,700 ahead of 2021 and very close to budget. We have had higher investment income, solar income and user fees than in 2021. Good news, since we are predicting all these assets to produce more in 2022 than in 2021. Our organizations have also donated more. Total General Income to end of February 2022 (\$28,386) was \$2,538 higher than in 2021 and very close to what was budgeted. Total Directed Income sat at \$214 at the end of February.

### **Expenditures to the end of February**

The \$155.91 paid for the AED in February is the annual oversight fee charged by Ottawa Paramedics.

The remainder of the cost of the basement renovations to prevent flooding has now been paid, and shows up in Repair and Upgrade in the CHURCH category.

**Total expenditures** to the end of February 2022 (\$41,765) were approximately \$6,000 higher than at the end of February 2021, but about \$1,000 less than budgeted.

### **Bottom Line**

**At the end of February 2022, our expenditures exceeded income by \$13,165.62.** At the end of February 2021, our deficit was \$9,674.20.

### **Stewardship Report**

In Michael Perkin's absence Father Julian mentioned that the two of them had met "off campus" to make a plan for a campaign in the fall. A team will be put together and will meet after Easter.

### **Membership Report**

#### **March 2022**

There are no changes in membership. Margaret Lodge and I checked the newest people pre-COVID, and they all have name tags. The newest group during COVID, will have theirs on Sunday.

Coffee hour was very successful, in that we made tea and coffee, and nearly everyone stayed to chat. There will be some items for sale in Bishop Reed Hall for the next few Sundays.

The children used to make cards probably 2 or 3 times a year when church school was in session and I mailed these to older members.

Once COVID shut us down, Joanne Pagani and her 3 teenagers continued to buy and send cards, using a list I sent. They are a bit grown up for colouring with markers. They often put in a little note as well, which the recipients enjoy.

If you know someone who would appreciate a card let me know, in case I don't have them on my list.  
Cynthia Greer (via email)

### **Outreach Report**

#### **March 2022**

There are 5 items to report this month.

- 1) 2 food deliveries were made this month to DDFH from the blue bin.
  
- 2) Lenten Outreach. The church has once again provided almsgiving envelopes to support outreach initiatives. In 2022 our 2 projects are THE WELL which is a diocesan community ministry and the LYTTON FIRE RESPONSE. All donations are tax deductible.
  
- 3) Doreen Matweow received a letter from The Leprosy Mission Canada to thank her for the stamps that she processes, trims and mails to them on a regular basis. These stamps are bought by stamp wholesalers for \$10.00 per pound and contribute to The Mission's goal of \$6000.00 in 2022. . All domestic and foreign stamps are welcome. A big thank you is offered to parishioners who donate stamps and to Suzanne who delivers them to Doreen. We particularly want to thank Doreen for the work she puts in to the preparation of the stamps before they are sent to the Leprosy Mission.
  
- 4) The next Outreach event is Mothers' Day. I will check with DDFH to see if there will be an activity this year. If the answer is "yes" I will be collecting small gifts (hand cream, soap, coffee mugs etc..) for the DDFH children to give to their mums.  
Nothing more to report.  
Joan Hounsell, Outreach Coordinator

### **Choir Report**

#### **March 2022**

There are no real changes, except that Ron Lewis should be back in a week or 2.  
Sheila Young will not be back, and Karen Barber and Ray Davidson not quite yet.  
Kate Close and Family should be back, but she worries because of her kids being in school. It seems that concern may never change, but we have to live with it, and move on.  
We have as a group of 10, managed to sing an anthem every week, and sometimes an introit.  
I don't know how the Easter season services are being planned. Cynthia Greer (via email)

### **New Business**

#### **Coffee, Company and Conversation**

Coffee, Company and Conversation will resume on April 21, 2022 with COVID measures firmly in place. Only coffee and tea will be served in the beginning.

### **Maintenance Calendar**

Georgia Roberts asked us to consider the creation of an online maintenance calendar as we have just added new furnaces, HEPA filters and a sump pump to the church inventory. The Property person seems the most likely to use and care for such a calendar which could include dates for changing the various filters, cleaning of

the HEPA filters as well as fire extinguishers. A comments/notes space would be helpful to either indicate dates or problems. Council thought that is was a good idea and Georgia has offered to speak to Joy Bowerman about the means to implement it.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in-person on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in Bishop Reed Hall at 11am.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm with the saying of the Grace.