

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
11:00 am, Bishop Reed Hall
MINUTES**

In attendance: Rev. Julian Campbell, Georgia Roberts, Pauline Adams, Suzanne Bisson, Janis Perkin, Michael 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 11:05 am.

Opening Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. Julian Campbell

Regrets

Gillian Morris

Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the agenda: Volunteers- High School Students, The Chapel Organ Removal, The Little Library

Approval was moved by Laurie Slaughter and seconded by Joan Hounsell. *CARRIED*

Approval of the Minutes from the March 22, 2022 meeting

Errors and Omissions noted on page 1, Remove the 2nd Joan Grayer from the New Members Welcome and add Keith Sully to the Piano Donation made by Myrna DeAngelis.

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

Business arising from previous meetings

Maintenance Calendar

Georgia Roberts and Joan Grayer have offered to work on the creation of a calendar. Joan Grayer suggested using the Google calendar app. Those who were using the calendar would need to have a Gmail account. Joan Grayer will start the process. It was felt that the following parishioners were the ones who would need access at the moment: Georgia Roberts, John Hancock, Bill Barber, Joy Bowerman, Suzanne Bisson and Penny Miller, there may be others as well. Joan is hoping to have a sample calendar for the next meeting.

Coffee, Company and Conversation

CCC will be following all of the necessary COVID protocols. There are 3 hosts from St. Marks and it is expected that there will be from 11 to 12 attendees. The first gathering will be on Thursday April 21, 2022.

Regular Reports

Rector's Report April 19th 2022

Parish Matters

1. Passion Week was a success! I must say a hearty thank you to all those groups and people who made it possible and they are: choir, office staff, live streamers, altar guild and parishioners at large.

2. St. Mark's patronal festival will be held April 24th at the 8 and 10 am Eucharist.
3. Much of the lighting issues have been corrected by John and Rob. Now I can even see the prayers during the Eucharist.
4. The church is in desperate need of cleaning. Some rooms look like hoarders' paradise. The chapel got a thorough cleaning and parishioners have remarked how clean it looks. I'm giving all until July to clean up their respective areas. Failing this, I am happy to assist in having them cleaned up.
5. Bible study is on break until sometime in May. I will conduct one more 4-week session before the summer break.
6. Let us be mindful about reporting information about those who are sick. Some folks guard their privacy jealously. So please ensure that parishioners are open to the idea about their names being disclosed in the service.

Diocesan Matters

1. Clergy Day is scheduled for May 31st and Clergy Conference September 19th-21. Further information will be supplied at the right time. All of which is dependent on the pandemic.
2. Stephanie's ordination is set for 23rd April 2022. If you desire to be a part of it, you can access Christ Church Cathedral's live feed.
3. Appointments:
 - Venerable Patrick Stephens was appointed archdeacon of Pembroke April 15th 2022.
 - Claire Bamma, assistant curate, Area Parish of the Valley, July 19th 2022.
 - The Rev Rhonda Waters, archdeacon, St. Helen Orleans, August 8th 2022

Further to the report:

Father Julian would like to give a series sometime on the liturgy of the Anglican Church

Wardens Report / Property

Warden's Report April 19, 2022

A small group is being set up to address new signage to replace the current one that is on the front lawn in front of the church on Fisher Ave. The current sign, although quite adequate in times past, is showing its age. Wooden signs have a 10 year lifespan.

The group which consists of Brian Harrison, Shelley Crowley, John Hancock and Suzanne Bisson will meet shortly. Their progress will be reported to Corporation and shared with parish council.

Suzanne Bisson

Further to the report:

The meeting will take place after the end of April. It was pointed out that the sign chosen may need city approval and require a permit to install.

Property Report

I have installed a new LED lamp outside the choir room door. Also, with Russell Wilkins' help the light at the office door has been installed to a secure backing.

I went shopping for a sink for the vanity in the basement washroom, hoping to find one that would fit. We will also need a new tap and drain piece.

John Hancock

Treasurer's Report

Some comments for Parish Council about March 2022 Financials

Income to end of March

Collection income for the first 3 months has been pretty good, being \$3,139 ahead of 2021, although \$2,834 less than 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. The income from organizations is well ahead of 2021 and ahead of what was budgeted, mainly due to funds deposited by the end of March from the spring market.

Total General Income to end of March 2022 (\$40,385) was \$5,769 higher than in 2021 and just \$1,665 less than what was budgeted

Total Directed Income to the end of March was lower than in 2021 mainly because of lower Lenten Outreach donations, which is probably due to Easter being later in 2022 than in 2021.

Total Income to the end of March 2022 was \$40,798.

Expenditures to the end of March

Expenditures in every broad category (i.e., SALARIES, WORSHIP, FAIR SHARE, OUTREACH, etc.) are very close to what was budgeted for January to March 2022.

Expenditures in the categories of SALARIES, FAIR SHARE, and Insurance for January to March 2022 are higher than in 2021 since March 2021 was a Jubilee month where we were relieved of the obligation to remit ECOPS, clergy housing costs, lay staff salaries, Fair Share and Insurance, which amounted to approximately \$15,000.

Expenditures in the CHURCH category for January to March 2022 (\$15,626) are higher than the \$8,892 spent in 2021 mainly due to expenditure on the basement renovations to prevent flooding that is included in Repair and Upgrade.

Total expenditures to the end of March 2022 (\$60,046) were \$20,856 higher than at the end of March 2021; however, they were \$691 less than budgeted.

Bottom Line

At the end of March 2022, our expenditures exceeded income by \$19,248, which was quite close to what was budgeted.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship April 2022

On April 5, 2022 I attended a Zoom seminar offered by the diocese on the subject of Planned Giving.

As mentioned by Fr. Julian last meeting we will be going forward with a Stewardship experience this fall.

We will be putting together a team this May (plan on meeting mid-May) to put together a more detailed way forward. At present the thought is to have a Stewardship Month (Sept) followed by a financial stewardship campaign for six weeks (Oct/Nov).

Stewardship month would be comprised of special talks on Sundays by members of the parish and the diocese on the topics of Stewardship and include different ways to celebrate how we give of our ourselves and talents All this would lead up to the launch of the Financial portion.

Not wanting to predetermine which approach the team might determine to take I anticipate that the financial portion will include all of our usual treasure and time aspects but will also include such topics as planned giving and other methods of donation.

"There can be no stewardship without stewards"

John J Jackson Jr.

Michael Perkin

Membership Report

Membership April 19, 2022

All seems to be stable. We lost 98 year old Edna Harwood to her Maker. We may possibly have a new person, who hasn't been for the last 2 weeks however. I have left her a message.

There were approximately 50 people in church on Sunday (April 17th), plus maybe 8 or 9 from the 8 a.m. That was up a bit from the week before.

Thank you to our parishioners who offered to be part of the Maundy Thursday Vigil. This year most people stayed home to observe the hour. We are going to have to figure out how to encourage people so that there are 2 people in the church at a time, since many people are uncomfortable being in the church alone in the middle of the night.

Suggestions accepted. The only thing for me was that at 1:15 am, I realized that I was on lock up, and hadn't locked the front door. So I went to check, as I had ensured the others were locked, but sure enough, the front door was unlocked. So I went in, turned most of the lights off, and was able to alarm the church, which allowed me to sleep well.

Cynthia Greer

Outreach Report

OUTREACH REPORT for APRIL 2022

There are just 3 items to report this month.

- 1) I made one delivery of food to Debra Dynes from our blue bin in the Link.
- 2) There was a request from The Well for towels which Joy included in the Newsletter. There is also an ongoing need for coffee/tea mugs. Cynthia made a delivery to St Luke's at the beginning of April of mugs that we had at church, towels and some other much needed supplies
- 3) I emailed Barbara Carroll (Debra Dynes) about the annual Mothers' Day event that we have supported (pre-Covid) with small gifts for children to give to their mothers on Mothers' Day. Barbara let me know that this event has been cancelled once again due to Covid. I will put a notice in the Newsletter that I am setting up a basket to collect small items for mothers that I will deliver along with donated food before Mother's Day. This idea was approved by Barbara.

Joan Hounsell, Outreach

Choir Report

Choir April 19, 2022

We are now at our new regular numbers, 17 at last count.

We have 'lost' 4 members for the time being, one of whom has decided to try out another church.

Now that the Marathon of Easter is over, we hope not to be under as much stress. May not seem stressful to all of you, but it is to most of us. We concentrate really hard, and I am very pleased with how we almost always manage to make things work out, especially when someone who is singing a verse is sick!

So I am offering Kudos to the choir, Ariane, the soloists and to the other 'also rans' like me. We enjoy being together and working to help the singing along.

Cynthia Greer

New Business

The Little Library

The little library will be put up when there is enough manpower to move it from the shed to its location on the front lawn of the church. The footing which it fits into will need to be inspected before bringing the library to the front.

Chapel Organ Removal

With the ongoing clean-up it has been determined that the small organ in the Peace Chapel needs to be removed. It is most likely destined for garbage pick-up and it will require some manpower to move it to the curb the day before Garbage Collection.

High School Volunteers

As the school year winds to an end there may be an opportunity to enlist the help of high school students who need to complete their community volunteer hours needed for graduation. Cynthia Greer has a number of teens to ask and was thinking of the gardens in particular.

Thanks

Thanks was offered to Judy Life, Elizabeth Van Oussenberger and Pauline Adams for the Easter Goodies at Coffee Hour. Suzanne Bisson is hoping to recruit some new people to join the roster. Father Julian offered thanks to Carolyn Findlay for all of her calm work during the preparation and ablutions of the Sunday Eucharist.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in-person on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:30am.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:02pm with the saying of the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin Recording Secretary