

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting of

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

10:00am, Bishop Reed Hall

### MINUTES

#### **In attendance:**

Suzanne Bisson, Gillian Morris, Bev Muma, John Hancock, Joan Hounsell, Laurie Slaughter, Carolyn Findlay, Cynthia Greer, Pauline Adams, Joan Grayer, Bill Barber, Rev. Julian Campbell, Joy Bowerman

#### **Regrets**

Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin

#### **Opening the Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

#### **Business Arising From Previous Meeting**

None

#### **Approval of the Minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting**

Approval of the minutes was moved by Gillian Morris and seconded by Carolyn Findlay  
*CARRIED*

#### **Special Announcement from Les Cundell**

Les Cundell spoke to us before the meeting officially began. After many years of dedicated service, he is resigning from 2 of his positions. Much appreciation by all was expressed for all the hard work he has done over the years.

1. He will no longer be associated with the Alarm System. Without Les, there will only be two participants. After explaining how the system works, he recommended adding at least four more people to be on the call list.

2. He will no longer keep a list of who opens and closes, or the sides and counters. Joy has been doing the opening and closing for the past year and a half. There is a need for more people. .

### *Discussion and Action*

Suzanne will raise these issues at the Corporate meeting and try to obtain a strategy to enlist more people.

Joy will advertise the need for more sides in the newsletter.

After the Rector Warden's report, Joan Grayer asked if we could look at other ways to attract younger members such as recruiting new choir members from Carleton U or Algonquin College or local music groups. Are there other ways we can attract people to our service? Suzanne asked to include this in New Business for the next meeting.

### **Regular Reports**

#### **Rector's Report April 25, 2023**

##### **Parish**

1. Liturgy: I'm still sourcing a sanctuary bell for the services
2. In the process of recruiting new servers. So far, 4 people have volunteered. If you know any other interest, please let me know.
3. Thanks to all those who assisted so ably during Holy Week: Janis, Joy, Jenny and choir. Thanks to the organizers, led by Cynthia for a wonderful luncheon
4. The diocese has, in conjunction with the Ottawa Hospital, the rector on call for the following dates: May 1-7, May 22-28 and June 12-18.
5. I will be travelling to Montreal in a few weeks to conduct the funeral services for Kathy Woodard's parents.
6. Bahamian Independence (50 yrs.) planning committee and High Commissioner V. Alfred Gray have indicated that they wish to worship with us July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am mass. They don't want a separate service.
7. St. Marks celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Feast of Dedication. We're looking at exploring a year of events leading up to 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So far 2 persons are confirmed to organize the year-long celebration.
8. Earlier, we inquired about the organ at St. Martin's Church in light of the fact that the church is being disestablished. Apparently, they had already made arrangements to gift it to St. Stephen's. However, the organ at St. Matthias is available to any church that is interested.

## **Diocese:**

1. Bishop Shane announces the retirement of the Reverend Carolyn Seabrook, effective October 1, 2023.
2. Mr. Paul Lex: Director of Human Resources for the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, effective May 8, 2023. Paul comes to us from a senior position in a company that operates in four countries and brings extensive experience in HR management. He studied law at the University of London (UK) and management at the Yale School of Management (USA) and has made Ottawa his home since 2017. Paul is fluent in German, English, and Mandarin, and has intermediate competency in French.
3. The Reverend Dr. Jarrett Carty: Deacon Residentiary at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, effective September 1, 2023. Deacon Jarrett will continue to serve as the part-time Chaplain to Belong Ottawa and as a full professor and Principal of the Liberal Arts College at Concordia University.
4. Bishop's Clergy Day scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd from 9:30 am to 4 pm at St. Paul's Kanata.

Presentations will be made by Joel Prentice, Director of Property & Asset Management; Sanjay Grover, Director of Financial Ministry; Sandra Hamway, Director of Communications & Development; and Petra Ghazleh, Human Resources Advisor. Ample time will be given during and after each presentation for questions and discussion.

### *Discussion:*

Joy advised us of the huge cost of moving a pipe organ from St Mathias

## **Rector's Warden Report April 25,2023**

### **1. Meeting St. Mark's & Good Shepherd Barrhaven.**

As we know Good Shepherd will be decommissioned. The wardens from both churches met to discuss our parishes. We used our church profiles from the Shape of Parish Ministry to guide our conversation. Georgia, who was one of the coordinators of SPMC, provided some statistical comparisons of our demographics.

### **2. Eleven Actions to implement the Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation (SPMC) Proposals**

At Synod 2022 two of the proposals were adopted and action began and the third proposal was approved and a commitment made to implement it. The third proposal concerns engaging with the world by establishing new worshipping communities tailored to include people we are not currently **reaching** (e.g., young adults, global Christians, seekers) and by doing contextual mission (learning how to share the love of God in ways that are aware of the cultures and situations of **people in the wider community**)

Information on the second action, **Developing strategies to engage with the world** was sent to us earlier this month. I sent this out earlier for commentary.

The diocese wants to hear from parishes if we have worshipping communities that are active or if we are in the process of planning. They will use these worshipping communities as models within the diocese.

There are Eleven Actions, which are the top strategic priorities of our diocese.

- 1. Building ministry resources and knowledge**
- 2. Developing strategies to engage with the world**
- 3. Guiding major parish changes**
- 4. Stimulating innovation and collaboration**
- 5. Reviewing parish fair share**
- 6. Using dividends for parish ministry costs**
- 7. Bringing clarity to parish governance**
- 8. Training and support for parish leaders**
- 9. Providing services to parishes**
- 10. Equipping parishes to thrive**
- 11. Funding parish engagement with the world**

All of the Eleven Actions will have an impact on parishes. Some will be seamless, such as reviewing canon laws. Others such as action 9, providing services to parishes have a definite impact, such as standardization of rental leases, common services such as snow removal and the provision of accounting support and a web-based financial system.

*Discussion:*

Some members of parish council suggested that the diocesan's wording of 'worshipping communities' was confusing. Suzanne said that in the context of the Eleven Actions to implement the Shape of Parish Ministry proposals, St. Mark's does not have any nor immediate plans to enact a worshipping community. The three groups identified in the Eleven Actions are young adults, Global Christians, and Christians who have left the Anglican and other churches.

**Coffee Company & Conversation**

Laurie Slaughter would like to see it expanded it to be of more assistance in the community. E.g . foot care sessions. She asked that we think of ways to attract more attendees.

**Warden's Property Report April 2023**

John had nothing new to report.

Bill Barber will try to use rechargeable batteries to replace the lights that do not work outside the link. They have not worked for a long time.

More ant traps are needed as the ants are back.

Several people have volunteered to help Joan Grayer with the garden this year.

**Treasurer's Report**

There is very little to report this month. The collections income is \$4,000 behind where we hoped to be but the User Fees are ahead. The main income from the Spring Market has not

yet been deposited and will be deposited at the end of this month. The Internet and telephone are less than budgeted as we are working through our incentives and did not have to pay either this month.

The financial reports have been sent to each member of the Parish Council. They are both different from the ones I sent a short time ago. The Balance sheet has removed the offensive term Retained Earnings and the Budget Comparison has all the columns on one page and the offensive term profit remove

### **Membership Report**

We haven't yet kept up with Easter Sunday's 72, but we were around 50 on Sunday.

This was verified since that was the number who attended our Patronal festival luncheon for St Mark's Day.( 25th)

People seemed to have a good time. Thank you to all who in some way helped to make it a success. Exams are pretty much over at Carleton, so we may not see any students, such as Mark until the fall.

Hopefully we can keep some social activities going to help build us up.

Cynthia Greer.

### **Choir Report**

The choir participated in the 3 services around the Easter weekend. I felt that Good Friday and Easter Day in particular had worked out very well, with the appropriate atmosphere, helped along by the music. Thank you to all the choir members who turned up robed in clean white robes and prepared for the services. We are lucky to have such a loyal, reliable group of people.

We are still working on trying to get both ancient and modern. The homily seemed to suggest that we, not just the choir, should be encouraged to move forward. In the opinion of quite a few of us, there's room for both, so we will keep that in mind.

Cynthia Greer

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### **Stewardship Report**

No report this month

### **Outreach Report**

Before Easter I dropped off food, diapers, egg cartons and several cheques from parishioners to DDFH.

On April 17 another delivery of food, egg cartons and 2 packs of diapers was made.

On March 19 Fr Julian and I delivered milk bags to All Saints, Greely. We were greeted warmly by Grace, Peoples Warden, who gave us a tour of the church and the hall where the mats are made.

Fr Julian also worked with Grace on a loom...we have a video as proof. St Marks donation was really appreciated and a thank you card was sent to us from All Saints.

Effective March 2023, Centre 454, St Luke's Table and The Well Day Programs have merged into a single organization, Belong Ottawa. Information about this new organization can be found in Crosstalk.

All for now....

Joan Hounsell, Outreach.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in-person on May 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am with the saying of the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Grayer