

Minutes Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, October 23, 2018—Web Version

Present: James, Steve, Carol, Linda, Cathy, Michael, David, Diane, Darcy, Jean, Alan

Regrets: Elizabeth, Michelle, Tim, Emily, Allison

Recorder: Kay

The meeting was called to order by Carol, Chair, at 7:06 p.m. Michael opened in prayer.

1. Moved by Carol seconded by David, to adopt the minutes from the June meeting. From the June meeting minutes, two motions were made and passed by Parish Council.
2. Moved by Carol, seconded by David to adopt the September web minutes. Carried. The regular minutes were tabled until everyone had the minutes and they would be brought forward at the next meeting.

Management Reports:

Pam reported on a few of the projects her committee was involved in. They collected money for the Alzheimer's Society which was only one of them. She thanked the Parish Council members for taking on the November flower delivery. There were no other reports from the Management Group.

Financial Report:

Cathy was called upon to give a financial report up to and including the month of September. She indicated that costs and revenues were similar to last month. However, revenues are still not up to budget predictions and in fact are under by \$12,000. She has a slight concern and that will be highlighted and cautioned when the financial committee starts its' budget deliberations in November for next year. The church budget is ok with expenditures, either on or just under budget. Building maintenance expenses are a little under and the flower fund continues to be stable. The rectory fund is gaining a bit; however, the new rental duplex required a lot of work in September which was moderately expensive. That property has been modernized, more energy efficient and is fully rented which with the renovations has made it more desirable and able to keep rented. The Memorial fund has been growing. An expenditure of \$1341.00 for a projection screen for the church came out of the memorial fund. The Finance committee plans to put information in the December Newsletter. The Stewardship letter is being worked on and it will go out after Christmas.

Carol thanked Cathy and the Finance Committee so much for all the work they do, and to Cathy for her monthly reports and keeping on top of all the Church finances.

Steve reported that the Property Visioning Committee will meet again on the 30th of October.

Other Business:

James requested that the meeting time be changed from evening to 4:45 beginning with the next meeting, November 27th.

Cathy noted that it was the time of year to discuss donating the \$1500.00 Discretionary funds. Cathy mentioned that she had attempted, last year, to donate to the Habitat for Humanity Project in Calgary but could not find where to send it to.

Moved by Carol, seconded by Michael, that she would try again and give it to the Diocese's Habit for Humanity from the 2017 motion.

For the 2018 Discretionary Fund, \$1500.00 is available. Discussion ensued and it was decided to table until next month so all could think about projects and bring ideas back to the November meeting.

The Stewardship campaign will be running similar to past year with November 25 being Stewardship Sunday. Packages will be ready for people to take home. Karen will speak at that Sunday service. The committee will focus on people returning their cards.

James and Steve gave some information on the sound system repairs that are needed. Steve reported that David had taken a lot of time and effort looking into the system and found that the graphic equalizer had stopped and so he bypassed it as a temporary fix.

Moved by Diane, seconded by Darcy, that the sound system upgrades to equipment are purchased to a maximum of \$2,000, to be funded through the memorial fund. Carried. Carol will call David and let him know that it has been approved.

A Harvest supper report was given noting that attendance was not as good as last year with only 130 so far. There was a concern that the price might be a little high but noted that it might just be timing. It will be catered thus raising cost but cutting down on actual labor. Carol noted that the profit from the sale of wine was voted on by Corporation, to go to Rylee Pearson and Jayla Matchett, two student parishioners, for their French Immersion trip to Quebec.

Steve was excited about the Newsletter distribution meeting. This includes both internal and external communication. The meeting will address what is being done now and what could be

done in the future and other avenues to take. The committee would look at ways to enhance our digital communication. Electronic communication is the way of the future. Steve has invited all the people that currently work on any communication in the Church but anyone who is interested in this subject is invited.

November flower delivery:

November 4 – Jean Larson
November 11 - Michael Larsen
November 18 – Diane Wahlfeldt
November 25 –

Senior Christmas Party:

Carol noted that the Senior Christmas party sponsored by Parish Council was just around the corner and she had already been busy getting volunteers for various jobs. The date is December 8 from 2-4 P.M. Dick Allison will donate wine. Greg will set up sound system. Workers and food sign-up sheet was passed around for Parish Council members to sign up for. Set up will be 10:00 a.m. Still needed are kitchen help, clean-up crew, a phone crew to invite seniors to the party and drivers for pick up and take home. Carol has organized Southern Accord Chorus, a Women's barbershop singing group for the entertainment. They will sing Christmas music plus old time songs. A \$100.00 honorarium will be given to them. It was suggested that due to the limited wheelchair access to the hall that the party would be moved to the Crypt where more of the seniors could access it via the elevator and the washrooms were wheelchair accessible as well.

Property Maintenance:

Eddie's house has been scraped and the front painted. The rest will be completed in the spring. The fence between the hall and Eddie's house has been replaced. Thanks to Michael, Gary, Alan and Allan for taking this on. The garage roof at 408 will be replaced in the spring. Eaves trough has been replaced on Parish Hall. The stairs leading to the hall kitchen as well as the deck at the top is in disrepair and is a safety hazard. Gary M. is getting two quotes. Diane moved, seconded by Jean Larson that the steps and deck outside the back of the hall be rebuilt, funded from the capital fund to a maximum of \$7,500. Carried.

Carol noted that the people who have done our snow removal for the past 5 years have never received a raise. A \$25.00 per month raise was agreed upon.

Carol noted that the purple frontals were back on the agenda as the fabric company has found another supplier and is sending a sample piece of fabric to see if it will be suitable. It is our hope that it will be suitable and that the frontals will be replaced.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be November 27, starting at 4:45 p.m.