

# St. Augustine's Parish Council Meeting

September 25, 2018 7:00 pm

## Unapproved Minutes

**Call to Order:** at 7:06 pm by Chairman Carol

**1. Prayer:** Lead by David

**2. Agenda:** The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. There was addition of "Concert" at 6.aa.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the June 2018 meeting were unavailable so will be approved at the next meeting.

### **4. Management Committee Reports**

There were reports from Tina and Gary of the Hospitality Ministry, from Pam with the Caring Ministry. Michael gave a verbal report for the Worship Ministry. He said that services have been planned through January. November 11 falls on a Sunday and it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Remembrance Day.

### **5. Business Arising:**

**a) Finance Report:** Cathy reported that contributions are below budget. Finance Committee is working to find appropriate ways to increase giving and they will continue to communicate on their efforts. The Funds are doing well. The Rental Fund is in the black and there was great support for the Piano Fund from parishioners. There are still a few more expenses to come for the piano, but there is enough to cover those. No money was needed from the Memorial Fund.

**b) Property Purchase Update:** It is expected that we should take possession of the duplex very soon. It has been empty for two months and that time has given us the opportunity to do some renovations. Outside work has been done on the property by a group of volunteers.

**c) Property Visioning Committee:** There has been one meeting so far. There has been discussion about short-term (eg. generating income from the parking space available), medium-term and long-term issues. They feel there needs to be solid consultation with the parish about the plans, especially long-term plans, for the properties but they don't know what that consultation process will look like yet.

### **6. Other Business**

**aa) Concert** – James asked if PC could meet at 4:30 on October 23 to avoid conflict with a concert that evening. Most of those present had no problems making it, albeit one or two said they would be a little late.

**a) Envelope Secretary** – Karen has volunteered to be the new envelope secretary. Karen was in the office and was given a cheer when she was asked to step out into the meeting.

**b) Synod Delegate** – We will need someone to replace one of our Synod delegates. There is no Synod planned, but we need delegates in case one is called on short notice. Barbara will be informed that she has been appointed to the vacant position.

**c) Property**

i) Property information – Years ago, members from St Augustine’s asked the Lutheran Church across the alley for first right of refusal on any property they might wish to sell. They have just approached us for that reason. They are looking to sell the small house to the south of their church building.

The timing is very poor as we have just purchased a new property. The property in question is not contiguous with our other properties so it would only be useful as a rental unit. Both Corporation and Finance both felt it was not in our best interest to purchase the property; PC members felt the same.

Carol was asked to convey our thanks for coming to us first, and our regrets for having to say no.

ii) The Lutherans would like to talk about doing things together, for example sharing some ministries or events. Carol said she would talk to them more about this when she meets with them. We would like to keep the doors open.

**d) Scholarship Trustee** – Darcy said he has met with the scholarship fund manager from CIBC. The fund is declining. Darcy wants to set it up as self-sustaining and with auto-withdraw but he needs to find out more about how the funds transfer to the U of L. He is the only signing authority right now. It was suggested he attend a Finance Committee meeting once he has answers to some of his questions.

**e) Discretionary Fund** – Cathy reminded everyone that PC has \$1500 allocated to a charity of our choice each year and we need to be thinking about recipients for this year’s funds.

**f) Laptop Purchase** – A laptop was purchased for Wendy on short notice because it was needed for VBS. It was decided to spend the money from the Capital Fund.

**g) Projection Screen** – Steve said that a projection screen has been purchased and is being used on Saturday evenings. It is available to everyone for use.

**h) Harvest Supper** – is on October 27. Much of the detail was in the Hospitality Ministry report.

**i) Senior’s Christmas Party** – is December 8. Carol is looking into new entertainment. Someone is needed only for about 20 minutes and will be paid a small fee and food.

**j) Property Maintenance** – items that need to be done or are being done are listed on the agenda. It is a stipulation of the new line of credit that all our rental properties be kept in good order.

- A work crew is scheduled to scape and paint Eddy’s house on October 13, weather permitting. This opportunity will go into the bulletin.
- The fence behind the hall is to be painted as well.

- It is not sure if the roof on the garage at 408-12<sup>th</sup> St will be replaced this year now. It is not leaking...yet.
- Another quote is needed on repairing/replacing the eavestroughs on the hall. One quote has been given and it seems reasonable but another would be good to have.
- The fence between the hall and Eddy's house was replaced this evening by Alan Efetha and Allan Besplug
- The porch and stairs outside the hall kitchen are very unsafe and need to be replaced soon. One quote came in at \$13,000 so we need more quotes.
- A lot of work has been done on the new duplex thanks to Barbara and Kay. The caraganas have been removed but a work bee may be needed to control the weed problem.

**k) Flower Delivery** – everyone who delivered flowers or volunteered for coffee hour was thanked and told how much their efforts were appreciated.

**Adjournment and closing prayer:** @ 8:45 pm by unanimous consent.