

**Church of St. John the Evangelist  
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis  
Vestry Meeting – May 23, 2024**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church met on May 23, 2024, at 7 pm. The Ven. Paul Ranson opened the meeting with prayer. Present were Paul Ranson, Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Jeanne Sayre and Heather Storey. Regrets – Steve Hart, Dennis Williams, Michael Clark and Joan Dunphy.

**Approval of the Agenda** - Moved by Ben, seconded by Nancy that the agenda be approved as read. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes of the April Meeting** – moved by Paul, seconded by Donna, that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

**Correspondence** – Bill has been in contact with Heather Cleveland, who initiated a petition on Change.org to save the stone church. She is willing to work with us to find a way to repair the roof. Also, the Orthodox Church is currently not in a position to take over the stone church.

Correspondence was received re radon testing.

**Business Arising** – Nancy spoke with Roger, who can build a shelter for the heat pumps, probably in June. This is mainly to protect against vandalism. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jeanne, that we approve \$800.00 to have protection built for the heat pumps. Carried.

Jeanne will ask her nephew, who owns a construction company, to look at the roof of the stone building to see if it can be patched before we are able to get someone to replace the roof.

*Gym floor* – no one is available in the summer to paint the lines, but possibly in the fall. The floor will need to be stripped and waxed first.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance and Admin** – no report

**Youth and Seniors** – communion services have resumed at York Care Centre.

**Treasurer's Report** – see Ben's report attached. Moved by Ben, seconded by Paul, that the treasurer's report be approved. Carried.

**Church Properties** – see above.

**Willing Wonders** – The annual yard sale will be held Saturday.

**Worship** – The schedule is completed up until the end of September. Cliff Humble, Barb Hart and Harold Rice are stepping down as lay readers. David Peer will cover the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June service as Paul will be moving that weekend. A question was asked about an honorarium for priests who cover services. Paul will investigate this.

**Cemetery** – Volunteer Day is June 1<sup>st</sup>. The survey should be finalized in two weeks. All Green has recommended someone who can do fertilizing. There is currently a moratorium on sales of plots until we know if any more land is available.

**New Business** – The Parish Advisory Committee has met three times. The questionnaire is now available for the congregation to complete and should be submitted by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Nancy has been in touch with Wayne Knorr to get information on population of different wards. This is to help with preparation of the parish profile, which will be submitted to Shawn Branch in June. The idea is to aim for September, but it could definitely take longer than that.

**For Prayer** – Our Rector – Paul, Kimberly, Isaac, Colin and Rachel  
Our Parish – Darrell, Josh and Paul

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace.

**Next Regular Vestry Meeting** – June 27, 2024, at 7 pm. This will be Paul's last vestry meeting.

After the meeting we made plans for a Farewell Party for Paul and family June 16<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 service, with a shared meal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Jones*

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: St. John's Anglican Church  
 April 18, 2024

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Financial Statements as of April 30, 2024

Balance Sheet

- Bank balance of \$108,013
  - Up about \$1,200 from last month, \$26,703 increase from last year
  - \$88,616 in special purpose funds
  - \$19,397 excluding special purpose funds
- Smart Bequest now showing under Synod Investments as "75 Main Street Improvement Fund"
- \$7,017 in HST receivables
- \$2,133 in accounts payable

Income Statement

- Revenue
  - \$77,868 in YTD unrestricted offerings
    - Down \$5,366 from April 2023 (number of Sundays, Easter offering down)
    - Increase of \$17,601 in the month of April 2024 (below average)
  - Total revenue \$139,617
  - Adjusted Revenue: \$88,525 (excluding Smart bequest)
- Expenses ◦ \$92,360 year to date
  - Down \$17,795 from 2023 (majority is the camera and projector)
  - Expenses of \$20,319 in the month of April
- Net Income ◦ Adjusted: Deficit of \$3,835

Other

- Credit card is now operational and several recurring payments have been switched over; working with Bank of Nova Scotia to be able to access online statements
- CRA charity return to be prepared by June 30

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Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 2024-04-30	As at 2023-04-30	Difference
ASSET			
Current Assets			
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00	0.00
Operating Bank Account	108,013.23	81,310.38	26,702.85