

**Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting – March 21, 2024**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church met on March 21, 2024, at 7 pm. The Ven. Paul Ranson opened the meeting with prayer. Present were The Ven. Paul Ranson, Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Jeanne Sayre, Stephen Hart, Dennis Williams, Michael Clark, Joan Dunphy and Heather Storey.

Additional Items for the Agenda – Add Music Leader to Business Arising; add photo to New Business. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jeanne that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of January and February Meetings – moved by Dennis, seconded by Steve, that the minutes of January be approved. Carried. Moved by Ben, seconded by Donna that the minutes of February be approved as amended (Jeanne regret). Carried.

Correspondence – letter from Archbishop David re Paul's resignation.

Response from David Bell re the Stone Church Trust. There is a debate as to whether it is a restricted trust fund or not, and if and when parameters were added. We will get the exact wording of the original motion and vote to use it.

Business Arising – Bill and Paul will meet with Father Penney of the Orthodox Church and ask the Stone Building Working Group to see what their intentions are for the building. They would really like to purchase the building and the land it is on, so they are able to procure donations. We will have to see if we can legally sell the land, or perhaps lease the land. It was suggested that at least two members of vestry be on the committee. The only thing left inside that we would have to remove would be pews. Jeanne and Donna have offered to serve on the working group as well.

Children's Church – Vivian has enough volunteers to provide the program.

Senior's Support Volunteers – It was suggested at the Annual Meeting that it would be helpful to have volunteers to check in on seniors, especially those isolated at home, needing rides, etc. Jeanne will reach out to Lynda Wood to discuss a plan similar to what took place during Covid.

Floor Cleaning – we have a machine here, but we need to know how to use it. Paul will make some enquiries.

New Mac Status – the driver will not support the camera. Michael will see if he can get this to work.

Credit Card Status – we do have one now.

New Sign Label Status – we have the label, but we will wait until it is dry outside to put it in.

Deposit Availability for Salam – Steve reported that the women are doing very well. Both have jobs and have gotten their drivers' licences. The boys would like to play soccer. It is \$300 per year. Salam has a sister-in-law and children who would like to come to Canada. They have requested that we act as a third-party trustee to hold money in deposit for them to help get them here. There is no financial risk to our church. We will get further information to approve this.

Music Leader – the applicant is not able to commit currently.

Committee Reports

Finance and Admin – no meeting

Youth and Seniors – no report

Treasurer's Report – see Ben's report. Moved by Paul, seconded by Jeanne that we donate the \$2,500 received from the Homeless Shelter project to the Community Kitchen. Carried. Moved by Ben, seconded by Jeanne that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried.

Church Properties – Water heater rental status – the paperwork is done, and we are awaiting installation. Steve will speak to someone at Saxon Electric to do an energy audit because of the unexplained spike in the power bill.

Chair cleaning will take place tomorrow.

Willing Wonders – Seeking approval to purchase two new tables with Willing Wonders' funds. Moved by Heather, seconded by Nancy, that we purchase two tables from Wayfair to a maximum of \$1,000. Carried.

Worship – Paul is working on coverage for the summer. Coverage in the fall is up to vestry. Maundy Thursday service is here. Good Friday is at the Baptist Church and Cathedral. Easter Morning sunrise service will be at Killarney Lake at 7 am, in the lodge if raining. The main services will be at 8:30 and 10:30.

Cemetery – no change yet

New Business – Selection Committee for a new rector has guidelines. The diocese would like one member of the committee between the ages of 16 and 35. Chase McLean might be a good choice. Shawn Branch will be meeting with the committee. A parish profile will have to be compiled to be given to Shawn. Questionnaires can be sent out to the congregation to see what the needs and wants are. The bishop will provide the name of a person he feels would be a good fit for the parish. He asked for permission to start the process before Paul leaves.

Willing Wonders had a Norwex party and earned credit for supplies we need in the kitchen.

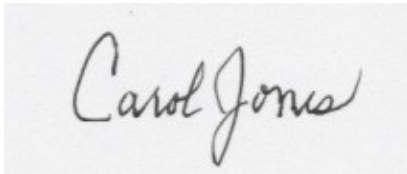
A group photo of vestry will be taken following the meeting.

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

Next Regular Vestry Meeting – April 18, 2024, at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm with prayer and the grace.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Jones".

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: St. John's Anglican Church

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Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024

Balance Sheet

- Bank balance of \$154,296
 - Increase of over \$60,000 from last year
 - Includes \$84,657 of special purpose funds and \$52,497 of flow-through payables (Smart bequest)
 - Just under \$17,000 excluding special purpose funds and flow-through payables
 - \$2,000 in flow through payables (credit) – hold on credit card
- \$6,592 HST receivable
- \$5,739 in accounts payable

Income Statement

- Revenue
 - \$36,852 in year to date unrestricted offerings
 - Down over \$2,000 from this time last year
 - Offerings target for 2024: \$245,000
 - \$4,087 in designated offerings
 - \$43,722 in total revenue
- Expense
 - Credits for insurance (\$1,544), maintenance and repairs (\$1,000 – heat pumps), and office supplies (\$151 – photo copier)
 - \$51,553 in total expenses
- Net Income
 - Year to date net loss of \$7,831

Other

- Balance of Linden Smart bequest (\$51,092) to be set up with the Diocese as an investment and be used for the future maintenance and improvements of 75 Main Street
- \$2,500 donation from Homeless Shelters (flow through payables)