

**St George's Anglican Church, New Hamburg**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting –April 4, 2017

**In Attendance:** Margaret Cassel, Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Janice Holst, Bob Kostash, Gail Kostash, Charles Jenkins, Lori Laurette (Recording Secretary), Kathy Richmond-Cox (Chair ) Rev. Margaret Walker,

**Regrets** Margaret Bennett, Paul Ditner: Erma Godber, Carol Massel, Calvin Williston

1. **Opening Prayer** - Council members shared in the reading of “True Riches”.
2. **Review of Minutes from Mar 14, 2017**
  - a. Review of action items
  - b. 16E name/spelling is Tracy Loch.

Action Items from the previous Council meeting were reviewed. Items 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 will continue on the Action Items list. Items #3, 4, 10 completed

**Approval of Minutes – Bob Kostash moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Seconded by Charles Jenkins. Carried.**

3. **Rector's Report** – Rev. Margaret
  - a. Induction at Trinity- Numerous members of congregation were pleased by the support
  - b. Bishop's Vision-was shared at the clergy and the Parish Council Retreat.
  - c. Report from clericus- the majority of this meeting was spent on talking about and touring Monica Place.
4. **Warden's Report** – Marg Cassel
  - a. Parish Council retreat- it was a successful and positive retreat. Some of the items discussed will be brought forward. Rev. Margaret indicated that we should have a special congregational meeting to report on the results of the Parish Self-Assessment, as part of the 5 year plan. There was a suggestion to have a task force to start completing sections of the self-assessment. Members of the congregation should be asked to participate. Who? It was agreed that Parish Council members will take a piece of the report. The wardens will prepare a schedule. Gail Kostashj will start with Evangelism from the Mission and Ministry Plan, for the next meeting.
  - b. Garbage- There will be a laminate posting for what goes into the green bin. A new Parish Hall rental letter will be drafted to include the new garbage disposal requirements.
  - c. Parking sign- in progress
  - d. Emergency contact list- in progress
  - e. Hall Rental- in progress
  - f. Book keeping- no volunteers as yet.
  - g. Bequest from Hilda Puddicombe includes an additional \$550,000.00 to be invested in the Diocese. St George's will be able to utilize the interest income. At the end of 2018 we estimate will have \$35,000 in interest income if the investment returns continue at the same levels. Wardens and Rev. Margaret suggested that 10% be used for mission and ministry in line with the bequest policy that was approved at last vestry. Members discussed paying off the debt. We are grateful.
5. **Congregational Development Committee** – no report
  - a. **Sunday School**
6. **Worship Committee** – Rev. Margaret
  - a. Plans for St George's Day. This is also a family service. Council agreed that we can acknowledge the celebration of St George's Day through choice of hymns and a special cake to have during coffee hour.

**7. . Communications Committee – Margaret Cassel**

- c. **Lent newsletter** – sent out.

**8. Outreach – Gail Kostash, Kathy Richmond Cox**

- a. **Sponsorship of refugee family** - meeting will take place at St. Andrews. The Dad of first family has a job as a bus driver. Gail updated the council on the high needs boy who will receive a physiological assessment to identify and utilize his strengths. Rev. Margaret indicated that the Diocese has over 200 applications with 137 spaces.
- b. **Monica Place** – Gala is Wed. June 28th. There will be a request for \$50.00 per parish and the money will be used toward food.
- c. **Letter regarding Housing for Indigenous People** – Rev. Margaret indicated that the letter was sent.

**9. St. James – No report**

- a. Cemetery by-law.

**10. Social/Fundraising Committee – Gail Kostash for Margaret Bennett**

- a. Next Events – Gail indicated that the ACW would like to spend some worship time during the ACW potluck. Kathy will bring the health form to be completed for the Victorian Tea to the ACW meeting.
- b. Victorian Tea – May 13th. Kathy suggested that we get the health form into the township at least one month before the event date

**11. Building & Property –Rev Margaret**

- a. Steps-3 weeks for delivery and installation of the steps.
- c. Building Assessment – The Property Condition Matrix is part of the Parish Self-Assessment. Property committee is asked to complete this before the building inspection.
- d. Building inspection- no date as yet. Paul will accompany the inspector and provide data that we have collected from the building assessment.

**12. Finance Committee – Gail Kostash**

- a. Treasurer’s Report. Gail Kostash provided financial reports for March 2017. As of 29th of March the General Fund Balance was (29725.07).

**Moved by Bob Kostash and seconded by Marg Cassel that the March financial report be accepted. Carried.**

**16. New Business**

- a. Next meeting Tuesday May 9, 7:15pm.:
- b. ACW will provide funds toward the dishwasher. Ann Clark will bring all of the details regarding the dishwasher selection, purchase and installation. Gail will bring all of details to the Wardens and to Parish Council for sign off. Marg Cassel indicated that we will need a water softener to run the dishwasher.
- c. There is an Idea to set up a discussion table somewhat separated from the social aspect of Sunday coffee hour. Gail Kostash will make the announcement on Sunday. Parish Council agreed to call it “Food for Thought”.
- d. Lawn-cutting – We will hire the same landscaper as last year. Rates remain the same as 2016.
- e. Movie license renewal- Parish agreed to renew the annual movie license.
- f. Driveway – Bob suggested that we gather the asphalt and take it to the dump. It is ruining the grass.

**17. Adjournment –Gail Kostash moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Carried.**

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 5 – Lenten Study, 7:30pm
- Apr 9 – Passion Sunday with Liturgy of Palms
- Apr 10, 11, 12 – Evening Prayer for Holy Week, 4:00pm
- Apr 13 – Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm, Seder Supper, 5:00pm
- Apr 14 – Good Friday, 10:30am
- Apr 16 – Easter Sunrise, 6:30am, Easter, 10:30am
- Apr 16 – Nithview Service, 1:30pm
- Apr 18 – ACW Potluck Supper
- May 2 – Deanery Council, All Saint’s, 7:00pm
- May 7 – Men’s Breakfast and Book Study, 8:45am
- May 3 – Blanket Exercise, St James, Cambridge
- May 9 – Parish Council, 7:15pm
- May 13 – Judy Paulsen Evangelism Event, St George’s of Forest Hill, 9:30 – 4:00pm
- May 13 – Victorian Tea hosted by St George’s.

**Action Items**

#	Responsible Party	Due Date	Details
1	Wardens	May	Look at detailing and writing up some of the job descriptions within the newsletter in an effort to have others consider their strengths and what role they may play within the church.
2	Parish Council	In progress	Read over and consider all of the options. <b>Reducing clergy from 75 to 50% and look into linking with other parishes</b> – Leader Kathy Richmond Cox <b>Selling the house</b> – Leader, Carol Massel <b>Selling house &amp; church</b> - Leader, Gail Cuthbert Brandt <b>Rent the entire house up &amp; down. Wholly or into 2 separate apartments</b> – Leader Bob Kostash <b>Stewardship campaign</b> - Leader, Gail Kostash <b>Partnering/Amalgamating with another church</b> - Leader, Marg Cassel.
4	Parish Council	May	Letter to the tenant to include the new garbage pickup rules
5	Rector/Wardens	May	Investigate possibilities for twinning St. George’s with an Aboriginal parish in the Diocese of Huron.
6	Carol Massel	May	Report back regarding possible tour of Waterloo Recycling facility.
7	Wardens	ASAP	Arrange for sign for St. George’s parking space adjacent to medical centre parking
8	Wardens	ASAP	Prepare emergency contact list.
9	Wardens	ASAP	Revise hall rental form
10	Wardens	ASAP	Arrange for bookkeeping duties to be assigned.
11	Gail Kostash	May 9th	Portion of Evangelism from the Mission and Ministry plan and prepare it for next meeting.
12	Property Team	May 9th	Complete Property Condition Matrix portion of Parish Self-Assessment.
13	Wardens	May	Prepare a rental increase letter

