

St George's Anglican Church, New Hamburg

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – September 12, 2017

In Attendance: Margaret Bennett, Margaret Cassel, Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Paul Ditner, Erma Godber, Charles Jenkins, Lori Laurette (Recording Secretary), Kathy Richmond-Cox(Chair), Rev. Margaret Walker

Regrets: Janice Holst, Bob Kostash, Carol Massel, Calvin Williston

1. **Opening Prayer** - Council members shared in the reading of “Liturgy – Justice for the World and its People”
2. **Review of Minutes from** June 13, 2017 & August 8, 2017
 - a. Review of action items

Action Items from the previous Council meeting were reviewed. Items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7,8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17 to continue on the Action Items list. Items #1, 11, 12, 16, 18 are completed.

Approval of Minutes – Marg Cassel moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Seconded by Paul Ditner. Gail Kostash moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Seconded by Paul Ditner. Carried.

3. **Rector's Report** – Rev. Margaret
 - a. Vacation – Oct 12 – Oct 26. Services Lead by: Canon David Bowyer, October 15, Paul Ditner October 22
 - b. Clergy conference Sept. 20-22
 - c. The Brain Exercise – Rev. Margaret talked about the program on child development being offered by Monica Place at Trinity Cambridge on September 30, 2017
 - d. Induction of Rev Stephen Hendry at St George's of Forest Hill, Sep 28, 7:00pm
4. **Warden's Report** – Marg Cassel
 - a. **Mission and Ministry Plan** – Council reviewed and added to the draft of the Mission and Ministry plan including the Current Plans document. Council also reviewed a 5-year financial plan 2018-2022. The congregational meeting to present this information to the parish will be held Sunday November 5, 2017 after the service.

Motion: Gail Cuthbert Brandt moved to accept the plan. Seconded by Charles Jenkins. Carried.

- a. Hall rental instructions are being reviewed and edited.
 - b. Heritage Designation- tabled to October meeting.
 - c. Defibrillator – Erma indicated that the Lioness meeting will occur in September.
5. **Congregational Development Committee** – Kathy Richmond-Cox
 - a. Sunday School – 5 children in Sunday School. Kathy will change sign to say Nursery & Sunday School.
 - b. Start-up BBQ- September 24th after the service. Kathy will create a list in time for this Sunday service so duties can be assigned.
 - c. Renison Courses- flyers will be posted
 6. **Worship Committee** – Rev. Margaret
 - a. Advent/Christmas- The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve, the service will be Morning Prayer.
 - b. Lessons and Carols – planned for December 10th
 - c. Christmas pageant – planned for December 17th

d. Service at The Westhill, 2nd Wednesday of month at 2:30pm. Started September 2017.

7. Communications Committee – Margaret Cassel

a. Advent Newsletter – Deadline for submissions is Nov 16. Distribution deadline is 23rd.

8. Outreach – Kathy Richmond Cox

a. Blanket Exercise, planning meeting tomorrow.

b. Grape Escape, Thursday October 5th, 6:30pm at Victoria Park Pavilion. \$70.00 per/person

c. Refugee family- We have a new family of 4 coming from Ethiopia within the next month. Kathy will circulate a list of needs.

9. St. James –

a. Harvest Thanksgiving service – October 1, 3pm.

10. Social/Fundraising Committee –Margaret Bennett

a. Next events – Steak Pie dinner and movie. Council suggested that we postpone the date as many people are away. Council talked about the pros and cons on offering it on a PD Day or during March Break.

b. Refreshment for New Hamburg Studio Tour on Sep 23rd- - will put on the agenda for ACW on Sunday. Marg Cassel will open and lock up on Friday for set up.

11. Building & Property –Paul Ditner

a. Building inspection – will take place Sunday September 17th after service.

b. Storm sewer connection – Water Management plan. We know that there is a \$10,000 cost for the engineering plan for the entire property. Paul is confirming quotes and will require \$500.00 to get engineering estimates for the work to be done on 4 different options.

Motion: Gail Cuthbert Brandt moved to spend approximately \$500.00. Gail Kostash seconded. Carried.

12. Finance Committee – Gail Kostash

a. Treasurer’s Report. Reviewed by Parish Council.

Motion: moved by Gail Kostash and seconded by Margaret Bennett that the August financial report be accepted. Carried.

13. New Business - none

14. Adjournment –Council adjourned at 9:20 pm

Upcoming Events:

Sep 17 – ACW Breakfast meeting, 8:45am

Sep 17 – Service at Nithview, 1:30pm

Sep 23 – New Hamburg Studio Tour, all day

Sep 24 – Family service

Sep 24 – Start up BBQ after service

Sep 26 – Deanery Council, 7:15pm

Sep 30 – The Brain Exercise, Trinity Cambridge, 10:
 Oct 01 – Men’s Breakfast Group, 8:45am
 Oct 01 – St James Harvest Service, 3:00pm
 Oct 10 – Parish Council, 7:15pm
 Oct 17 – Bishop’s Friends Dinner, Westmount Golf Club
 Oct 24 – Deanery Council, Diocesan Budget, St James Cambridge, 7:00pm
 Nov 05 – Congregational meeting, after church

Action Items

#	Responsible Party	Due Date	Details
1	Parish Council	Nov. 16	Deadline for Advent newsletter
2	Parish Council	On-hold	Read over and consider all of the options. Reducing clergy from 75 to 50% and look into linking with other parishes – Leader Kathy Richmond Cox Selling the house – Leader, Carol Massel Selling house & church - Leader, Gail Cuthbert Brandt Rent the entire house up & down. Wholly or into 2 separate apartments – Leader Bob Kostash Stewardship campaign - Leader, Gail Kostash Partnering/Amalgamating with another church - Leader, Marg Cassel.
3	Rector/Lori	Oct	Review hall rental process.
4	Paul Ditner	Sept	Provide previous quotes and repairs list to be added to Renovation plans (part of Mission and Ministry Plan)
5	Rector/Wardens		Investigate possibilities for twinning St. George’s with an Aboriginal parish in the Diocese of Huron.
6	Paul Ditner	Oct	Install sign for St. George’s parking space adjacent to medical centre parking
7	Wardens	Oct	Arrange for bookkeeping duties to be assigned. In progress
8	Erma Godber	Oct	Discuss funding for defibrillator with Lioness group.
9	Wardens	Oct	Replace some contents in the first aid box.
10	Janice/Erma	Oct	Tidy flower beds
11	Paul Ditner	Sept	Research dishwasher requirement.
12	Rector	Oct	Prepare Mission and Ministry Plans for final review at Council in October