

St George's Anglican Church, New Hamburg

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – Sep.,13 2016

In Attendance: Margaret Cassel (chair) , Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Paul Ditner, Janice Holst, , Bob Kostash, Gail Kostash Kathy Richmond-Cox, Calvin Williston Rev. Margaret Walker, Lori Laurette (recording secretary)

Regrets: David Korell, Marion Korell Margaret Bennett, Carol Massel,

1. **Evening Prayer** - read by Gail Kostash, Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Paul Ditner, Marg Cassel and Kathy Richmond Cox
2. **Visioning** – The topic of visioning will be part of the Parish Council meeting going forward. The fifth item for discussion is Adult. Gail Kostash recognized and liked that the current Bible study has been organized so you can miss one study session and make up for it on another day. Gail Cuthbert Brandt mentioned that we are losing our connections with those parish members who are in nursing homes and past parish members. Maybe a phone call on a consistent basis would be an option. We are doing more than we used to but can we ask some of our congregation members to take on the responsibility of calling. If you know of someone who is sick or passed away, please let the Wardens know and they will send a card to let them know that they are thinking of them. We could add a message into each note card to folks who we haven't seen in a while to ask if they would like a phone call or visit. Must be careful about the wording so that it is phrased in welcoming manner.
3. **Approval of Minutes – Gail Kostash moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Seconded by Marg Cassel. Carried.**
4. **Rector's Report** – Rev. Margaret
 - a. Collation of Ven. Greg Jenkins. Official ceremony Wed. Sep 14, 2016 at 7:00pm at Trinity Downtown Cambridge.
 - b. Bible Study – Council of the North. Dates are included in the newsletter and bulletins.
 - c. Physician-Assisted Dying Workshop, Sep 24, 10-noon. Please register online.
 - d. Clergy Day- Topics were 1) locally raised up priests- process, training, roles etc. Reasons for this include a combination of shortage of clergy and inability to pay wages. There are 2 people receiving instruction at this time. Process must be customized to accommodate those who are working. Talked about current clergy maintaining their past career training due to the economics of today. 2) Blessing of same sex marriage. There is an ongoing discussion about this but the current rules have not officially changed.
5. **Warden's Report** - Kathy Richmond Cox
 - a. Teams to investigate options- Gail suggested that we outline what we have currently. What is our ministry and what is essential to our ministry. Gail Cuthbert Brandt noted that our first congregational meeting should talk about what is essential to the ministry. This would inform our discussion. There are many facts and emotions come into play so decisions are difficult. Paul suggested that we strip down to facts and leave out the emotions if at all possible. Bob K suggested that each group presents information, with each point indicated on a maximum of 2 sheets on an easel. This seemed to work well when we decided to renovate the house/apartment. Members agreed that the format should be the same. The first congregational meeting will inform the parish council's presentation. We need to look at all methods of communication (email, mail, bulletins, website, announcements) to get the meeting dates and information out to the congregation. Parish council needs a meeting to talk about our current ministry. This Parish council retreat is planned for September 26 at 7:15pm Rev. Margaret to send an email out to all members of Parish Council. Three final reports were submitted as outlined below
 - Rent the entire house up & down. Wholly or into 2 separate apartments** – Leader Bob Kostash, with Anne Clark. See attachment #1.
 - Stewardship campaign** - Leader, Gail Kostash, with Don Stewart, Pat Dunker. Marion with feedback from David Korell. Attachment # 2

- b. Congregational meeting- see above
 - c. Music Director- posted at the library, rec centre, WFRC. Beer store. Michael will post at the University. Deanery website, Lori to post it on Kijiji. Rev. Margaret to post of the Diocese website.
 - d. Custodian- no report
- 6. Congregational Development Committee – Kathy Richmond Cox**
- a. Sunday School – Start-up Sep 18. We have chosen some child friendly hymns and crafts that will include both adults and children.
- 7. Worship Committee –**
- a. Outdoor service Aug 14th – feedback was good.
 - b. Family service in hall on 4th Sunday, except September
 - c. Intergenerational service in hall and BBQ, Sep 18th – 40 hamburgers and hotdogs. KRC – buns, butter, ice cream. Calvin - onions & tomatoes. Paul, pot, propane, burner. 3 dozen corn.
 - d. Invite a Friend to Church Sep 25th.
- 8. Communications Committee – Margaret Cassel**
- a. **Newsletter** – More preparation time is required to distribute the newsletter on time. Please get the articles in the week prior to the release date.
- 9. Outreach – Kathy Richmond Cox**
- a. Sponsorship of refugee family- guest speaker on international studies at WLU. WLU course will look at immigration policy now and in future. Will include fieldwork for the students and will host friendship dinners. 10 students and families will get together. This was the first week of school for young boy (Kosi). The older boy, Oda is not in school yet but had an intake meeting. He will need to be in a special needs class. Shopping is difficult. Maybe a translator can help. There was a suggestion to get someone from Shamrose to assist with this.
 - b. Monica Place – Janice Holst – Grape Escape Sep 29. Register online. \$75.00 per person.
 - c. Christmas Dinner for people alone – Marg Cassel will call the person who made the inquiry to discuss expectations
 - d. Erin Dance Benefit Concert Sep 23, 7pm. All Saints
- 10. St. James – Carol Massel**
- a. Harvest Service October 2
 - b. Cemetery by-law- meeting outstanding
- 11. Social/Fundraising Committee – Margaret Bennett**
- a. Spaghetti Supper, Sep 17th. Almost 70 tickets sold.
 - b. Tues Oct 18th. ACW potluck
 - c. Food and fun with music. Sat November 5th. Pictures of baskets will available so sales will be open.
 - d. November 26th bazaar. 11am-2pm. There will be a pies table and fancy shortbread tables.
 - e. ACW Christmas luncheon Dec 10th.
 - f. Nine Lessons & Carols Sun Dec 11th, 7pm
- 12. Building & Property – Paul Ditner**
- a. List of projects

- b. Front steps –Another estimate needed. Carol Massel to work on this – no report
- c. Projector screen –Paul has recently located a used screen. He has it mounted and ready for use. He noted he should be the person to call when the screen is required so he can work it.

13. Finance Committee – Gail Kostash

- a. **Treasurer’s report** - Gail Kostash provided Council with a detailed financial report with the following explanation.
 1. Bank balance (-16365.00)
 2. Offerings are down compared to this time last year
 3. Rent is a little higher this year
 4. Refugee money has gone to the committee
 5. Custodian will be paid double in Sept statement because it didn’t go through in August
 6. General fund balance -28112.50

Gail Kostash moved to accept the August financial report. Margaret Bennett seconded. Carried.

14. New Business

- a. Blue bins – are coming to the Region of Waterloo. Labels will be added to our bins to indicate contents We are looking to all users to separate paper and containers.
- b. Beavers- Lori to call to see when start up will occur.
- c. CRA notified us that we need to keep the envelopes for 6 years. We are already doing this. Counters must indicate whether it’s cash or cheque.
- d. New debt chart to show fluctuations in debt. Lori to put this in the bulletin.
- e. Rev. Margaret provided the net income we got from the rental of the apt for the last 10 years.

15. Adjournment – Kathy Richmond Cox moved to adjourn. Carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 17 – Spaghetti Dinner
- Sep 18 – Sunday School start up
- Sep 18 – Family service in hall, BBQ to follow
- Sep 18 – Nithview Service 1:30pm
- Sep 25 – Men’s Breakfast, 8:45
- Sep 25 – Invite a Friend to Church Sunday
- Oct 11 – Parish Council, 7:15pm
- Oct 14 – Bishop Bob retirement dinner, LCC, 5:30pm
- Oct 18 – ACW potluck
- Dec 11 – Nine Lessons & Carols,

Action Items

#	Responsible Party	Due Date	Details
1	Wardens	Oct	Note to include in weekly notecards for people who have been away for awhile
2	Lori	Sep	Contact Scouts for hall usage schedule.
3	Marg Cassel	Sep	Call person who inquired about Christmas dinner for those alone.
4	Parish Council	Sep. 26th	Retreat meeting to discuss current ministry
5	Lori Laurette	Sep.	Post Choir Director/ Pianist on Kijiji..
6	Lori	Sep	Include the erase the debt program in the bulletin (new chart).
7	Rev. Margaret	Sep.	Post Choir Director/ Pianist on Diocesan website
8	Carol Massel	Oct	Provide a quote for the concrete steps.
9	Lori	Oct	Put notice of blue bin sorting in bulletin