

St. George's Anglican Church, New Hamburg
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – March 13, 2018

Council Members;

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Rev. Margaret Walker	Present	Kay Cairns	Present	Bob Kostash	Present
Gail Cuthbert Brandt	Present	Calvin Williston	Present	Gail Kostash	Present
Janice Holst	Present	Paul Ditner	Present	Marg Cassel	Regrets
Kathy Richmond-Cox	Present	Erma Godber	Present	Carol Massel	Present
Margaret Bennett	Regrets				

1. **Opening Prayer** – Council Members shared in the reading of liturgy.
2. **Review of Minutes from** February 6, 2018
 - a. Review of Action Items

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2	Rector/Lori		Review hall rental process	Completed but needs reviewing
3	Rector/Wardens	Jan.	Follow up with Rev. Roslyn Elm re book study with Parish of Six Nations	Working on a spring service followed by a potluck. A date will be put forward by or at next council meeting.
4	Marg Cassel	Spring	Rework parking sign	Nothing to report
5	Marg Cassel	Spring	Continue to investigate possible funding for defibrillator	On going
6	Wardens	Feb.	Replace some contents in the first aid box.	Done
7	Paul Ditner	Sep.	Research dishwasher requirement	Done

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8	Council	Spring	Create a Land Acknowledgement statement for St. George's	Ongoing
9	Gail Cuthbert Brandt	Fall	Organize an Adult Learning Series	Ongoing
10	Kathy Richmond-Cox	March	Check out cost per camper for Huron Church Camp	Done Kathy Richmond-Cox reported cost per camper per week is \$500 + \$65 HST. Carol reported that the ACW would be willing to cover the cost for one of our youth. Kathy reported that she would inform us when and if she books with Huron Church Camp. Done
11	Rev. Margaret	March	Lenten Newsletter	Done
12	Wardens/Janice Holst	March	Check into full length pillows for pews	Ongoing Janice Holst reported cost for full length cushions would be prohibitive, in excess of \$500/pew. Carol Massel suggested that we look at making several individual pillows, all the same, and leave them at the back for people to take as they come in if they want one. Janice will investigate the cost for individual pillows.

Approval of Minutes Gail Cuthbert Brandt moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Calvin Williston seconded. Carried.

3. Rector's Report

Rev. Margaret Walker reported that;

- a) Harry Little passed away today. The funeral is to be this Friday, March 16th at 11:00 AM, at Mark Jutzi Funeral Home.
- b) The New Hamburg Food Bank advised that St. George's provided 931 pounds of food to their program on 2017. Gail Cuthbert Brandt suggested that as Easter is approaching we should consider doing a food drive to better assist the food bank in preparing food hampers to those in need. It was agreed that we would put this in this Sunday's bulletin and that it would be highlighted during the announcements.

- c) The Bishop thanked us in a letter for paying our apportionment on time.
- d) Monica House is having an open house on May 25th to celebrate their 50th anniversary

4. Warden's Report

- a) Gail Cuthbert Brandt reported she is still working on the Land acknowledgement. She is still investigating which nations or peoples were indigenous to the New Hamburg area.
- b) Gail Cuthbert Brandt reminded council the retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 to 12:30. The agenda will focus on people resources, the capital budget and our mission statement wording. The retreat will conclude with a pizza dinner.
- c) Gail Cuthbert Brandt spoke about a possible Talents Challenge where each person is given \$10 and asked to "grow it". This is rooted in The Parable of the Talents in Mathew and Luke. Rev. Margaret Walker suggested that this money might come from the interest from Puddicombe estate as this is outreach.

5. Congregational Development Committee

- a. Sunday school is going well; Gail Cuthbert Brandt thanked Kay Cairns for taking on the role of Sunday School co-ordinator.
- b. Kathy Richmond-Cox reported that she will copy one of the "Good News Stories" that she receives from PWRDF and include it in each addition of the "what's happening" section in the news letter.

6. Worship Committee

Rev. Margaret Walker announced that;

- a. Palm Cross Tying will take place on Monday March 19th
Lenten lunch will be at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 21st. Carol Massel reported that she needed 20 dozen cookies. A number of people volunteered to help.
Seder supper will be on March 29th and will be the same as previous years. A list was circulated for people to sign up for it and indicate what they would be bringing.
- b. Regarding seat cushions for pews, refer to Action item 12 above
- c. Suggestion that the music Director wear a choir robe. Amanda Hamilton will see if an existing robe will suffice. It was questioned whether a standard robe may prove to be too awkward and get hung up on sheet music et cetera. Amanda Hamilton will investigate.

7. Outreach

- a. Kathy Richmond-Cox commented on her time with the Ethiopian family. Kathy Richmond-Cox and the wife are really enjoying their time together. Kathy Richmond-Cox commented that when the warmer weather comes they intend to do considerably more walking together.
- b. It was reported that \$1800 was made at the pancake supper. Our portion of that was half of the proceeds with \$450 going to Sleeping children and \$450 to Monica Place. A discussion regarding repeating the supper next year, all present believed it was a good idea to continue. Next year's Pancake Supper committee members will be Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Bob Kostash, and Janice Holst.

8. Communications

- a. The Lent Newsletter was reviewed during the meeting and will be sent out.

9. St. James

No report.

10. Social/Fundraising Committee

Gail Cuthbert Brandt commented that the 180th Anniversary of the Anglican Parish in Wilmot is approaching and wanted to plant a seed as to what we might do to celebrate. The 175th Anniversary was held at the Wilmot Recreation Complex.

11. Building and Property

- a. Paul Ditner reported that all quotes required for the capital budget were in except for the brick and stone work. The mason tradesman will be here on Thursday to observe the remaining work required and provide the final estimates. These numbers will be looked at the Council Retreat in attempt to prioritize the many tasks and the delivered at Special Vestry on May 4th.
- b. Paul Ditner reported that the increasing numbers of pews in the church basement are becoming a problem and reinforced the need to dispose of them, one way or the other. Gail Cuthbert Brandt commented that she would like to retain the two long pews removed from the front of the church in case they would be needed again sometime in the future. Paul reported that he had produced a bulletin with pictures and necessary dimensions for both the short and long pews. Paul Ditner agreed to update the bulletin to include only the short pews and add \$50 as the cost.
- c. Paul Ditner reported that Northern Element Roofing reported that the roof has made it another year. We will need to continue watching the roof and shingles.

12. Finance Committee

- a. Treasurer's Report

Gail Kostash. reported that the Diocese was taking off the same apportionment as last year and that this was wrong. She will look into this to straighten it out. No unusual or unexpected transactions had taken place.

13. New Business

- a. Erma Godber commented that someone had asked if the books in our library could be moved into the hall. After a discussion, it was agreed that a shelf could be freed up in one of the cupboards currently used by the Sunday school. It was suggested that during the Council Retreat these books could be moved.

14. Adjournment

Gail Kostash. moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 14 – Service at The Westhill, 2:30pm
Mar 18 – ACW Meeting, 8:45am
Mar 18 – Service at Nithview, 1:30pm
Mar 19 – Tie palm crosses, 2:00pm
Mar 21 – Lenten lunch at Trinity, noon
Mar 24 – Parish Council retreat, 9:00am – 12:30pm
Mar 25 – Passion Sunday
Mar 29 – Seder Supper, 5:00pm
Apr 8 – Men's Breakfast Study Group, 8:45am
Apr 1 – EASTER Sunday
Apr 8 – Guest speaker, Fred Cappuccino
Apr 10 – Parish Council, 7:15pm
May 1 – Deanery Council, location tbd, 7:00pm

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