

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 10, 2025

Present: Brian Bradford, Sandra Fraser, Mike Moloney, Brent Anderson, Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Amanda Longmoore, Aruna Anderson, Susan Halliday, Brenden Fraser; Ingrid Schmid

Regrets: Sandy Dawson; Brian Fogg, Kathy Morris, Leslie Grieve

Scribe: Deb Walker

Opening – Amanda opened with a prayer.

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

MOTION to accept by Sandra seconded by Susan PASSED by All.

Business arising from the minutes.

None.

Rector's Report

Holy Week and Easter are coming up. My last service with you is April 28.

This is an incredible parish with incredible people, and this is the best council I have worked with. You are honest and forthright. You address the future and present and pull-on past knowledge. Thank you.

The conversation on an interim priest is in process at the diocesan level.

Steven McClatchie is the parish's contact for the selection process of a new Rector and the process will begin once I (Amanda) leave as your Rector.

Canada's next Primate (Head of the Anglican Church of Canada) will be selected at the end of June at General Synod in London, Ontario. General Synod is June 23 to 29.

Wardens' Report

The church must purchase a computer to replace our secretary's computer given Windows 10 is no longer supported as of October 2025. Mike proposed we spend up to \$2,500 for a computer and he will keep his eye on sales particularly during back-to-school sale time.

MOTION: we spend up to \$2,500 to replace our secretary's computer and associated software and hardware. SECONDED by Brent Anderson. PASSED by All.

Noelle Brady has asked if Monday and Wednesday evenings are available for her to resume Pilates sessions. Peter let her know the time is available. Peter will get back to us with more precise times as

this can be helpful to people cleaning, checking on the church, etcetera. The session will likely start first week of May and go for a month.

Property Committee – Brian B.

Part of St. Bart's public address (PA) system has come to us, and we are looking at means to harness it, particularly to enhance sound at the back of the church. It does have some challenges, including a fan which hums a little. This will go on the Property Committee's list.

Cold air return in storage room – we will continue work on it in the warmer weather. This should mitigate the musty smell that sometimes develops in the storage room when the door is not left open; we open the door whenever we see it shut. It will be nice to be able to leave the door shut once we have a cold air return.

Lots of outside work to do in the yard when it warms up in late April and in May – volunteers are always welcome.

The heavy rain a couple of weeks ago led to 2 or 3 inches of water under the sanctuary and kitchen. We have plans to put a Big-O drainage pipe about 18 inches below the surface along a portion of the old trench for the sump pump drainage to the catch basin. This will cost us some money to fix, and we will seek expertise before we start to dig.

We are working with Wes Allen of Lakeshore Lawncare to improve drainage of the parking area through grading/swaling. Grading/swaling typically needs to be done once or twice per year given the gravel is moved during snow removal.

Brent and Mike put on a more effective closure for the front lawn sign.

North side of our building will be pressure washed in May.

ACW Report

Soup & Sandwich this Sunday.

ACW bought a new Dyson cordless stick battery vacuum to help parishioners vacuum the church.

Treasurer's Report

The income statement was reviewed. We came close to meeting our target for Givings in March. Our expenses are favourable, particularly given Amanda's income support from the Diocese. Likely an Interim priest will be less expensive to us than Amanda at full time but more expensive than Amanda's current quarter-time cost to us.

MOTION to accept by Aruna seconded by Sandra PASSED by all.

New Business

Susan H. commented that the windows in the church need to be cleaned, especially the top half (inside and out). We will put this on the Property Committee's list.

Correspondence

Brent read a note from the Alzheimer's Society thanking us for our 2024 donation, which went at our request to their Partners' Lounge. Brent will post the note on the Community board in our hall.

Other Business

None

MOTION to adjourn by Ingrid.

Closing

This was Amanda's last Parish Council meeting with us and we resoundly thanked her!

The meeting was closed with the grace.