

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday May 8, 2025

Present: Rev Sherry De Jonge, Brian Bradford, Sandra Fraser, Deb Walker, Brent Anderson, Aruna Anderson, Ingrid Schmid, Sandy Dawson; Brian Fogg, Kathy Morris, Leslie Grieve, Mike Moloney

Regrets: Peter Langille, Brenden Fraser, Susan Halliday,

Scribe: Mike Moloney

Opening – Rev Sherry De Jonge opened with a prayer and a morning-by-morning devotion from John Chapter 5

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

MOTION to accept by Sandra F seconded by Brian B PASSED by All.

Business arising from the minutes.

None.

Rector's Report

Rev Sherry De Jonge found her first week at our church a delight. Sherry also notified the council she has a few previous commitments so will be unavailable Monday May 26 to Thursday June 5. She will also be unavailable Sunday June 8, Sunday July 6, and Sunday July 13. These were previous commitments before taking on the position at St John in the wilderness.

Wardens' Report - Deb

A big thank you to the ACW group for the purchase of the new cordless Dyson V11 vacuum cleaner. It is awesome. Many positive remarks on how well and easy to operate.

The telephone message and the signs are being updated to reflect Sherry as our interim priest. Deb also reported that Kathy will do a financial review with the help of Brian F. This will not be an audit but a review of a month or two.

MOTION: To spend up to \$3,000 to install Big-O drainage tile behind Hall and Church and connect to storm drain by Deb SECONDED by Kathy PASSED by All.

Deb explained that Kyle Straatman has offered to donate the labour portion of this capital job in loving memory of Ken Walker. We expect the material cost will only be around \$600.

Kyle is Haley's significant other and has operated a tiling business for several years. His company

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mostly tiles farm fields. Kyle has informed us that he has been in communication with the city and they have agreed to the cloth covered Big-O tile being installed and connected over the existing drain line installed two years ago. There will also be two Big-O T-lines connecting the external kitchen and church access vent wells. This work is being done to reduce prolonged flooding in the north yard.

There are 4 lawn cutting dates still available. Please sign up quicky so you don't miss out.

There is a special council meeting on May 12 at 7pm with Archdeacon Stephen McClatchie. This is to initiate the selection process for our next Rector.

Property Committee – Brian B.

May 7, 2025 cleaned up the south gardens. Tried to raise step at the bottom of the church ramp with no luck. This step is connected to the ramp. This was being done to avoid water pooling from south parking lot onto sidewalk.

The kitchen island wheels have been adjusted to prevent it from splitting in the middle.

The storage room cold air duct will be installed in the summer. Please leave one storage room door open until this is completed.

Hall floor is being scheduled to be deep cleaned.

The south parking lot has been graded to allow the water to flow to the main south drain.

The carpet will be steamed cleaned in the church after the spring rain has finished.

We are starting to look at what is needed to install the used PA system donated by Saint Bart's.

ACW Report

May 7, 2025 had an ACW meeting. The meeting was really well received. On Wednesday June 4 there will be a free pasta lunch being purchased from Cosmo. This lunch is a thank you gesture for all the time and food the ACW members have donated during this very busy year.

Leslie also communicated that she needs a letter showing the ACW is an active group of St John in the Wilderness so they can transfer their bank account from Scotiabank to Libro.

Treasurer's Report

Giving has been good, only 3% short of budget.

A \$45K GIC has been cashed from Scotiabank. It has been added to our bank account at Libro.

Apportionment payments will commence in the second quarter (June) as one-third payment and continue in the third and fourth quarter for a total of \$25,478.

MOTION to accept by Brian F and seconded by Ingrid PASSED by all.

New Business

Plant sale is going to be done the morning of Saturday May 31, 2025. Please plan to donate plants on Friday May 30, 2025. Also, if you have some empty pots you can donate them any time near the shed.

Kathy is planning to do the financial review in the next couple of months.

It was also mentioned that May 2025 First Monday magazine has an interesting article titled: *Brent and Diana Anderson cheer on those who walk for Alzheimer's*

Correspondence

Other Business

None

MOTION to adjourn by Ingrid.

Closing with a grace