

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday October 9, 2025

Present: Rev Sherry DeJonge, Peter Langille, Brian Bradford, Brent Anderson, Deb Walker, Aruna Anderson, Brian Fogg, Sandra Fraser, Kathy Morris, Susan Halliday, Mike Moloney

Regrets: Brenden Fraser, Ingrid Schmid, Leslie Grieve, Sandy Dawson

Scribe: Deb Walker

Opening – Rev Sherry DeJonge opened with a reflection from Charles Spurgeon regarding Luke 5.

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

MOTION to accept by Brian B. seconded by Kathy PASSED by All.

Business arising from the minutes.

None.

Rector's Report

Upcoming services:

Blessing of the Pets -- 19 Oct

Joint Remembrance Day service: with Camlachie United -- 09 Nov, to be confirmed

First Sunday of Advent: Advent Lessons and Carols – 30 Nov

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Christmas Lessons and Carols – 21 Dec

Christmas Eve: 7.00 and 9.00 pm services – 24 Dec

Christmas Day Service: 10.00 am – 25 Dec

Songs of the Season: a Joint Deanery service – 28 Dec, to be confirmed

Mileage has been submitted and paid for 01 May to 30 September

The Christmas Mailer: to every home in Bright's Grove and Camlachie, to be sent out before 21 Dec.

MOTION: The Christmas Eve services be at 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Moved by Kathy. Seconded by Sandra F. Passed by All.

Wardens' Report

Wardens asked all members of Council to enthusiastically encourage parishioners to join in on our Oct 25 clean up afternoon.

Property Committee – Brian B.

Good progress has been made on hooking up **St. Bart's PA system** (the wiring is complete). There is still microphone work to do.

Leaf clean up has begun with two clean ups to date. Leaf blowers and Ross Leckie's lawn mower are a big help.

The front doors have rotted too much to repair. We are assessing options to replace the church's red doors.

Kneeling pads: Brent has volunteered to recover the kneelers over the winter. Kathy volunteered to help.

Kneelers have been repaired, if any are not working, please contact a warden. We are missing one kneeler.

ACW Report

The ACW is having a **smoked pulled pork dinner on October 18, 2025**. Bruce and Kyle Grieve are cooking for this event. A silent auction will follow with a singing session for the finale.

There will be a church **Bake Sale between 10am-12pm on Saturday, November 29, 2025**. Everyone in the parish is encouraged to bake and buy. Last year many people from the community purchased baking (and some even donated baking). It was a marvelous gathering of community.

On Wednesday **December 3rd, 2025, a Christmas ACW dinner** will be held at John's restaurant. Other Anglican churches in the Deanery are also welcomed at this event.

The St. John in the Wilderness **ACW Sunday service** will occur in the **first quarter of 2026**

We are also planning an **ACW Church service and lunch**. It will be a **mid-week** service hosted by St. John-in-the-Wilderness in the **Spring of 2026**. Other Anglican churches in the Deanery will be invited.

Treasurer's Report

Our monthly givings were a little low in September. We are 6.2 % below budget on revenue. We are 22.2% below on expenses (interim priest). We received \$20,000 from the Triathlon. Our cash position as about \$60,000. September income statement is on our web.

MOTION to accept report by Brian B. seconded by Mike PASSED by All.

New Business

Potential Christmas Community Sing-a-long: Bob and Susan Halliday proposed having a Friday evening Christmas Carol sing-a-long in our church. This would involve Peter and Bob as masters of ceremony; Brenden and Susan would be lead song and music. Parish Council supported the concept and asked Susan to pursue with Brenden, Peter, and Bob. Likely date is Friday, December 19 – but this is under discussion.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

An update on the **Sept 23 Deanery meeting** was given. Minutes are posted on our hall bulletin board for Deanery business. The Sunday, Oct 5 bulletin informed parishioners of items covered.

MOTION to adjourn by Susan.

Closing

Closed with the Grace.