

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday March 12, 2026

Present: Rev. Sherry De Jonge, Brian Bradford, Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Brian Fogg, Kathy Morris, Mike Moloney, Ingrid Schmid, Sandy Dawson, Karen Wilson, Haley Walker, Susan Halliday, Aruna Anderson

Regrets: Brent Anderson, Sandra Fraser, Gwen McBean

Scribe: Mike Moloney

Opening – Rev. Sherry opened with a reflection on love thy neighbour. She followed with a prayer.

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

MOTION to accept by Haley seconded by Kathy PASSED by All.

Business arising from the minutes.

None.

Rector's Report

It's been a relatively a quiet time. A Vision Care Nursing home visit was done. Other visits were postponed due to fog. Next visit will be at Afton Park Place March 17 at 11AM and Vision Care Nursing March 27 at 10AM.

Rev. Sherry will not be here Sunday March 15 due to a special family event. They are celebrating multiple family events during this one celebration. Nicole will lead the ACW Sunday service on March 15.

Maundy Thursday is April 2nd at 7.00 pm, followed by Good Friday on April 3rd at 10.00 am.

Wardens' Report

All the annual filings have been submitted to diocese. (Vestry Report, Statistics Report, etc.)

The executive board has reviewed and accepted the procedural scope of the February Blah packages. This can be found on our website in a document called "Approach to Outreach".

Property Committee – Brian B./Mike M.

We received a quote from Burdett Electrical for \$675 plus tax. We will be proceeding with these new enhancements, (Add 2 light fixtures in sanctuary, Add a light fixture in hallway. Add dedicated receptacle/circuit for dehumidifier in church. Add 2 hall receptacles above wall rail East/North wall. Update plug in hall to match the colour of other plugs) Brian Bradford is going to donate half of the cost of this work. Thank you, Brian!!!

Three mobility challenged signs will be added to west parking lot soon after the frost leaves the ground.

A new wireless headset microphone has been rebuilt from Canon Davis and its matching receiver installed into our church sound system February 27. The new over-the-ear microphone was tested March 8th. We plan to go live with the new refurbished system March 22.

We will be investigating a new keyless hall door lock system. The new system would replace the hall keys with individual key-pad codes. The last time the keys were changed for the hall was 20+ years ago.

We had frozen pipes many times this winter. We are putting a scope together to look at increasing insulation in the north wall of the hall, the east wall of the office and the north wall of the kitchen. We believe the hall north wall is missing a vapour barrier and has white Styrofoam insulation which has a low R value.

We are going to investigating if the church tiles floors can be cleaned / wax stripped.

We have been looking at a maintenance contracts for our three HVAC systems and Gas Water Heater.

Looking at replacing one of the toilets with a higher toilet. Aruna will cover the cost of the higher toilet. Thank you Aruna!

We are in the final stages of the replacement of outside church doors. After reviewing three quotes (KD Exterior, Beehive and H Moore) The executive is recommending H Moore quote of \$8,145.00 + Tax since it is the lowest cost and they have done great work for us in the past. ACW and Gwen McBean are both donating funds to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Clingersmith and Jim McBean. Thanks very much. It was decided the doors need to be red. Blessing will follow once installed.

MOTION: To spend up to \$10,000.00 to replace the church outside doors with red new doors. Accepted by Mike SECONDED by Sandy PASSED by All.

ACW Report – Leslie Grieve

Our February 17 Pancake dinner was a great success. A gathering of 72 parishioners, neighbours, and friends came out to join the feast despite the foggy evening weather. Free-will offerings given at the door were \$902 and expenses were \$210.86, thus, \$691.14 was netted after expenses.

ACW Sunday will be held this Sunday, March 15. Thank you to Nicole Grieve for preaching and leading this service. A “Thank Offering” will be taken and we will forward it to the ACW Diocesan annual meeting.

Soup and sandwich is announced for Palm Sunday, March 29th. Gluten-free options will be available.

ACW will not meet in March.

Treasurer's Report

Envelope and PAP are about 2.8 % lower than budget. We are projecting \$2200 lower for insurance than budget. Expenses are a little lower than expected

MOTION to accept by Haley seconded by Ingrid PASSED by All.

New Business

Looking at creating a new parishioners list with photo. Kathy will lead with Haley assisting.

Details will come in the bulletin.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

Concerns have been raised about fellow parishioners who are not well and maybe in the hospital. We would like to communicate their condition to the parish during announcement time. Of course, the consent of the ill parishioner would be needed before doing this.

MOTION to adjourn by Deb.

Closing

We closed with The Grace.