

St. John in the Wilderness

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday May 14, 2026

Present: Rev. Sherry De Jonge, Brian Bradford, Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Brian Fogg, Kathy Morris, Mike Moloney, Sandy Dawson, Karen Wilson, Haley Walker, Aruna Anderson, Sandra Fraser, Gwen McBean

Regrets: Brent Anderson, Susan Halliday, Ingrid Schmid

Scribe: Mike Moloney

Opening – Rev. Sherry opened with a reflection since this Sunday is Ascension Sunday. She followed with a prayer.

Reviewed previous Minutes, (no corrections)

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

Business arising from the minutes.

None.

Rector's Report

It was a wonderful two-week spring vacation. I enjoyed visiting my grandson and his parents. I regret I couldn't attend Hazel Millholland's funeral. I wanted to make known that Rev Ray Jenkins has passed and his funeral is on Saturday May 16 at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church (formerly All Saints Anglican Church) in Sarnia.

Wardens' Report

MOTION: To spend up to \$1000 on a HVAC service contract starting ASAP. This contract will be reviewed in 6 months to see if it provides value. Called by Peter SECONDED by Deb passed by All minus one.

Property Committee – Brian B./Mike M.

The north trench has been leveled (raised) and seeded with new grass seed.

After successfully testing a cleaning product we are scheduling to clean the space between the wall and the church pews. We do not believe this has ever been done.

Ant traps have been placed in the hall and kitchen.

The toilet in east washroom will be replaced with a higher toilet. Also looking at adding railings and possibly a new sink.

The handicap parking spot will get its wheelchair sign repainted in June.

The outdoor church bell speakers were re-painted.

Looking at installing a water line between the kitchen and the north garden. Much like a sprinkler line.

ACW Report – Leslie Grieve

The ACW met last week for our last business meeting until fall.

We voted to gift Bluewater Health's Continuing Care \$1000.00.

The ACW will host a FREE luncheon for all women in the church June 3rd at 1pm Cosmos lasagna, Caesar salad, buns and dessert mmmmmmmmm sorry boys! The Huron Boys Home Director is coming to speak after the lunch.

This is the 80th year for Huron Church Camp and June 14 is Huron Church Camp Day.

Sunday, June 14th we are hosting our congregation to a Huron Church Camp Lunch after the 10:30 am church service. A most delicious lunch of hot dogs, chips, cold drinks and cookies with a donation box for anyone who would like to donate to our church camp.

We now are on break until the fall.

Treasurer's Report

We are currently below budget on givings but higher than last year at this time.

Utilities are up this year mostly due to higher electrical rates and the new heat pump /electrical furnace installed in the church. January was also colder than normal.

We add \$40,000 to our current \$60,000 of GICs. They are laddered quarterly for easy access when the funds are needed. The extra monies are from donations ear marked for project work like the church doors and east washroom toilet upgrade.

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

New Business

The plant sale is Saturday My 23 at 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Correspondence

None

Other Business

MOTION to adjourn by Aruna.

Closing

We closed with The Grace.