

ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday, January 17th, 2023

Shirley in the Chair

Present: Ken, Pam, Rev. Liz, Sue, Lynne T., Shirley, Laura, Pat, Lisa, Lynne S., Elsie, Terry

Regrets: Angeline, Nina

Acknowledgement of the land: *In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Sioux and Oji-Cree people and the homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. As we come from many places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live work and serve God the Creator here.*

The meeting was held over Zoom. The meeting opened at 7:03pm with a prayer from Rev. Liz.

Scripture Reading – Sue read Matthew 4 12-23

1. Adoption of the Agenda as amended (Pam/Laura) Carried
2. Adoption of the December 20th 2022 Minutes (Sue/Pat) Carried
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Live Streaming (Lynne T)

Jonathan did not have an explanation for the significant delay in streaming. According to an IT person the current streaming settings are correct and the volume difficulties of the recordings appear to be associated with the type of device being used (phones versus computers). The setting for the YouTube recording indicates a 12 hour broadcast and yet the services are being cut off after 1 hour 10 minutes.

Action: A request was made to find someone with expertise in live streaming to address the above difficulties.

- Microphones/headsets

New headphones for the lay readers or else a headset frame have been suggested. The microphones in the parish hall need to be upgraded. There is a possibility the microphones from St. Chad's could be used.

Action: Lynne SW will follow-up with Ryan for help with the sound difficulties and possibly recommend the type of headset needed for the lay readers.

Action: Sue will ask Eric for suggestions regarding the parish hall microphones

- Air quality (Ken)

Once Catherine is back in the office, arrangements will be made to have an air quality test completed. There are a number of companies in Winnipeg that could be approached.

- Christmas calls to shut-ins (Shirley)

Rev Liz, Shirley and Lynne T shared this task and changes to phone numbers etc. were forwarded to Catherine. It was noted that often no direct lines were available for parishioners in personal care homes. The recipients appeared to appreciate the time taken for these calls.

- Nominating committee update (Lynne T)

The slate of officers for 2023 was distributed previously and is ready to be presented to the members at the AGM on February 24th.

4. Monthly Reports

The following reports were previously circulated: clergy, corporation, altar guild, social media, finance committee and treasurer.

Adoption of the Treasurer's report (Pat/Laura) Carried.

Action: Ken will check into the snow clearing of the stairs at the east end of the church property (between the church and parish hall).

Action: Pat will set up an online account for our utilities and arrangements will be made to have the meters read on a regular basis so that estimates are not used for the billing.

5. Other Business

a) Information session Jan 15th (Sue)

This event was very successful with 35 people volunteering to help out 14 different groups. The backboards, displays etc. have been saved for future events.

b) Souper Sunday (Pam)

Plans are underway for this event to occur on Sunday, January 29th. This is a vestry sponsored event and soup servers will be required for that day. A number of people have already signed up to bring soup and or buns. Arrangements have been made to set up the tables on Saturday.

Action: Laura and Pat will assist Pam with the soup preparation etc. starting at 9am.

Action: Pam will contact the people bringing soup and request they provide a list of the ingredients in their soup (for people with allergies).

Action: Laura will look into obtaining information about Agape Table to place on the tables etc.

Action: Pam will purchase some more soup bowls for the kitchen (current stock is 49 bowls).

c) Foster child (Shirley)

Our new foster child is Hans Michael from Haiti and is through the Plan Canada program. Our previous child had aged out of the program. Our previous donations when we were not assigned a child would have gone to operational expenses for Plan Canada. Information about the program is available online.

Action: Shirley will approach Audrey to see if the Sunday school children will be penpals with Hans Michael and share their letters from him with us.

d) St. Chad's anniversary celebration (Lynne SW)

Lynne SW reported a short meeting was held with Audrey K. to initiate documentation/memories of the history of St. Chad's. It was decided to postpone any celebrations until St. Chad's has physically moved out of Messiah Lutheran (end of March 2023). The St. Chad's Corporation (Lynne, Elsie and Terry) have begun packing up all the St. Chad's items to transfer them from Messiah Lutheran to St. Andrews. A committee will probably be formed to plan for some St. Chad's anniversary event. Elsie noted that Rev Whitehouse (a former St. Andrews rector who recently passed away) led the first St. Chad's service at Westwood Collegiate. The understanding is that St. Chad's was formed by a group of former St. Andrews parishioners - more research is required regarding this history.

e) St. Chad's tabernacle, keyboard and altar

Ken has installed the tabernacle and will be talking to Jesse regarding a power source for the light. In the meantime an LED tealight is being used. The keyboard will be moved into the choir room (from the parish hall). Discussions are ongoing where the St. Chad's altar should be located. At this time the foyer/sitting area going down to the church offices is being considered. The wish is to have the altar placed in a reverent and respectful area. Other items to consider are the shadow boxes, St. Chad's banner, the prayer shawl banner and the cross.

Action: Lynne SW will make a template of the dimensions of the altar etc. to assist with the decision of where it should be placed.

f) Memorialization of St. Chad's history

Elsie has met with Matthew from Prairie Stain Glass and ideas are currently being considered. It is understood that vestry approval would be needed to install the stained-glass window as a permanent memory of St. Chad's. In terms of cost effectiveness the most appropriate placement would be in the upper level of the church.

g) West Winnipeg viability update

Shirley reported the West Winnipeg viability committee is comprised of three various subgroups - the short term planning committee, the long-term planning committee and a treasurer's group. These three groups come together periodically as a full committee and are updated on the various activities of the parishes involved as well as the individual subgroups. The short-term planning committee will be hosting a Trivia night at St. Andrews on February 11th using funds left over from the hamper project. The mandate of this committee is for members of the various West Winnipeg parishes to socialize and get to know each other. The long-term committee shared that the meeting with the bishops originally scheduled for February 4th has been postponed. The focus of this committee will be on the PATH process and developing a terms of reference document. The treasurer's group will meet once all the parish AGM's have been held.

The full committee met on January 10th where Rev. McIntosh of St. Francis gave a presentation on the amalgamation of the three churches involved. There was some discussion about the direction of where future meetings will go. Some of the parishes (St Stevens/St Bedes, St Mary's and St James) will be involved with a 12 week discipleship course led by Bishop Geoff as well as the PATH process. The next meeting of the full committee will be February 7th at St Stevens/St Bedes.

Lynne T reported an answer from St. Andrews has been requested regarding our participation and \$250 contribution to the PATH process. Originally our response had been that we would wait until the February 4th meeting with the bishops. After considerable discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: That the West Winnipeg viability long-term committee be informed that St. Andrews will not be participating in the PATH process and subsequently not contributing the \$250. (Lynne T/Pat). Carried.

Action: Lynne T will inform Darren (chair of the committee) of the above decision and indicate that we remain supportive of our neighbouring parishes as they undergo this journey.

h) Greeters/Lift (Sue)

The document outlining the responsibilities of the greeters has been updated (thanks to George) as well as specific instructions for the operation of the lift (thanks to Ken). A request was made to have the wardens and vestry members take turns operating the lift on Sundays (9:30am to 10am and after the service).

Action: Sue will send out a schedule for the “lift operators” to the 6 people who have volunteered as well as a copy to George.

i) AGM (Lynne T)

The consensus was the AGM should be a hybrid meeting. Hopefully the majority of members will attend the in-person event but it also will be made available via Zoom for those unable to attend. Lynne T emphasized the importance of the traditions that are followed for the St Andrew’s AGM.

j) Shrove Tuesday (Rev Liz)

Some concern has been expressed over the fact that the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and the AGM dinner will be held the same week.

Action: Lynne T volunteered to coordinate the pancake Tuesday dinner. Laura, Sue and Shirley volunteered to help with the dinner. Lynne T will contact Noreen for further instructions.

The suggestion was made for St. Andrews to create a reference binder listing all the instructions etc. to host the various social events. This binder should be housed in the church office for future reference.

k) Diabetes bin (Rev Liz)

A request has been received once again from Canadian Diabetes to place a bin somewhere on the church property. A previous request (November 2021) had been discussed by vestry with concerns being the effect such a bin might have on donations for our rummage sales.

Action: Rev Liz will inform Canadian Diabetes that at this time we are not able to place a bin on St. Andrews property.

l) Church Photo Book (Pam)

The suggestion was made to look into creating another church photo album perhaps in the fall. The last one was done in 2017. Laura and Sue indicated an interest in assisting with this project.

Action: Sue will check her records for the photographer contacts etc.

m) Farewell for Alex

Lynne T reminded vestry a special coffee hour will be held this Sunday, January 22nd to say goodbye to Alex who is moving to Brandon, MB.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Closing Grace (Rev Liz)

Date for next Corporation Meeting – February 7th (1pm)

Date for next Vestry Meeting - Wednesday February 15th (7:00) – Please note this is a Wednesday.