

ALL SAINTS' PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WILSON LOUNGE
October 19, 2015

1. Present: The Rev. Geoff Howson, The Rev. Suzanne McMillan, Helen Coldwell, Carol Druce, Tracy Gemmiti, Brian Jeffries, Jamie MacVichie, Renée Paul, Christine Slevan, Sylvia Sutherland, David Watton and Marilyn Sutherst (council secretary)

2. Regrets: Russell Cook, Sarah Cook, Barry Greensides, Lynda Mercer, Joanna Park and Peggy Watton

The Rev. Suzanne McMillan opened our meeting with prayer

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: Marilyn Sutherst moved that the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 21st be accepted as printed. Jamie MacVichie seconded this motion and all were in favour.

6. Reports from groups:

a) Property

- the price for the rectory has been lowered as per the Special Vestry vote
- we have signed on for another 3-month stint with our present realtor – after that we may have to change realtors
- we are able to access both the St. Alban's rectory fund and our own rectory fund for the housing allowance for Fr. Geoff -not a budget item and will not affect our funds

b) Terraces

- the tenants are delighted with the improvements made – greater efficiency in monitoring the heat
- the committee of Graham Hart, Brian Jeffries and Ken Gadd are overseeing the management
- our sexton, Don, is living in the unit closest to the church

c) ACW - their next meeting is on Monday, October 26th

d) Chancel Guild - the food from the Thanksgiving display was given to Cameron House

e) Stewardship

- the group has found a resistance to the idea of pledging or changing from envelopes to Pre-Authorized Givings (PAG)
- parish is feeling donor fatigue
- we will have to rely more on rental income to sustain the church
- The Rev. Christian Harvey has spoken to Fr. Geoff recently - he has several programmes which he would like us to consider
 - o a Monday-to-Friday open kitchen in the upper Parish Hall from 2-6 p.m.
 - o the Warming Room every night during the Winter in the lower Parish Hall

- both of these programmes would be paid for by the city and would have **paid, trained staff to handle them**
- there is also another confidential item (at this time)
- if these programmes were accepted it would mean a very substantial income from the city
- this would also fulfil our Missional mandate to help others
- Fr. Geoff will question Christian and get more information to present to us
- 2 Anglican congregations in Peterborough are very fragile – St. Luke’s and All Saints’
- St. Barnabas is also not doing well
- Peterborough can really only sustain 2 parishes
- The Diocese does not close churches – it must be a vote of the parishioners to

g) Worship etc. - Sylvia Sutherland feels that the Worship Committee should meet very shortly to define their role - they are strictly advisory – the decisions are made by Fr. Geoff alone

h) Covenant Conversation

- Dave Watton presented the agenda for his 2 information sessions to be held on October 25 and Nov. 8 - these meetings are to prepare us for when all of the 5 churches meet here with the Bishop on Nov. 16
- The presentations on Oct. 25th will be no longer than 5 minutes each and will show us the current information for the 4 Anglican churches in Peterborough – we should be pondering our SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats)
- The meeting on November 8th will be the longer of the 2 and possibly sandwiches could be served

7. Financial Report –

- We are getting hit hard with the drop in income
- Our budget was for 109,000 – in reality it is only 69,000
- The Cornerstone Campaign is paying for the new roof for the Parish Hall – there may be about 20,000 left in this fund

9. Parish Priest’s Report:

- Tracy Gemmiti asked about the funds in the Heritage Trust Fund and whether they could be used to keep us afloat
- The Wardens are the trustees of the HTF - the other members are only advisors
- There are very strict guidelines for its use – must be used for the enhancement of worship at All Saints’ Church - if we started using it to enhance the General Fund we would be through it in no time and it would not be serving the purpose for which it was created.
- We must do much heart searching as to what we want to have in order to maintain an Anglican identity in Peterborough - what can we give up and what can we gain
- Fr. Geoff will be on holiday from October 29th to November 6th. The Rev. Canon Milton Barry will be in charge of services during that time.

Tracy, Suzanne and Wendy McNab are on a Celebration Committee to help All Saints' to commemorate special occasions at the church – 100's, chancel, choir, etc.

10. We closed with the Grace led by Fr. Geoff

11. Adjournment

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilson Lounge.

Submitted by Marilyn A. Sutherst, Parish Council Secretary