

Parish of the Northern Lights

Parish Council

November 26, 2016

Attendees:

Kathy Hogarth, Vernie Mosich, Judy Flax, Wendy Lawrence, Joyce Wilson, Pauline Morey, Marion Baker, David Greenwood, LeRoy Overacker, Shirley Raaflaub, Joyce Pusiarski (late)

Absent:

Bill Creaser

Regrets:

Henrik Asfeldt, Richard Loken, Chris Boyce

Chairperson: David Greenwood

Recorder: David Greenwood

Location: St. Paul's, Boyle

1. Meeting started at 2:12 p.m. with prayer.
2. As Parish Council Secretary was unable to make it, the Chair was requested to take notes for this meeting.
3. Agenda Review
 - No suggested changes to the agenda.
4. Previous Minutes
 - No omissions or changes noted.
5. Old Business
 1. Remuneration on Parish business
 - Rev. David made a request that clergy who are celebrating at a Worship Service in his stead be given an honorarium, regardless if it is felt that the clergy is at their home congregation or not.
 - The Treasurer of St. Thomas' asked that the council recognize those who do serve the Parish in this way, explicitly naming the Rev. Chris Boyce and the Rev. Bill Creaser. Grateful thanks is indeed extended to them.
 - It was mentioned that previously (about 5 years or so ago), the Bishop had directed the Parish that it was not to do what Rev. David was requesting: clergy were only to be given an honorarium if they were supplying outside their home congregation.
 - It was recognized that many people in the Parish give extensively of their time and resources to help the Parish function successfully
 - Rev. David asked if there would be a mover and seconder for a motion addressing his request. None came forward, so the request died on the table.
 2. David discussed the Parish Assessment (refer to "Self-Assessment Reflection.doc") and requested the Wardens:
 1. Prayerfully discuss with their congregations if they wish to pursue any of:
 1. Specific, Concrete Missional Objectives.

2. Priestly / Lay Visitation in Community.
3. Corporate, Filling Worship
4. Significant Relational Groups
2. If they decided they wished to pursue one, bring it up to the congregation AGM and ask for their agreement and support.
3. Report back to the upcoming Parish Council meeting
 - David noted that the Wardens and congregations would own their decision – David would gladly be a resource, but would not be owning the direction the congregation chose. However, David did share that he was planning on a Parish (not congregation) level to try and initiate Priestly / Lay Visitation in the community. Congregations were free to also attack this, or try a different initiative.
 - (If Vestries decide to pursue one of the above avenues, David can provide a presentation to walk the congregation through at the AGM)
6. Standing Reports (Highlights and Key Points of Strategic Interest)
 1. Clergy:
 1. Priest-in-charge
 - David was informed if he occasionally needed a day off to recuperate from his schedule, he was free to do so (David will inform the Wardens if he wishes to do this).
 2. Associate Priest
 3. Deacon
 - Report missing
 2. Congregational:
 1. Christ Church
 - Rolling along nicely
 2. St. Andrew's / Zion
 - Asked for help with some jobs, getting good response from congregation
 3. St. Paul's
 - ACW gave \$2000 as outreach donations.
 - \$500 to St. Paul's itself
 - \$1500 to various charities in Boyle
 - Question arose regarding locking the church when not occupied. Decision made to continue this practice, and give keys to those requiring access.
 4. St. Thomas'
 - Craft and Bake Sale was very successful. Great fellowship was held, and some money was raised.
 - Very thankful for Clergy and Lay leadership
 3. Youth Group
 - Report missing
 4. Search Committee
 - Reported as no progress to date. David requested that the Search Committee provide the Parish Council with a schedule.
 - David gave Judy copy of a Resource Document created by the Ven. Terry Leer for All Saints, Fort McMurray when they were in a 'between-the-Priest' situation.
 5. Refugee Sponsorship

- Raised \$1816 from “Antiques Roadshow.” Now at \$26,000, aiming for \$35,000.
 - Arrival of Refugee family could be anywhere from January to July of 2017
 - Feel that needed supports are well in place for when family arrives
6. Treasurer's Report
- St. Paul's given permission to do what they want with old photocopier
 - MOTION: Moved by LeRoy Overacker, seconded by Judy Flax: That the Parish Treasurer move \$10,000 from the general account to a GIC for Priest Moving Expenses.
 - Carried Unanimously
 - The Parish Treasurer requested the Interim Priest-in-charge (indeed, all people) to submit expenses on a Monthly basis so he can track better.
 - MOTION: Moved by LeRoy Overacker, seconded by Shirley Raaflaub: That the Treasurers' Report be accepted as presented.
 - Carried Unanimously
7. New Business 30 minutes
1. Noted that the Community Service ad's in The Advocate were outdated.
 1. Wardens of each congregation will take care to rectify this for their congregation.
 2. Upcoming AGM's
 - Adjusted the schedule as follows:
 1. St. Thomas': Saturday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m., at Joyce Wilson's house
 - To be followed by lunch.
 2. St. Andrew's / Zion: Sunday, January 8th after Worship, in the Hall.
 - To be in conjunction with lunch.
 3. Christ Church: Friday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m., at the Wandering River Youth Centre.
 - To be followed by lunch.
 4. St. Paul's: Sunday, January 15th after Worship, in the Hall.
 - To be in conjunction with lunch.
 5. Overall Parish: Sunday, January 29th at St. Paul's, after Worship, in the Hall.
 - To be in conjunction with lunch.

(Note: Joyce Pusiarski was able to join the meeting at this point)

2. Roles and Needs – Parish Council; Vestries
 - Unable to share personnel needs at this time (how many positions were open, who (if anyone) was stepping down, etc.). Needs to be understood before AGM's are held (i.e: in the next few weeks).
3. Separate Bank Accounts
 - MOTION: Moved by Shirley Raaflaub, seconded by LeRoy Overacker: That separate bank accounts be established for St. Paul's, Boyle and Christ Church, Wandering River.
 - Carried Unanimously
 - MOTION: Moved by Shirley Raaflaub, seconded by LeRoy Overacker: That assigned signing authority for St. Paul's, Boyle bank account will be:
 - Shirley Raaflaub (Treasurer)
 - Judy Flax (Rector's Warden)
 - Hazel Lund; (People's Warden)

and

That assigned signing authority for Christ Church, Wandering River bank account will be:

- Shirley Raaflaub (Treasurer)
- Joyce Pusiarski (People's Warden)
- Kathy Hogarth (Rector's Warden)
- Carried Unanimously

(Note: Shirley Raaflaub left the meeting at this point)

4. 2017 Budget
 - MOTION: Moved by Joyce Wilson, seconded by Pauline Morey: That the Parish Council approve the 2017 Parish Budget as presented.
 - Carried Unanimously
5. Any outstanding items from 2016 AGM's
 - None noted. Can the Warden's please supply David with minutes from this past January's AGM's.
3. Christmas Services
 - Unanimous consent NOT to have a Christmas Day service for 2016.
 - Agreed to following schedule for Christmas Eve services:
 - St. Thomas': 9:00 a.m.
 - Christ Church: 1:30 p.m.
 - St. Andrew's / Zion: 5:00 p.m.
 - St. Paul's: 7:00 p.m. (tentative: Judy will double-check with Chris)
 - MOTION: Moved by Judy Flax, seconded by Joyce Wilson: That an ad be placed in The Advocate on behalf of the Parish, announcing the Christmas Eve services for all four congregations.
 - Carried Unanimously. Wendy Lawrence volunteered to make it happen (thank you Wendy).
4. Discretionary Fund – postponed to next Parish Council meeting due to lack of time. Also requested that Parish Website be on next meeting agenda.
 - MOTION: Moved by LeRoy Overacker: That the Parish Council meeting be adjourned.
 - Carried Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.
8. Council members shared the Grace with each other.
9. Next Meeting: 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Paul's
10. Action Items to follow up on:
 1. Wardens to discuss with their Vestries pursuing specific Congregation Objectives (1-4 noted near beginning of minutes) and contact David if assistance required
 2. David to inform Wardens if he needs a day off for sanity ;)
 3. Search Committee to provide Parish Council with schedule
 4. Warden's to update Community Service advertisement in The Advocate for their congregation
 5. Warden's to understand upcoming Personnel Needs for their Vestries and advise David (in the next couple of weeks please)
 6. Shirley will take minutes to bank to get separate bank accounts created as indicated

7. Wardens to supply David with minutes from this past years' AGM's, so he can understand format of meeting and also verify no outstanding action items.
8. Wendy Lawrence will see that advertisement for Christmas Eve services is placed in The Advocate.
9. For next meeting agenda:
 1. Discretionary Fund
 2. Parish Website
 3. Other items as identified