

ST. JOHN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – May 11, 2023

Present: Rev. Noel Henry, Andrew Hobbis, Heather Rule, Vicki Gilmour, Larry Langdon, Cathy Seymour, Holly Adam and Martha Silmsen

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Noel.

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Andrew, seconded by Cathy. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Andrew. Revenues were back up a bit last month. There was a discussion regarding an ACW account which is no longer being used as the group is not active. Andrew will speak with Brenda Hobbs regarding how to proceed and what the funds should be used for.

Clergy Report: Given and explained by Rev. Noel. The Easter Egg hunt was a success again this year with approximately thirty children involved. He will post pictures on the website shortly. Bishop Michael is retaining his role as Bishop for the near future. Rev. Noel will be on vacation from June 18, 2023 to July 1, 2023 with Rev. Anne Moore replacing him.

Cemetery Committee: Heather sold one niche, leaving four. There was a discussion on pre-selling niches if we move forward on erecting a new columbarium. Heather has volunteered to have conversation with Jason from Paul Payne Funeral Home regarding some recommendations he has made.

Hall Committee: Martha reported that the hall has been quite busy most days. There is a potential conflict between a pickleball tournament and the garage sale in the parking lot both scheduled on June 10/23. I will contact Joyce and Judy Janzen to see if this can be rectified. Tozer inspection was done and an e-mail received about potentially going on a "contract" paid monthly which could save money over the course of the year. Andrew will investigate further and I will hold off making an appointment with them for the fall. KFL&A Health Inspection was done and our risk level has gone from a medium to low. Many thanks to Vicki for being in the kitchen for this. Several tables have damage on them and it was decided a much more thorough check be done when tables/chairs have been rented out. Loyalist Kids Club have been notified about a large mess left all over the hall following their meeting. It seems to have been dealt with as the hall was in good shape the following week. Canada Day proceedings and bookings have started.

Maintenance Report: given by Larry. There has been substantial damage done to the light switch in the hall. One of them has been completely broken off. These are extremely expensive so Larry will check into other models that will turn lights on and still be able to use dimmer.

Other Business:

- Rod & Lisa will be invited to a less formal visit possibly with the 4 churches in the village. Martha will contact JoAnne McGraw at St. Linus Church and Rev. Noel will discuss with the United Church and Parkway Church. Rev. Noel will also find out from Rod & Lisa what day is convenient for them.
- Rod & Lisa meeting will be our next initiative instead of dog/cat food for Morning Star Mission.
- Mother's Day flowers are ordered
- Yard Sale date will be settled.
- Cathy now has 11 tables @\$40. per table confirmed. She asked for clarification of a specific mission that monies collected will be used for, not vague as "outreach".
- A Happy Retirement card or gift was discussed for Bishop Michael when he leaves.
- Archbishop DaSilva has been booked to speak at St. John's on July 2, 2023. He will mainly be able to tell us about Christianity in Brazil.
- Both gardens in front of the hall have been planted with cuttings from Larry & Cathy's own gardens. (Many thanks). The garden by the church will be planted with four o'clocks as soon as weather permits. There is still conversation regarding memorial trees.

The meeting closed with the saying together of The Grace.

Next meeting scheduled for June 8, 2023 at noon.