

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting – August 15, 2024 – 7 pm**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church met on August 15, 2024, at 7 pm. Warden Nancy Stephens opened the meeting with prayer. Present were Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Jeanne Sayre and Heather Storey. Regrets – Joan Dunphy, Steve Hart, Michael Clark and Dennis Williams.

Approval of the Agenda – moved by Heather, seconded by Ben that the agenda be approved as read. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of the June Meeting – moved by Jeanne, seconded by Nancy that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of the July 14 Meeting – moved by Donna, seconded by Nancy, that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Correspondence – A request was received from Diabetes Canada to put a bin in our parking lot. We do not think this is a good idea, so this will not be entertained at this time.

Business Arising – *Discussion of Parish Profile Questionnaire* – top priorities (1) Increasing Sunday School, etc. - Vivian has taken the reins on this; (2) increasing our parish's role in the community, and (3) increasing personal spirituality will be discussed with our new rector.

Music – choir practice will begin September 10th.

Prayer time during service – could we find a better place than under the basketball net for this, but other areas might not be convenient.

Visitation and calls for seniors – Jeanne will speak to Lynda Wood again about this.

Update on floor cleaning – the offices, chapel and hallway on the left side of the building have been done. The gym will be done in August, and the kitchen, washrooms and nursery at a time to be determined.

Parish Advisory Committee – there has been no formal expression of interest yet for a new rector.

Finance and Admin – no report

Youth and Seniors – no report

Treasurer's Report – no concerns, we seem to be doing okay. See Ben's report attached. Moved by Ben, seconded by Jeanne, that the treasurer's report be approved. Carried.

Church Properties – lighting for the front entrance needs to be improved. Nancy will talk to Darrell as the entrance light seems to be burned out.

The parking lot by GoGo is in bad shape. We have offered to share the cost of repairs.

We need to find out if Saxon Electric has found out anything about our electricity load.

Willing Wonders – two card tables were bought at half price for a total of \$100 plus tax. Martha's Pantry is being well used by approximately 16 families. Donations are plentiful.

Worship – David, Bruce and Keith are willing to continue with services. There are three people helping with streaming the 8:30 service. David Peer is usually here on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Cemetery – the ramp for the shed is deteriorating and needs to be replaced. This will be investigated.

New Business – There are plans to attend Paul's induction service September 28th. To rent a Trius 56 seat bus is \$2,079.55, and Maximum Coach is \$1,782.50. It was suggested that Vivian book a bus and find out when it could be cancelled if necessary. An announcement will be made at Sunday's service, and an email will go out. A list will be compiled of those interested. The cost will be \$30 per person.

Shared Meals for the fall – we will start these to be held on the first Friday of each month.

Confidentiality of congregational contact information – any info in the 2019 directory is implied consent, but there is a question about the scope of that consent. Perhaps we could do an updated address directory with permission. We could put an announcement in the bulletin explaining this, asking for permission to share their information in a directory to be shared only with our congregation. Bill will ask Josh what he has now and then we will decide at our next meeting.

Next Regular Vestry Meeting – September 19, 2024 – 7 pm

For Prayer – Honorary Assistants – David, Bruce and Keith
Our Parish – Darrell and Josh

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: St. John's Anglican Church

August 15, 2024

Financial Statements as of July 31, 2024

Balance Sheet

- Bank balance of \$112,849.32
 - Increase of \$10,344 from the end of May
 - \$77,325 in special purpose funds
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- \$489,924 in diocesan investments
- \$7,890 in HST receivable
- \$21,325 in accounts payable
- \$392 VISA balance

Income Statement

- Revenue
 - \$134,566 in YTD unrestricted offerings
 - Down \$3,566 from July 2023 (5 Sundays in July 2023 compared to 4 in 2024)
 - \$37,456 increase in June, July
 - \$76,909 in other revenue (\$64,834 Main Street improvement fund – donations, remains of bequest)
 - \$13,323 in other revenue
 - \$224,798 in total revenue
 - Adjusted revenue: \$159,964
- Expenses
 - \$158,279 year to date expenses
 - Increase of \$38,603 in June, July
 - Down \$16,918 from July 2023 (clergy salaries, 2023 camera purchase, offset by some roofing costs)
- Net Income
 - Adjusted: Surplus of \$1,685 (excluding 75 Main Street offerings)
 - Improvement of \$12,391 from May 31, 2024