

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting September 19, 2024**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church, Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis, met on September 19, 2024, at 7 pm. Present were Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Steve Hart, Michael Clark and Heather Storey. Regrets – Joan Dunphy, Dennis Williams and Jeanne Sayre. The meeting opened with prayer.

Additional Items for the Agenda

New Business - Stewards of funding for three more refugees

Rental request for evenings

Church Properties – Church sign

Protection for heat pumps

Moved by Michael, seconded by Steve that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from the August meeting – moved by Nancy, seconded by Ben that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Correspondence – Insurance Renewal Questionnaire – Ben will look into this.

Business Arising – *Visitation and calls for seniors* – we will address this at our next meeting.

Congregational Contact List – Josh can supply information for parishioners. We could put a notice in the bulletin for people to contact Josh to make sure their contact information is up to date.

Parish Advisory Committee – no update

Bus Trip Finances – Willing Wonders will contribute \$500 toward the cost of the bus rental. There are 37 signed up now. There might be a shortfall of approximately \$1,600.

Committee Reports

Finance and Admin – no report

Youth and Seniors – no report

Treasurer's Report – see Ben's report, attached. Moved by Ben, seconded by Michael that the treasurer's report be approved. Carried.

Church Properties – *Lighting out front* – Darrell cleaned the light, but we need to decide if there is adequate light provided by it.

High Power Consumption – we are waiting for someone to come in to check this out. NB Power confirmed it wasn't an issue with the meter.

Church Sign – we had previously voted to have one installed. Steve will look after finding something to hang it on.

Heat Pump Cages – They probably aren't needed outside. We won't do anything about the inside at this time.

Willing Wonders – a meeting will be held Tuesday to assess the needs for funds for the school lunch program. The number of students being provided with lunches this year has gone from 33 to 45. There was \$2,000 earmarked for the boiler from WW, but this is not needed at this time.

Worship – *Proposal from Bruce McKenna* – He would like to have a ministry of prayer for healing. The approach would be a team of three – himself and two lay people (Steve and Nancy). During communion he would say “If you would like prayer for healing, bring your bulletin with you”. This would be at the 10:30 service once a month, and it would not affect the prayer corner. Vestry agreed to support this.

Cemetery – Ben followed up with Roger on the ramp for the shed. It would be approximately \$300 to \$400 for supplies.

New Business – *Pickleball court* – We would need a net, which would cost approximately \$100 to \$150. We would have to decide when we could rent the gym and how much we would charge.

A company is interested in renting the gym several evenings a week. It is fully booked until January. Any groups who wish to rent the gym are required to have liability insurance. There is a form to be filled out for provided insurance as an option, but it would be preferable for groups to have their own insurance. Michael will check out what other places charge for rent.

It has been suggested that we *invite cubs and scouts to a special church service.* Michael will check with the leaders to see how many they estimate would be interested in attending.

Stewards for funding for three more refugees – Salam's relatives are waiting to be admitted into Canada as refugees. The money has been raised. We need to get details as to who would deposit and withdraw from the account. Moved by Steve that we would agree to hold in trust any monies for refugees from Ethiopia, seconded by Heather. Carried.

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

Next Vestry Meeting – October 17, 2024 – 7 pm.

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

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

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Financial Statements as of August 31, 2024

Balance Sheet

- Bank balance of \$80,226
 - Decrease of \$32,623 from last month
 - Decrease of \$199,808 from last year
 - Drew down liability accounts for Stone Church Roof Fundraiser (\$7,335), Stone Church Projects (\$4,132)
 - \$71,292 in special purpose funds, leaving just \$9,000 in available cash
- \$2,048 in savings account
- \$489,924 in diocesan investments
- \$9,045 in HST receivable
- \$1,326 in accounts payable

Income Statement

- Revenue
 - \$152,322 in YTD unrestricted offerings
 - Down \$2,182 from August 2023
 - Increase of \$17,756 in August
 - \$85,033 in Designated Offerings
 - \$13,755 in other revenue
 - \$250,110 in reported revenue
 - Adjusted revenue (exclude building): \$173,789
- Expenses
 - \$186,734 in reported YTD Expenses
 - Increase of \$28,455 in August (~ \$11,500 of this is for the roof)
 - Salaries down over \$13,000 from last year (rector)
 - Hall maintenance up \$3,000 from last year due to gym lines repainting; invoice for floor cleaning is pending
 - Adjusted expenses (excluding building): \$175,247
- Net Income
 - Adjusted: Deficit of \$1,458 (last month – surplus of \$1,685)

Other Items

- Will submit application for HST reimbursement (\$9,045)