

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Parish Meeting July 7, 2024**

A parish meeting was held following the 10:30 service on July 2, 2024. The meeting opened with prayer. Warden Bill MacKenzie provided an update on what has happened since the annual meeting with regard to the stone church. The Orthodox Church is unable to take over the building.

A group was formed to investigate the possibility of having the Orthodox Church take over the stone church, but we were informed that they are unable to go through with this at this time.

The roof of the stone church has a lot of damage, especially on the back side. The congregation had agreed on demolition, but quotes are very high. There is a stone church fund which had conditions that it couldn't be used until it reached \$100,000, unless it is no longer a consecrated church. The fund now stands at approximately \$79,000.

Steve Hart connected with a roofer to get an estimate for shingles or steel, but the roofer felt that steel would not be appropriate for that roof. The estimate is approximately \$11,000 to replace the roof.

There is \$7,035 in the bank account for the roof. There is approximately \$20,000 in addition to the \$79,000 in the fund.

Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna advised us to be very careful in changing the legal parameters of the fund in order to use it to make repairs.

Judy Jones noted that most of the windows are in need of repair, as well as pointing and mold remediation. She would like to see us raise money to demolish the church.

Kim Rickard is against demolition, as her family has had connections with the church for decades.

Harold Rice suggested using the building as a columbarium.

Clifford Hay has been on the stone church committee for over 30 years. We don't have the money to tear it down, but the roof must be fixed. There could still be some uses for it in the future.

Bill states that he hears a consensus to fix the roof. Moved by Steve, seconded by Kim Rickard that we fix the roof on the stone church along with the parameters of the quote received by Ryan Snowden. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk