

**MINUTES OF THE
173rd ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**
Christ Church, Bolton
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

1. Rev. Don Beyers led us in the Opening Prayer.
 - Rev. Beyers acts in the role of chair for the vestry meeting.
2. Election of Vestry Clerk
 - Moved by Steve Dranitsaris and seconded by Heather Somers that Susan Koschmider be elected as Vestry Clerk.
 - Carried
3. Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Toronto, Andrew Asbil pages 1 & 2
 - Rev. Beyers drew our attention to the Pastoral letter from Bishop Andrew Asbil
4. Pastoral Letter from Area Bishop Jenny Andison pages 3 & 4
 - Rev. Beyers drew our attention to the Pastoral letter from Area Bishop Jenny Anderson
5. Minutes of Previous Vestry page 5 to 7
 - Any errors or omissions?
 - Carole Whitehead asked if we still have the funds available from Missional Ministry. Rev. Beyers confirmed that we still have access to these funds, of \$52,000. Discussion followed about whether it was for one person we would hire. Also discussed whether it would be an ordained or a lay person.
 - Moved by Greg Sweetnam, and seconded by James Clarke that we accept the minutes as written.
 - Carried
6. Rector's Report to Vestry pages 8 – 11
 - Rev. Beyers presented the highlights of the Rector's Report to Vestry.
 - He commended the parish on the financial generosity in supporting the ministry of this parish.
 - Giving have gone up, as has attendance. Rev. Beyers would like to see a 10% growth in attendance each year. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the parish show up to church each week.
 - Rev. Beyers said that his charge to us is to know Jesus and to act as Jesus for others.
7. Wardens' Report page 12
 - Janet Niedoba addressed highlights of the Warden's report.
 - The Bell Tower work was scheduled to begin in 2019, but will start in 2020.
 - \$75,000 has been budgeted for the remainder of the Bell Tower restoration. Some of the money raised by the parish was used in preparation for the engineer's report.
 - Our budget is covered mainly by general weekly giving, the Allen Drive proceeds and memorial donations. It was noted that if we had to rely only on weekly giving, we would have a much smaller budget to work with.
 - We do have other capital costs and repairs upcoming.
 - Questions were addressed from the floor.

8a. Treasurer's Report

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- Ruth May presented highlights of the Treasurer's Report
- She expressed her thanks to the Wardens who support or guide her decisions when financial decisions must be made.
- Susan Fulcher moved and Heather Somers seconded the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report.
- Carried

8b. Presentation of 2019 statements

blue pages 1 to 4, columns 1 & 2 ~ (attached)

- Ruth May and Janet Niedoba presented the highlights of the 2019 statements.
- It was noted that FaithWorks giving exceeded our goal slightly.
- Property expenses were higher than budgeted for, due to extensive repairs to roof, furnace repairs, maintenance of sump pump, etcetera.
- Carole Whitehead pointed out that many years ago a Vestry motion passed and that this parish made a commitment to giving 10% of our open and envelope giving to outreach. Ruth pointed out that we are in line for this, since the 10% applied to open and envelope giving..
- Steve Dranitsaris moved and John Marshall seconded the acceptance of the 2019 statements with two minor changes:
 - on p. 1, the Town of Caledon grant should be placed under budget line for 2020 (a typo), and
 - the Heritage Fund line should not read "Heritage Fund Interest", but should read Heritage Fund.
- Susan Fulcher asked if the 15% disbursement of FaithWorks hold-back funds is in the budget, Ruth pointed out that they are under the FaithWorks line awaiting designation.
- Carried

9. Envelope Report

page 23

- Fred May, Envelope Secretary, presented the Envelope Report.
- The parish gave Fred a round of applause for his work as Envelope Secretary.
- Moved by Susan Fulcher and seconded by Ron Macnaughton that the Envelope Report be accepted.
- Carried.

10. Presentation & Approval of 2020 Budget

blue pages 1 to 4, column 3 (attached)

- Ruth May and Janet Niedoba presented the highlights of the 2020 Budget.
- Rev. Beyers clarified information about the Glebe/Allan Drive rental property. Guaranteed minimum rent is \$72,000 per year. The basic rent is all the profit of the Allan Drive property. Subsequent to Julie Haugh Guzzo's presentation to the Warden's and the Advisory Board, the Wardens and parish have agreed to take \$5,000 rent for this year only. This is to allow the use of other rental income to be used to continue to make repairs on the property.
- Rev. Beyers noted a change to how the guest preacher/supply preacher is written in the report. Supply clergy to cover Rev. Beyers' vacation and study time are now noted under the Personnel heading.
- During 2020 we will receive \$110,000 from the Heritage Fund. Of this \$10,000 is set aside to facilitate a commitment to the growth of this church. There will be significant money spent on community outreach, for example, among other events, the Shrove Tuesday dinner and Bell Tower Dedication. Some of this money will be used for advertising, mentioned in response to a question from Steve Dranitsaris.
- Susan Fulcher noted that the Caledon Enterprise is available in both print as well as digital.
- Rev. Beyers said that the community advertising about the Shrove Tuesday dinner seems to be paying off as he has had questions from non-parish community members about the dinner.

- Heather Somers asked why there was \$0 on all three columns regarding Family Transition Place. Some confusion arises from the year delay in allocating funds. This particular item was left in by clerical error. The line should have been removed.
- Rev. Beyers clarified the transfer of \$100,000 transfer from the Heritage Fund.
 - \$50,000 will be used for the Bell Tower.
 - There will be a contingency fund of \$25,000 created to quickly access funds for urgent repairs.
 - In addition, another \$25,000 is available for required repairs for, among other things, two furnaces, a water tank and rectory repairs (i.e., front railing).
- Carole Whitehead asked about the stained glass repair item. It was a designated gift and must be held for use to repair, upgrade and/or clean the stained glass windows.
- Janet Muir requested that in the future the budget be available earlier so that the parish can read it thoroughly ahead of time.
- Ron Macnaughton noted that funds must be spent for what they have been designated. Rev. Beyers agreed and said that it is both a legal and a canonical requirement.
- Heather Somers and Charlene Tavenor asked questions of clarification about what the funds for the stained glass windows would cover (i.e., storm windows, wire covers to protect the windows).
- Steve Dranitsaris moved, and Heather Somers seconded the acceptance of the 2020 Budget.
- Carried

11. Heritage Fund Report

pages 24 & 25

- Steve Dranitsaris presented the highlights of the Heritage Fund Report
- The market was not very good for the Heritage Fund.
- A bequest to the parish from Mildred Norris provided \$106,863 to the Heritage Fund.
- Moved by Susan Fulcher and seconded by Greg Sweetnam the acceptance of the Heritage Fund report.
- Carried

12. Motion from the Social Justice & Advocacy Committee

see green sheet

- Rev. Beyers presented and explained the Social Justice Vestry Motion for this year.
- Steve Dranitsaris expressed his concern about the statement “End public financing of the fossil fuel industry (oil, gas coal)”. He felt that it could adversely impact jobs for many Canadians.
- Mary Phelan supported Steve’s concern.
- Yvonne Shoalts encouraged that we as individuals cut back on use of plastics and on the garbage we generate.
- Rev. Beyers suggested that we table the Vestry Motion for now pending further investigation and discussion to modify what we think.
- Moved by Greg Sweetnam and seconded by Carole Whitehead that we table the Vestry Motion.
- Carried.
- Fred May suggested that we table this motion to a sub-committee and bring it to a later Vestry Meeting.
- Greg Sweetnam and Carole Whitehead agreed to the amendment.
- Joe Niedoba suggested that when the church is looking at replacement of appliances, such as furnaces, etc. that we consider energy efficiency in making our decision.
- Carried.

13. Appointments & Elections of Positions of Responsibility

yellow sheet (attached)

- Ian Carter has been nominated as People’s Warden. Ian has served as Deputy People’s Warden for two years.

- John Marshall has been nominated as Vestry Representative to Advisory Board. John and his wife have been attending Christ Church since August at the 8:00 am service.
- Julie Haugh Guzzo has been nominated as Lay Delegate to Synod.
- Rev. Beyers expressed his thanks Pat Laidlaw for her faithful service over the past two years as Lay Delegate to Synod.
- Rev. Beyers called for any further nominations.
- James Clarke was nominated as Deputy People's Warden.
- Steve Dranitsaris moved, and Pat Spiteri seconded the closing of nominations.
- Carried
- Mary Phelan moved, and Liz Carter seconded a motion to accept the slate of candidates.
- Carried.

14. Motion to Amend Signing Officers' List

- Rev. Beyers explained who can and cannot be a signing office and how the process works.
- Ian Carter moved, and Heather Somers seconded the following change in signing officers;
- Janet Niedoba will be removed from the list of signing officers, as she completed her term as a Warden at the end of this meeting.
- James Clarke will be added to the list of signing officers.

15. Committee Reports & Motion to accept pages 13 through 22

- Marg McGrath moved, and Pat Laidlaw seconded the acceptance of the Committee Reports.
- Carried

16. Allan Drive Property Report & Motion to accept page 26 & 27

- Greg Sweetnam presented highlights of the Allan Drive Property Report.
- Karen Code asked about a Caledon Enterprise article in which the Anglican Diocese refused to comment on the removal of the fence. Karen felt that the article did not make the Anglican Diocese look very good.
- Greg Sweetnam commented on the removal of the fence. If the Board of Directors can negotiate the removal of the fence without jeopardizing the financial security of the property as it relates to this parish, it will do so.
- Rev. Beyers commented on the Caledon Enterprise article, and noted that the writer of the article may not have researched as thoroughly as they could have, and that the article did not fully reflect the process of requests for comments.
- Charlene Tavenor moved, and Joan Martin seconded the acceptance of the Allan Drive Property Report.
- Carried

17. Bell Tower

- Rev. Beyers and the Wardens signed a contract to start the restoration work on the Bell Tower.
- Work is scheduled to begin the work on April 15th, weather permitting. The temperature must be consistently warm enough for the work to be carried out.
- Fred May noted that some accommodations and signage will needed to direct parishioners and community members safely into the sanctuary.

18. Other Business

- Rev. Beyers paid tribute to all the Wardens, but in particular to Janet Niedoba's service as a Warden for the past two years.
 - Janet will continue working on the finance committee.
 - Rev. Beyers presented a gift card to Janet as a small token of the Parish's appreciation.
 - Janet Niedoba's service as a Warden officially concluded.
 - Janet expressed her thanks to Rev. Beyers and the parish.
- Rev. Beyers emphasized that the church is the people, not just the minister.

19. Closing Prayer

- Rev. Beyers closed the meeting with prayer and a blessing.