

St. Philip's Parish Council Meeting,
Feb 25, 2025 via zoom

Present: Allen Doerksen, Larry Anthony, Evelyn Savage, Judith Slimmon, Jackie Prowse, Marcus Schlag, Gerianne Knowles-Robson, Judith Armstrong, Dave Conway, Mark Laidlaw (minutes)

AD expressed regret that the meeting needed to be online because of illness.

Meeting came to order at 7:12

AD opened with prayer

AD expressed thanks that Judith Armstrong agreed to let her name stand as warden.

Agenda Review

- Added discussion of “best practices for PC meeting” to Rector’s Report
- Approved as amended

Minutes Review

- Clarification of point in communication plan
- Approved as amended

Rector’s Report

- AD to share with newly elected council a document outlining best practices for PC meetings; AD gave a big-picture overview of the content and philosophy of it.
- Family service planning – looks like it will not be possible to have Mar 2 event; plan to meet with relevant parishioners over next week(s). Parents enthusiastic about idea.
- Easter/Holy Week/Lent
 - RY would like to be involved in planning and delivery.
 - Jenni Jennings organizing Tenebrae wreath for Lent Children’s time at 9.30.
 - LA asks about reprising Stations of the Cross service from last year.
 - Hope to do Agape meal again.
 - Ash Wednesday services at 10am and 7pm.
 - Rector and Wardens to confirm.
- St. Mary’s connection: AD reports that the idea of having Shrove Tuesday event with St. Mary’s is not getting much enthusiasm. Maybe not this year.

Children’s Ministry

- AD suggests that he, LA, JA, and people involved with children’s ministry meet with St. Barnabas
- Jenni organizing Tenebrae wreath for Lent

Youth Ministry

- AD and Ruth have put together and circulated questionnaire for parents, youth. Replies coming in.
- MS comments on overlap between youth ministry, board game night.
- Suggestion to liaise with RY to see if Taize services and board game night can be promoted at UVic.

Treasurer’s Report

- ML reports on bank activity, budget passed by vestry meeting
- Question re Missions contribution for 2024 budget

Communication Plan & Post Meridian

- LA updates on process for ensuring permission for posting images (determination of council is that subjects or parents should be consulted)
- LA updates on billing, reports Post Meridian will be more transparent on invoices.
- AD and LA both express that they are happy with the quality of the postings
- AD and LA to follow up about sermons posting.

Vestry Meeting

- Discussion about turnout, was the timing optimal?
- Feedback that AD's presentation and the small-group discussion were both well-received.
- Idea for consideration: Vestry between two Sunday services.

Sound System

- DC reports on the equipment and material that have been purchased.
- Older speakers have been repurposed as monitors.
- About \$8700 has been spent; about \$5700 of spending coming in short term
- DC to liaise to arrange for thanks to the donor.

Building

- LA reports on nursery cleanup; can we dedicate this as Sunday School space?
- LA reports on youth lounge cleanu, proposes disposing of end-of-life furniture.
- Heads-up that need for carpet cleaning is coming.
- LA reports on initiative to organize a group willing to do basic repairs.

Next meeting: Mar 25 at 7:00pm at St. Philip's

Meeting ends with the Grace at 9:10