

St. Philip's Parish Council Minutes
Monday 27 October, 2025
St Philip's Church
Meeting 7:00pm

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

Regrets: Larry Anthony, Judith Slimmon, Jackie Prowse

Meeting came to order at 7:09

AD opened with prayer

Communications update – Paul Stabell from Post-Meridian joined us via Zoom to talk about their work. with us and field our questions.

- Paul and Melissa to be in Victoria Nov 7, 8, 9 for videos
- Try to increase visibility for “invite”; make it easier for people to
- Priorities: Website; Welcome Video; Ongoing social media
- Now efforts focus on social media; less about AD as only rep for the church; parishioner interviews
- Analytics: detailed information to be sent
- PM takes information from newsletter sermon to keep material relevant.
- Community life material is most visible/engaged with on social media. Analytics suggest viewers are local.
- Highlight challenges in getting content (usable) and liaison with people here at St Philips; let PM know about upcoming events.
- Discussion about having quantity vs quality for content; current engagement is best for “minimalist”
- Content is bottleneck! Weekly life.

Rector's report

- Book Study on *Saved From Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross*
- AD reports on book “Sacred Conversations” about strategic planning in parish context. Study Leave report on planning congregational meetings. AD to circulate to parish council for input.
- AD reports that depreciation reports on both St Philip's and St Matthias' have been ordered.

St Matthias update

- JA reports meeting with St Matthias Wardens scheduled for early November (maybe late October by zoom)
- JA and LA working on answers to parish questions from congressional meeting.
- St Matthias has requested that we share about special events.

September Minutes Review

- Clarification about Bishop's comments re St.Matthias, that vision would be only transfer responsibility for church and hall, not associated housing.
- Approved as amended

Treasurer's report

- ML discussed 3rd quarter finance report; to be circulated to parish.

Parish budget meeting – ML to lead a financial update after 9:30 service on Nov 2. ML to liaise with AD re content.

Newcomers' book – AD to meet with Greeters and Ushers re this idea.

Missions update -- Dec 7th Art Auction event at St. Philip's; fundraising to sponsor a refugee family.

Advent & Christmas events & services – Christmas Cookies and Carols, Dec 5th? Pageant party – after the service on Dec 14th? AD to meet with Melinda for planning.

Next meeting date: December 1

Meeting closed with the Grace at 9:23