

## St. Philip's Parish Council – Minutes Monday 23 March, 2026, St Philip's

Attendees: Evelyn Savage, Larry Anthony, Mike Pipes, Dave Conway, Paul Scambler, Bruce Richmond, Allen Doerksen, Gerianne Knowles-Robson, Mark Laidlaw (minutes)

Regrets: Judith Armstrong, Adam Tarnowsky, John Laidlaw

Guests: None

Meeting came to order at 7:15pm. AD opened with prayer.

Agenda: Building committee discussion moved to end. Approved as amended.

Review of March 2 Minutes:

- Items associated with St. Matthias to be discussed with building committee.

Rector's report

- JA stepping back as People's Warden – search for replacement
- Lent 2026: reflections on the Lord's Prayer. Online study, multiple parishes participating, 90 participants.
- Holy Week 2006 services set: Sunrise service on Easter Sunday, Stations of the Cross on Friday morning, Agape meal on Maundy Thursday.
- AD circulated vision template ([\*Leaving a Legacy\*](#)) – Asked council to prayerfully review, since vision and mission informs our planning for the next 5-10 years. We want the parish to matter for people now, and for people in the future. A discussion ensued. Rector and Wardens to schedule council meeting for further planning.

Treasurer's Report – ML reported on Parish financials for February; report circulated by email and to parish. Council instructs ML to investigate investing in trust fund. ML to circulate giving pattern information to council.

Building rentals - MP is negotiating a one year lease for the Preschool to run from September 2026 – August 2027. LA to forward lease document to MP.

**Missions update** -- a meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> to allocate resources. Two questions, do we want to look at making changes? Do we want to start putting some money towards enacting a tangible action with regard to our weekly land acknowledgement? Do we want to give some money to the Anglican Hospital in Gaza? Following through on ideas from epiphany retreat about doing "our own" mission.

**Building Committee Report** – Ged McLean connecting with Rev. Colleen at St. Matthias to plan a review of what kinds of renovations might be possible/cost to better provide our congregation with an "apples to apples" approach to our decision making.

AD reports that Diocesan council would approve St. Philip's renovation if we had the money.

AD reports that there is a commitment that if we moved to St. Matthias that "at least" half the proceeds from potential sale of Eastdowne site would be available.

Motion: That we approve up to \$10,000 for a feasibility study for the renovation plan discussed at the last meeting. Moved: Mike Pipes. Seconded: Dave Conway. Carried.

Next meeting date: 27 April (we meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)