

Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes of Sunday, January 24, 2016

1. To accept the appointment of Jeanette Rutherford for Vestry Clerk, moved by Carolynn Fryer, seconded by Granya Shearer, carried.
2. Opening Prayer by Rev. Brian McKay.
3. Rector's Report – Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi welcomed those attending for the first time. He highlighted points from his report on pages 8 and 9. He spoke about the state of the church in these times emphasizing decreased attendance. He mentioned that the Anglican church has 30 dioceses, while the Lutheran church has 6. We will probably have to decrease the number of dioceses in the future. By Anglican standards our parish is doing well and remains the largest church in Canada west of Toronto. He touched on all the programs and activities we offer and the passion, energy, enthusiasm and generosity of our parishioners. He predicted that our parish will not only survive, but thrive, with God's help.
4. Treasurer's Report – In the absence of Janice Mayne, on holiday, Warden Ken Andrews gave the report. He reviewed the 2015 year end financial summary itemized on pages 22-23. The budgeted amount for the year was \$405,615, while the actual amount was \$356,206, yielding a shortfall of \$49,409. To accept the treasurer's report for 2015, moved by Robin Shearer, seconded by John Thorpe, and carried.
5. Recognition of William Hefferton as retiring church warden – Bill gave an interesting account of his 4 years as warden. A stirring musical tribute by Steve Holowitz and the choir paid homage to Bill's proud Newfoundland roots.
6. Motion to receive all reports as circulated in the Vestry Report, moved by John Thorpe, seconded by Bette Cunningham, and carried.
7. Proposed Budget for 2016 – Ken Andrews highlighted the proposed operating receipts and expenditures for 2016. Questions and answers followed. Anne Callon asked why expenses for building maintenance are \$11,000 less than for 2015. The response was that it was the 2015 budget which was exceeded by that amount. Ron Cripps asked about the rental income. Vaughn Minor said he would like a breakdown of the 4 items (i.e. insurance, taxes, hydro and gas) related to building expenditures. He thought that hydro costs will go up. It was moved by Don Letton and seconded by Steve Wilson that the proposed budget of \$481,146 be accepted, and carried.
8. Report of Nominating Committee re: the 2016 Parish Council shown on page 6 – The new churchwarden is Jennifer Meister. The treasurer remains Janice Mayne. The new Vestry Clerk is Jeanette Rutherford. The new member at large is Brenda Smith. Thanks were given to retiring members of Council for their years of service: Lisa Archibald, James Wood, and Andrew Wright. Other Council members remain. To accept the Nominating Committee Report it was moved by Bill Hefferton, seconded by Julia Marchesan, and carried. New warden Jennifer Meister was introduced and given her folder and keys.
9. Resolutions for 2016 Signing Officers – Ken Andrews moved and Vaughn Minor seconded that the firm of Ford Keast be retained as our accountants. Ken Andrews moved and Bob Blackburn seconded that the 4 churchwardens, the Rector, and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques and enter the safety deposit box, with two signatures being required for each event. Ken Andrews moved, and Vaughn Minor seconded that one of the Rector and four churchwardens plus the Envelope Secretary be authorized to sign income tax receipts, with two signatures being required for each receipt. Carried.
10. New Business - It was proposed that cookies be available after the 10:30 service. It was announced that longtime parishioner Winn Vaughan passed away and that visitation would be held here next Friday at 10:30 with the funeral at 11:30 to be followed by a reception. Joyce Mitchell on behalf of LERC reported that a new family of 7 will be arriving February 3rd at London Airport.
11. Closing Prayer and the Grace were led by Rev. Gary Nicolosi followed by the singing of Hymn #505, "Be Thou My Vision".
12. Adjournment of the meeting at 13:25 was moved by Rev. Brian McKay, seconded by Granya Shearer, and carried.