

Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting of Vestry
Sunday 15 February 2009

Chair: The Reverend Brad Smith, Rector

Clerk: Marilyn Janssens

Present: Tammy Doreen, Edgar Tumak, Patricia Brant, Beatrice Brant, Myrtle Brant, Bernice Maracle, June Woodman, Shirley Maracle, Carla Barnhardt, Marilyn A Brant, Nancy Branchaud, Brian Branchaud, William J Brant, Paul Robertson, Vince Castellano, Marlene Brant-Castellano, Bev Hill, Georgina Gilbert, Marion Hearn, Cathie Vick, Steven Lindsay, Helen Parker, Kim Maracle, Keith Sero, Marilyn Maracle, Shirley Brant, Edith Green

1. OPENING PRAYER

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VESTRY CLERK

Marilyn Janssens volunteered to be the Clerk of the Vestry for this meeting only.

3. MEMORIALS

A moment of silence was observed for the members of the Parish who had passed away in 2008.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Brian Branchaud, seconded by Pat Brant, that this Vestry approve the agenda of the 2008 Annual Meeting of Vestry. **Carried.**

5. APPROVAL OF 2007 ANNUAL VESTRY MINUTES

Moved by Paul Robertson, seconded by Marilyn Brant, that this Vestry accept the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting of Vestry, held on 17 February 2008. **Carried.**

6. VESTRY REPORTS

Moved by Bev Hill, seconded by William J Brant, that this Vestry accept the Reports to Vestry as presented. Discussion: Paul Robertson inquired as to how many people were included in the total of 156 families on the parish list. The answer was unknown due to the age of the list. Marilyn Brant reported that over 80 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled for Samaritan's purse at Christmas. **Carried.**

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS/BUDGETS

The Vestry reviewed and discussed the reports.

The Rector noted that, although both churches still had balances in their favour at the end of 2008, both operating budgets ended the year in deficit (All Saints: -\$1814.73; Christ Church: -\$1088.08).

Discussion on New England Company Grant monies which currently stand at approximately \$25,000: some money could be spent on 225/300th Anniversary celebrations in 2009 and 2010; Bill Brant asked about investing some of the money; Edgar Tumak suggested looking at ways to innovate in liturgy and mentioned other churches that pay sports registration fees for families that cannot afford them; Marilyn Brant suggested sending a delegate to a youth conference in Washington DC; Keith Sero noted that a committee for the 225th anniversary in May should be convened soon and suggested communications should be improved; Pat Brant asked if, on third Sundays, we could have a guest speaker after church; Brian Branchaud asked about training for pastoral care of seniors, the sick, etc; Bill Brant mentioned the need for more spending and

programs for youth ministry. Moved by Marlene Brant-Castellano; seconded by Bill Brant, that Vestry endorse exploration and budgeting of the activities above and that Parish Council may authorise expenditures relating to these activities by drawing down on the New England Company Grant monies in the Parish budget to a maximum of \$10,000 and that the Wardens invest \$15,000 of the New England Company money in an interest-bearing financial instrument until such time as there is a project which requires funding under the terms of the New England Company Grant.

Carried.

Discussion on Operating Accounts Budget for 2009. The Rector explained the budget and noted the forecast necessary weekly contribution per person based on the overall budget and the average number of people in church each Sunday. Also discussed was an equal sharing between the two congregations of the costs of maintaining the Queen Anne Parish Centre. Other issues raised were the need for improved accessibility to both buildings. It was agreed that Parish Council will set guidelines for rental of the QAPC and explore the possibility of establishing a QAPC Committee.

The Rector presented the Narrative Budget for 2009, which shows the expenditures for ministry in a different way than a spreadsheet. With the presentation was a graph which highlighted the needed funds to maintain our present ministry and the expectations for every member of the parish.

Paul Robertson requested that a column be added to the statement/budget spreadsheets indicating the budgeted figures for the financial year past as a comparison to the figures for the actual revenue/expenditures and the current year. This will be present in the 2009/10 reports.

Moved by Paul Robertson, seconded by Pat Brant, that this Vestry receive the 2008 Financial Statements as presented. **Carried.**

Moved by Bill Brant, seconded by Paul Robertson, that the 2009 Budget be approved as presented. **Carried.**

8. ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

The Chair announced the Rector's appointment of Wm J. Brant as Rector's Warden for All Saints' and Kim Maracle as Rector's Warden for Christ Church.

Moved by Brian Branchaud, seconded by Bill Brant, that nominations be opened. **Carried.**

The following nominations were made and accepted:

(All Saints') People's Warden: Beverley Hill; Lay Delegates to Synod: Patricia Brant, Laverne Maracle, Marilyn Brant (alternate); Parish Council Members-at-Large: Shirley Maracle, Marlene Brant-Castellano, Marilyn Brant.

(Christ Church) People's Warden: *Vacant*; Lay Delegates to Synod: Cathie Vick, Paul Robertson, Kim Maracle (alternate), Doug Green (alternate); Parish Council Members-at-Large: Doug Green, Keith Sero, Lester Brant.

Moved by Patricia Brant, seconded by Bev Hill, that nominations be closed. **Carried**

Moved by Nancy Branchaud, seconded by Vince Castellano, that as there was no need for an election, the slate of candidates be acclaimed as nominated. **Carried.**

9. STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION AND MOTION

Copies of the Strategic Plan were distributed and the Rector highlighted its contents. Moved by Cathie Vick, seconded by Marilyn Janssens, that Vestry accept the Strategic Plan and thank the Strategic Planning Committee for its work over the last two years. **Carried.** The Strategic Plan is now the principal formal governance document in the Parish and is to be consulted for all decisions.

10. COMMUNITY BUILDING

A video presentation on the updated Diocesan Strategic Plan was deferred due to the time.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair noted that a synopsis of the Diocesan Synod held in October was available upon request.

12. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

Moved by William J Brant that this Vestry stand in adjournment. **Carried.** The meeting concluded at 12:00 p.m. with the Rector leading a closing prayer and all saying the Grace.



The Rev'd Brad Smith
Chair of the Vestry

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Clerk of the Vestry