

MINUTES

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA PARISH COUNCIL	PRESENT: Brad Smith, Pat Brant, Edgar Tumak, Pam Detlor, Cathie Vick, Marilyn Brant, Bill Brant, Marlene Brant Castellano, Shirley Maracle, Will Brant (guest)	MEETING TIME/LOCATION: Tue 11 Mar 2014 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. QAPC
	ABSENT: Doug Green, Ann Brant, Wilma Maracle	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION
1.0 OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE REFLECTION	The meeting was called to order with prayer at 7:05 p.m.	
2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Adoption of agenda. Moved: Marilyn Brant, seconded: Bill Brant. Carried. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Moved: Bill Brant, seconded: Cathie Vick. The summer school for lay leaders was added under Faith Formation and two items were added to Outreach. Carried.	
3.0 BUSINESS 3.1 Worship, Witness, Parish Life	a. Parish Administrator. There are now 4 potential candidates for the position. They will be invited for an interview in the near future. b. Music Programme. There has been no success at recruiting a director of music. Edgar Tumak has organised a group that meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. to review the music for Sunday and discuss ideas for the music programme. c. Parish Phone Tree. Pam Detlor proposed a parish phone tree where parishioners would call (or visit) other parishioners on a monthly basis to keep them informed about news and events and generally keep in touch. It was agreed that this is a good way to maintain involvement and to reach out to people on the parish list who are not regular attenders.	Brad: coordinate interviews. Brad: continue conversation with St Thomas's, Belleville. Pam: develop the phone tree and recruit callers

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<p>3.2 Faith Formation</p>	<p>a. Lenten Study. The study will use “Becoming the Stories We Tell”, the Lent/Easter study on forming disciples that the Primate requested parishes use. Four Wednesday evenings in Lent starting 12 March.</p> <p>b. Summer School for Lay Leaders. Cathie Vick brought information for the summer school and requested that the parish pay the \$325 fee for her as she intends to attend as our layreader. This was agreed (the fee is anticipated in the Synod/Conference Registration Fees line in the budget).</p>	<p>Cathie: Send Brad the email with info so it can be advertised for other lay leaders. Brad: prepare cheque for registration fee.</p>
<p>3.3 Human, Financial, Environmental Stewardship</p>	<p>a. Financial Statement. Will asked if there was a noticeable decrease in hydro consumption at Christ Church since the water heater was turned off when we moved to All Saints’. The heat has been set at 50°F since the move but oil consumption is on par with last year’s. Can the heat be set any lower without threatening the fabric (especially mortar)?</p> <p>b. Christ Church Restoration Committee. The committee is hosting a dinner on Sun 23 Mar. Committee membership is open to anyone interested in preserving Christ Church (not just church members). Reports of previous meetings have indicated they are largely dysfunctional but the most recent was more organised, with an agenda. Edgar’s efforts to meet with the Chief to discuss options for sharing costs and use of the building have gone without response.</p> <p>c. Presentation to Tyendinaga Mohawk Council on division of responsibility for Christ Church. Brad presented an initial draft of a presentation to TMC. While it was agreed that all of the information needed was there, it could be more concise (i.e. bullets instead of narrative). Questions were raised about why the band is not maintaining the church out of its operating budget, just as it would other band infrastructure and how to hold the band accountable to the historic site agreement from 1999. Some info that might be helpful to have includes: - budgeted maintenance costs for</p>	<p>Brad: compare last year’s hydro consumption to this year’s for next meeting. Wardens: determine safe low temperature for Christ Church.</p> <p>Brad: revise presentation for review at wardens meeting on 28 Mar, then distribute draft 2 to parish council members for review.</p>

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<p>3.4 Outreach and Mission</p>	<p>similar limestone buildings (diocesan property committee?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is Christ Church on the band's list of buildings it is responsible to maintain? - budget figures for maintenance from André Scheinman's assessment - how does the band deal with the 59ers building (operations and mtce)? <p>d. Capital Projects/Budget. We need a list of capital projects sequenced for priority. There is one from last year that can be reviewed and updated. As people recalled, the priorities, after the All Saints' accessibility renovations were to create storage in the QAPC, replace the flooring in the hall, renovate the bathrooms, and make the QAPC door accessible. It was asked why All Saints' seems to be the beneficiary of the past few years' fundraising efforts. This is a misconception: the rectory renovations were the focus a few years ago and most recently fundraising has been applied to operations in order to reduce deficits. 2013 was the first time All Saints' directly benefited. In addition, building repairs and improvements at Christ Church are not our responsibility as it is a band-owned building.</p> <p>e. Investments. Brad noted that the several small investments held in various places are not performing well and, in one case, is costing money. He recommended that all of the independent instruments be cashed as they came to term and forwarded to the diocese for investment in the diocesan consolidated investment fund (DCIF). This would simplify administration and ensure that the parish realised a more beneficial rate of return. Bill Brant requested written assurance that, should the parish require cash to be withdrawn from the fund, it would be easily and quickly accessible. Pat Brant moved; Marlene Brant Castellano seconded, that the Parish of Tyendinaga consolidate all third-party investments and invest in the DCIF. Carried.</p> <p>a. Response to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. We were all well aware of this, especially because of the blockade on the Shannonville Rd.</p>	<p>Brad: find list of QAPC capital projects from 2013 and provide for next meeting in priority order.</p> <p>Brad: obtain written policy on parish investments with the DCIF from the Diocesan Financial officer. Wardens: Monitor investments and, when they mature, transfer them to the DCIF.</p> <p>Edgar volunteered to work on a response to propose for the parish.</p>

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	<p>Brad reiterated from his Ash Wednesday sermon that if we are to be doers of justice, this is an important issue for us to respond to. Some ideas raised in the conversation were joining with other local churches or diocesan parishes for a vigil, finding ways to support indigenous women, including writing letters to politicians.</p> <p>b. Meals on Wheels. Cathie Vick provided information for the community Meals on Wheels program, which is currently looking for drivers. The info will be posted in the bulletin.</p> <p>c. Ava Brant. Ava is a young girl undergoing cancer treatment. The parish will send her family \$200 to help offset costs of treatment/travel.</p>	
4.0 OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a. No other business was raised.</p>	
5.0 UPCOMING EVENTS	<p>a. Lay-Led Service – Sun 16 Mar. b. Christ Church Restoration Supper – Sun 23 Mar, 4:30-6:30, Mohawk Community Centre c. Move to Christ Church – Sun 6 Apr, 9:30 a.m.</p>	
6.0 NEXT MEETING	<p>Wed 7 May, 7 p.m., QAPC</p>	
7.0 CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion to Adjourn: Bill Brant. Carried.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m. with the Grace.</p>	