

## ST. THOMAS CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 10th, 2019

Present: Fr. John Stopa, Sherry Wiedman (secretary), Carolyn Beeton (chair), Mary Braun, Bev Cowan, Dave Rockburne, Stan Cowan, Jim Davison, Allan Braun

Regrets: none received

1. **Opening**: Fr. John opened the meeting with prayer

2. **Approval of Agenda**: no agenda

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes** (May 2019): Moved by Jim, seconded by Bev; carried.

#### 4. **Incumbent's Report**:

- New tenants in Rectory
- Reviewed schedule of upcoming Meetings and Special Events (some updates/correction required)
  - Evensong on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> to be added to calendar
  - Blessing of Trucks on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>; proposal to move to St. Thomas' for extra space
  - Workshop for Readers & Intercessors Sep 15th
- Reviewed St. Thomas' Hall/Church Bookings; changes below moved by Sherry, seconded by Stan; carried.
  - Members (Member's list held by the Parish Office) – no charge for Church/Hall
  - Non-Member prices stay at \$150 for Church/Hall
  - No charge for hall rental if ACW catering
  - ACW contacts to be updated Bev Cowan (St. Thomas'), Beth Portt (St. George's)
  - Priest cost to increase to \$300; no change to organist fee
- Discussed Christmas Eve service times; proposal for 5pm (St. George's) and 8pm (St. Thomas' with Choir). To be tabled at St. George's CC.

#### 5. **Warden's Reports**:

- Rector's Warden
  - Nothing to report
- People's Warden
  - Concern voiced after cemetery service that there were no prayers outside. Mary also heard similar feedback. John will consider for next year. No other complaints brought forward

#### 6. **Treasurer's Report**: (to follow)

- Paid up to end of June. Revenues down compared to 2018 at this time. Expenses higher.
- Mary waiting on historical HST rebates (went to wrong church initially; process should be fixed moving forward).
- HST transactions to be moved to balance sheet vs. showing on CIS.
- Summary to be added in the bulletin
- Motion to accept the report presented by Mary and seconded by Bev. Carried.

## 7. Open Issues:

### a) Church Maintenance:

- Backup sump pump installed; need to address ‘tidiness of corner’ and protection of battery
- Outdoor concrete steps need to be repointed to fill cracks and holes
  - No action yet
- Hole in the outdoor carpet at the front door
  - Sherry to see if she can get used carpet from other contacts
- ACW requests that the kitchen counters be fixed and made cleanable. The backsplash to be glued on and caulked. (The counters are not standard width)
  - Still to be done
- Several windows are broken in the tower
  - Two windows have been fixed and re-installed (Bobby Wilson and Gord). Third is at Bell level and is part of a larger window with louvres in the centre. Window to be taken out and replaced with ply-wood for the winter while window is being fixed. Re-install in spring
- Hall carpet should be steam cleaned, when the heat is on
  - Motion by Stan to go ahead and clean carpet, seconded by Allan; carried.
- Gord & Sherry to trace the extension cords that run from upstairs to downstairs
  - One unknown cord remains.
- Baseboard in church hall – just leave as is.
- Wallboard in stairwell has been wet - remove it and leave the stone uncovered
  - Work bee to be scheduled to clean out area at bottom of stairs; will need 2<sup>nd</sup> dehumidifier for moisture in this area. Still to be done.
- Electrical cable in front flower bed needs repair
  - Sherry to get Gord to check and repair
  - Cupboards at top of hall
- Cupboard at top of hall; cleaned out and shelves installed.
- Furnace; need to see if problem re-occurs once we start heating and call Campbell’s again if required.
- Mason needed to seal wall under electrical panel and address hole at front door; ask to look at step too.
  - Mary contacted Kevin Yagmanis for quote.

### b) Sign on Dunrobin Road

- Mary got some prices – range is \$850 to \$1200. Will continue to look for options and consider at vestry. No change – wait for Vestry
- Stan cleaned up broken sign

### c) Sign at church to advertise upcoming events (Lasagna Supper, Cookie Sale), etc.

- All printed except “Lasagna” sign due to event being combined with Holy Hops

### d) Welcome Package – bookmarks or pamphlet – for Constance Bay Welcome Baskets

- John will find old pamphlet as a starting point; still to find
  - Sherry will update

### f) Welcoming newcomers: John will leave some hand-written notes to offer to visitors; no change

## 8. New Business:

Need to address lights in church; too dim, especially evening time.

9. **Adjournment**: Stan moved to adjourn.

**Next meeting**: TBD (planned for January timeframe)