

**Parish of Fitzroy Harbour
Parish Central Committee
Minutes
November 20, 2019**

Attendance/Regrets

Attendees: Fr. John Stopa; Dave Morency; Chris Dolan; Mary McNeill; Sherry Weidman; Carolyn Beeton; Mary Braun; Gloria Wilson

Regrets: Victoria Emerson; Tom Jones

1. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. Fr. John opened with prayer.
2. Mary McNeill agreed to take minutes
3. Approval of agenda
Motion for acceptance: Carolyn Beeton moved; seconded: Sherry Weidman. Carried.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
Motion for acceptance: Carolyn Beeton moved; seconded: Sherry Weidman. Carried.
5. Business arising from previous minutes
 1. Communications matters: Parish website is now owned by the parish and is beautifully maintained and up to date. Mary McNeill agreed to have Carolyn Beeton train her to update the website.
 2. Cost of living (for contractors): This will be discussed at the 2020 budget meeting in January.
 3. Ad-Hoc Committee: This committee was established at St. Thomas' 2019 vestry. This item will be included in the discussion about an area parish.
6. Rector's report
 - We have acquired, from the City of Ottawa, a defibrillator for each church, with assistance from Ward 5 Councillor Eli El-Chantiry. The cost of each is \$150 per year; St. Thomas' ACW will cover the cost of the one at St. Thomas. How the cost for St. George's defibrillator will be covered is not known at this time. Each defibrillator requires a monthly inspection. Dave Rockburne will do this at St. Thomas' and Gary Weir will do St. George's.
 - On March 14, 2020 a new bishop will be elected following Bishop Chapman's retirement. Our 2019 Synod members (Gloria Wilson and Mary McNeill) and Tom Jones will attend.
 - Fr. John expressed thanks for the support during his personal crisis.
7. Wardens' reports
St. George's (Chris Dolan):

- The steeple will not be replaced. Instead, it will be capped. Simon Deschamps will install the cap.
- One of the three rectory tenants is moving out; she is still responsible for payment of her share of the rent. Chris has had a duplicate key to the mailbox made.

St. Thomas' (Sherry Weidman): Nothing to report

8. Financial Statements and Budget 2019

Mary Braun presented the financial report.

- Both congregations are behind in payments to the diocese.
- The "Miscellaneous" category in the report seems high because it includes items not posted in other categories. Mary Braun will look into this and add extra categories to improve transparency.
- Motion for acceptance: Mary Braun moved; seconded: Gloria Wilson. Carried

9. New Business

1. Rectory stairlift: No buyer has been found to date. Mary McNeill will send Chris Dolan information about where it was purchased.
2. Cemetery Motion (St. George's): The City of Ottawa requires a hydrogeological study of the cemetery expansion. The cost is \$8,000. Some of that amount has been raised in response to a fundraising letter. St. George's would like to use money from the St. Paul's Consolidated Trust Fund; to do this, a motion from the parish is required.
Motion: That the Parish of Fitzroy Harbour withdraw a sum of money, not greater than \$8,000, from the St. Paul's Consolidated Trust Fund for the payment of the hydrogeological study of the St. George's cemetery expansion. Dave Morency moved; Chris Dolan seconded. Carried.

3. Area Parish

The wardens met to discuss the future of the parish. Tom Jones listed 9 options; one of these is an "area parish". The idea is that we would work with other congregations, sharing priests and lay readers. It was also suggested that the parish invite the community (businesses, for example) to meet with us to discuss their needs. Further discussion on this topic is planned for the congregational vestry meetings.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with the Grace.