

Trinity Anglican Church Parish Council Minutes
Jan. 13, 2009

Attendance: Brian King, Geordie Palmer, Judy Keightley, Helen Latimer, Joan Cluff, Harry Dykstra, Janet Snider, Elaine Scrimgeour, Melody Falconer-Pounder, Rev. Angela Brands.
Regrets – Audrey Albiston, Stewart Atkinson and Olga Palmer.

Rev. Angela Brands opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes from last meeting: A motion to accept the minutes as written from the meeting held on Dec. 9, 2008 was made by Judy Keightley and seconded by Joan Cluff. (1) There was one clarification to the minutes: tickets to the antique fair will be sold for \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Business arising from the minutes: Organist Arlene Darnborough was going to consult Ernie King's in Goderich regarding a hook up for her keyboard into the existing church speakers. Arlene has yet to report on this.

Correspondence: An election for Suffrogen Bishop will be held on March 23 with a consecration date set for June 6. Both of these events will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

New positions within the Diocese of Huron are James Ferguson as Vice Chancellor and The Rev'd Canon Willi Kammerer has been appointed Bishop's Archdeacon.

The enthronement of Bishop Bennett will be shown on A Channel on the Jan. 18 and 25 editions of Life and Faith.

Rector's Report: Rev. Brand's reported that both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services went well. Attendance at the Christmas Eve service was down by 13 people (43 from 56) over the 2007 service. Rev. Brand's was pleased to see members of both the Church on the Way and Knox Presbyterian Church were in

attendance at the service on Christmas Day, as their churches do not offer a Christmas Day service.

Registration for Take Time in 2009 was held at Trinity on Jan. 12 and was a great success over 30 people signed up for each session with over 40 signing up for the first presentation on India. Thank you to Olga Palmer, Joyce Lambert, Elaine Scrimgeour, Marla Dykstra, Nancy Scotchmer, Audrey Albiston and Terry Boa-Youmatoff for their help and also to those who made cookies and muffins for the event.

Lent is almost here. Trinity and Knox Presbyterian Church will hold joint Lenten services on Wednesdays during Lent. There will be a noon service followed by lunch. St. Andrew's United Church and the Church on the Way have also been invited to participate but have not responded to date.

Rev. Brand's is wondering if the Ash Wednesday service should be moved from the traditional noon hour to an evening service. She wonders if there might be a greater attendance in the evening, after some input from council she will continue to reflect on this.

Rev. Brand's would also like to extend a thank you to the Turner family for donating three white tablecloths to the parish hall.

Warden's Report: Brian King spoke to the ongoing issue of the two church lots being deemed as one. Canon Paul Rathbone from the Diocese of Huron has now signed off on the second lot issue. Angela took the papers to him personally on Saturday. Bluewater is the only municipality that requires a bylaw be passed to deem two lots as one. There is \$400 legal and deeming fee (money grab). Brian stated that they are trying to get this fee reversed as it is a church. The issue should be rectified by March at the latest.

Philip Keightley will be heading up the Pancake Supper this year. He is looking for volunteers. It will be held on February 24 starting at 5 p.m.

Judy Keightley explained that due to the very poor weather, the Winter Solstice was cancelled for Dec. 21, and as there seem to be a lot of social things coming up during Lent there are no current plans for another Wardens' Social. They may plan something for after Easter.

She also noted that she has sent out cards and the December bulletin to those who don't normally attend regularly.

Lay-delegate: Harry Dykstra announced that this would be his last council meeting as he is retiring after many years of service. Warden Judy Keightley presented him with a card and all on council applauded Harry for his dedication.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Cluff stated that there are \$4,253 that must be transferred from Building and Contingency. She also noted that the Church Operating Expenses were over budget by 53 per cent. The expenses that put us over weren't budgeted for, these included: web domain renewal, a chair for the rector's office, council's gift to Rev. Brands of a stole, a supply of bank cheques, flyers with postage, piano and organ coverings.

Rev. Brand's informed everyone that as a special bequest for December money was donated to pay for "The Loved by God" Bible Study series. There is now a sign up in the Radiant Life Book Store in Goderich for any group that would like to have loan of this Bible study. Angela also stated that she felt from now on anything that has to do with Christian Education can be dealt with at a parish council level rather than at vestry.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Joan Cluff and seconded by Janet Snider. All in favor. Carried. (2)

A motion was also made to accept the Proposed Budget for 2009 as presented. This motion was made by Joan Cluff and seconded by Brian King. Seven members were in favor of the passing while Harry Dykstra opposed. Carried. (3)

Antique Fair: Elaine Scrimgeour and Janet Snider explained that the committee's next meeting is set for Feb. 1. The theme for the fair this year will be "Buying Antiques is the Ultimate Recycling". In keeping with this theme the servers at the Friday night gala will wear a green sash with their black and white uniforms.

Property Report: Geordie Palmer shared the very detailed report he created that will be included in the Vestry package for the upcoming Vestry meeting with those on council. Some discussion was generated from this report.

The town water versus well issue, regarding this subject Brian King asked, "How long do we have to hook up to the actual water line, right away or can we stall?" Geordie stated that a time line was not stipulated at the public meetings. He would suspect that there would be a two year grace period as they gave us four years with the sewers. However, we will have to pay the frontage up front. The time line also depends on whether the well owner we get our water from will continue to supply us with water in the interim.

Some members of the congregation have been questioning whether or not we could be saving money using a different water heating system. This prompted Geordie to do some research into the matter. He discovered that we currently are using a very efficient water heater but we could install a jacket cover to further help with environmental savings. An expense of approximately \$50 would improve its efficiency by 18 per cent. As prompted he did investigate a tankless water heater. He talked to both local plumbers and GEO-tek. Both stated that they work extremely well but you must have a water softener so not to compromise the heat exchanger. The unit itself would cost, \$1,821; plus water softener; \$911.25; plus \$1,300 to \$1,600 in installation fees. He then looked at the church natural gas bills and noted our expenses and determined that it would take 50 to 75 years for us to recover our costs if we were to go the tankless water heater route.

Geordie Palmer made the motion that \$50 be spent on the purchase of a jacket cover and he would install it. This was seconded by Janet Snider. All in favor. Carried. (4)

Geordie Palmer agreed to review the Green Awards Report and fill out any forms required to nominate the church for the award. He has until mid-February to complete the forms.

Geordie Palmer then announced to council that he will no longer be a member of council. He will, however, continue his work for the church property and the Men's Breakfast.

Fundraising Committee: The sale of both fruit and meat pies over Thanksgiving and Christmas generated \$496. The next meeting of the committee is set for Jan. 21.

New Business: The Vestry meeting is set for Jan. 25 and Angela hopes that those on council will agree to continue. Council members are asked to inform Angela prior to Vestry if change is needed. Helen Latimer, Joan Cluff, Judy Keightley, Elaine Scrimgeour and Janet Snider all confirmed they would be staying on for the next year.

Harry Dykstra and Gayle King will meet to discuss what can be done about repairing the altar to allow the hangings to hang on it without causing the hangings further damage.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harry Dykstra at 9:08 p.m.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melody Falconer-Pounder.

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Record of Motions

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