

Trinity Anglican Church Parish Council Minutes June 9, 2009

Attendance: Judy Keightley, Helen Latimer, Elaine Scrimgeour, Melody Falconer-Pounder, Rev. Angela Brands, Olga Palmer, Audrey Albiston, Joyce Lambert, Joan Cluff, Janet Snider, Helen Latimer and Ken Larone
Regrets: Brian King.

Rev. Angela Brands thanked Judy Keightley for hosting the meeting, and the potluck prior, in her beautiful home. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes from last meeting: A motion to accept the minutes of May 12, 2009 as written was made by Joan Cluff and seconded by Janet Snider. Olga Palmer pointed out that there was one correction required as the date for the June 9 meeting was incorrect – it was marked as June 12. All were in favor of passing the minutes as corrected. Carried. (1)

Business arising from the minutes: None.

Correspondence: Rev. Brands shared information on the Anglican Church of Canada Vision 2019. They want us to let them know where we think the church will be in the year 2019. It is a five week study and Rev. Brands thought it would be something to look at doing in the fall. Joyce Lambert volunteered to look at the kit and check out the website. She said, “As it is visioning which is a good thing to do”. Ken Larone agreed to join Joyce on this project.

Reports:

Rector’s Report – Rev. Brands extended thanks to Rev. Phil Gandon for taking services at Trinity on May 31 so she could attend the 53rd Weekend. She stated the event was great and she really enjoyed it. She also said that there was an excellent speaker, Bishop Mark MacDonald, from the Indigenous Peoples. There were many interesting electives that could be taken at the event but you could only choose one to do, so Rev. Brands chose the Celtic Art Elective.

The “Whose my Neighbor?” report will be discussed on Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. George’s in Goderich if anyone is interested in attending.

The minister is hoping for good weather for the parish picnic, July 5. She is having prayer cards prepared to be placed in the garden.

The barbershop-style singing group, *Some Guys who like to Sing* will perform on June 28 at the 9:30 a.m. service. Long-time summer resident and Trinity neighbor, Ray Wachhaus is a group member and is bringing his friends to the village.

Long time church board member, Stu Atkinson has died after a battle with cancer. His presence will be greatly missed on the board, within in the church family and throughout the community. His funeral will be held on June 11 at 1 p.m. at Trinity. He will be interred at Bayfield Cemetery.

The rector’s holidays are set for Aug. 17 to 30. Lynn Mitchell, the Arch-Deacon’s wife from Stratford said she would take the Aug. 30 service but this has to be confirmed.

Lay Delegate to Synod Report – Olga Palmer stated that the best way to let people know what happened at Synod is to have them visit their website. She added that there were a few housekeeping motions. There were also some interesting presentations, especially from the youth of the diocese. The youth were there in great number and made a very hopeful presentation and lead several of the prayers. She noted that awards were presented to churches from the Environment Committee and that we should consider entering for this award next year as the criteria are

all the things we have done to our church building – we just need to fill out the proper form. In addition, there was a presentation by Huron Church Camp, the Bishop from Quebec spoke and the regular elections took place.

Wardens – Judy Keightley stated she has sent a few cards and letters off to various people.

She also asked about the directory. Rev. Brands said that it is now in but it was not quite as requested. It came in the full size instead of the half size requested plus there is no picture of Angela with her message.

Treasurer – Joan Cluff stated that the givings for the month of May look good but it is deceiving as just like in January one person has given us a lump sum for May. She also said now that the warmer weather has arrived, our hydro and gas bills should drop which should help with expenses. **A motion to accept the financial report was made by Joan Cluff and seconded by Olga Palmer. All in favor. Carried (2)**

Outreach – Joyce Lambert said that she was overwhelmed by the results of the MALARIABITES.NET campaign in just the first few days. In just two weeks, the members of Bayfield Guiding, together with the CHSS Global Village Club, had raised enough money for 75 nets; combined with congregational donations over 100 nets have been purchased so far.

The Take Time Program has come together and the speakers are in place for Jan. and Feb. 2010. This year the event will include the annual historical society dinner meeting, so there will be five Mondays offered for a social time.

Marla Dykstra will come home tomorrow which is good news.

Audrey Albiston reported that Terry Boa-Youmatoff has been researching how food banks cope when funds are lacking as there continues to be a pressing need for help with some of the residents of the Clan Gregor Apartments. She has learned that there is a distribution warehouse centre to help the food banks, for example they can provide things like soup and peanut butter.

Huron Church Camp had a cleanup day. The Outreach Committee was not informed in time to help with this event this year but they hope they can do it next year.

Antique Fair – Elaine Scrimgeour reported that the committee is looking for three or four more dealers for the show.

Janet Snider stated that she is going to be purchasing the fabric to go with the green theme soon. The theme for the Antique Fair is “Antiques the Ultimate in Recycling”.

Janet also said that Pat Graham has had an excellent idea to advertise those businesses that donate to the show, whether it is food or decorations etc., on the front side of the show’s floor map as a thank you. This map is distributed to show attendees. In past years the show dates and times have been placed on this page but that is really redundant information.

Property – Audrey Albiston explained that she and Brian King were looking into purchasing a fast composter for the garden. She said that they are not too expensive and they offer a 21-day turn over. The one she is looking at is not too big, so it could be put on the porch in winter. The cost would be \$199.99 plus tax. This money would come out of the Memorial Fund, where donations for the garden are eventually placed. **A motion was made by Audrey Albiston that this fast composter is purchased using money from the Memorial Fund. This was seconded by Ken Larone. All in favor. Carried. (3)**

Fundraising – The Yard, Plant and Bake Sale held on Victoria Day weekend raised a total \$2,075. Discussion was given as to how a similar future event could be improved upon. A written schedule for volunteers would be helpful as there wasn't enough help for the length of time the sale was held. Arrangements for the disposal of the sale's leftovers should be done in advance. The fundraising committee should know about the sale further in advance so that separate groups could be established for the bake sale, yard sale and plant sale.

It was also stated that a regular meeting date for the fundraising committee meetings needs to be established so people can plan to attend. Rev. Brands said she felt overwhelmed with chairing the Fundraising Committee in addition to her other tasks. As a result Ken Larone volunteered to chair the committee and Rev. Brands gratefully accepted his offer.

A motion was made to hold the yard sale in 2010 with a formal committee being organized to run it. This motion was made by Ken Larone and seconded by Janet Snider. All in favor. Carried. (4)

New Business – Melody Falconer-Pounder distributed a letter to council regarding her resignation as Bayfield Bugle Correspondent at the Clinton News-Record.

Audrey Albiston requested that 10 per cent of the \$750 raised from the plant sale go to charity. Janet Snider made the motion that seven more mosquito nets be purchased with the money. This was seconded by Joyce Lambert. All in favor. Carried. (5)

There was much discussion as to where the money from the Plant Sale should be placed within Trinity's accounts. The treasurer had put it directly into the Memorial Fund for the garden as it was raised specifically for that need. However, the wardens and the minister asked that it be moved to the General Fund as that is currently the general rule for all of Trinity's fundraisers. Members of council disagreed with this. **A motion was made by Joyce Lambert to put the \$750 raised from the plant sale back into the Memorial Fund for the garden, with 10 per cent of this money to go to the MALARIABITES.NET campaign. This was seconded by Janet Snider. All in favor. Carried. (6)**

Prior to the church yard sale, a request had been made by Melody Falconer-Pounder, on behalf of Bayfield Guiding, that a portion of the funds raised from the sale of books go to the 4 the Luv of Luna Cat Rescue. The books in question were donated to the church sale as they were left over from Bayfield Guiding's book sale held in April. Since this request was made it has come to light that the cat rescue is closing and the operator moving to Thedford.

A motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Elaine Scrimgeour that a cheque for \$100 be given to Melody Falconer-Pounder to be donated either to the cat rescue or a similar organization in need. All in favor. Carried. (7) *NB: As the operator of the cat rescue is moving 30 of the non-adoptable cats with her to her new home and building shelters out-of-pocket to accommodate them, Melody decided to give the cheque to her as originally intended. The treasurer issued the cheque and Melody mailed it.*

The date for Trinity's Summer Vestry is July 12.

Rev. Brands wondered about obtaining a small couch and chairs for the parish hall to make a cozy corner in the library. It would need to be something that could be stored during events in the hall. A suggestion was made to put a request in the church bulletin to see if a donation could be obtained, however, his idea was vetoed as council does not want to offend anyone if a donation is made that is not suitable. More thought will be given to the comfy furniture idea.

Rev. Brands explained that the rock group U2 has released all rights to their music catalogue if the songs are used in conjunction with a fundraiser for a third world country. The events are called "U2charist". Rev. Brands thought that perhaps a concert in Pioneer Park with Eucharist might be a fun idea. She would like to talk to teacher and musician, John Powers to see

if something could be tied to a project ongoing at Huron Centennial School. Members of council thought that this was a great idea, however, they thought that planning it for late summer 2009 might be a little ambitious and wondered about holding it in 2010.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melody Falconer-Pounder

As my time as recording secretary, and council member, ends with the publication of these minutes I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ministers and members of council I have worked with. I have learned a lot about parish life and have gained a greater appreciation for my church family in the process.

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Record of Motions**

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