

St. John's Annual Vestry 2020
For the year 2019

The annual vestry for St. John's Anglican Church was held on February 16, 2019 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting was chaired by Archdeacon Bill Gray and opened with prayer. The following members of the congregation were present: Larry Barker, Joan Boulton, Mary Smith, Mariel Kennedy, Ruth Gray, Jane and Don Allan, Luanne Reparon, Sandra and Keith Thurston, Jeff Thurston, Joan Sparling, Goldie Bryan and Jean Bartlett.

Jean Bartlett was appointed vestry clerk.

The meeting began with the **Election and Appointment of Officers**

Rector's Warden: Archdeacon Bill Gray appointed Jeff Thurston

People's Warden: Keith Thurston - nominated by Mary Smith, seconded by Don Allan - carried

Deputy Warden: Louann Reparon - nominated by Keith Thurston - seconded by Jeff Thurston - carried

Synod Delegate: Jean Bartlett - nominated by Jeff Thurston - seconded by Luanne Reparon - carried

Alternate Synod Delegate: Mariel Kennedy - nominated by Jean Bartlett - seconded by Mary Smith - carried

Treasurer: Mary Smith - re appointed

Chancel Guild: Sandra Thurston - re appointed

Financial Reviewer: Aaron Mulcaster - re appointed

The minutes of last year were reviewed and a typo in Bishop Shaw's name was duly noted and will be corrected. The minutes were accepted on a motion from Marial Kennedy , seconded by Jane Allan. Carried

Archdeacon Bill Gray highlighted our achievements over the past year, namely our Church Ham Supper, two yard sales, Pork Supper, Harvest Thanksgiving joint parish service and the historic Church Tour.

Warden's Report

The wardens report was given by Keith Thurston. He mentioned our very successful Church Suppers and Yard Sales and our support of the Dunsford Community Food Bank. He thanked Archdeacon Bill Gray and his wife Ruth for their leadership and dedication and thanked our lay readers Larry Barker and Bob Fenton for their service. A vote of thanks was given to Goldie Bryan for her gift of music, Robbie Gordon for her great work as parish secretary and to Mary Smith for keeping us on budget.

The parking lot was upgraded this year and the wardens will continue to keep abreast of necessary repairs to our Church.

ACW Report

The ACW report was given by Marial Kennedy and the books show that we have a balance of \$4213.65 not counting \$400.00 in outstanding cheques. There is a GIC at the Bank of Nova Scotia with a balance of \$1002.55

Chancel Guild

SandraThurston thanked the chancel guild members and extended an invitation for new members. She will continue to look after flowers for the altar for special occasions.

Music Report

Goldie Bryan reported that the organ had been cleaned and it was noted that if the sound board goes then the organ will have to be replaced.

It was moved by Mary Smith and seconded by Don Allan to accept all reports. Carried

Financial Reports

Submitted by Mary Smith and reviewed by Aaron Mulcaster

Income

The financial reports were given by Mary Smith. Our income exceeded budget by \$1,830.55 with envelope giving slightly higher. Our fundraising was responsible for increase in revenue. Outreach substantially higher due to the \$1000.00 donation from the yard sale to outreach account.

Expenses

Our expenses were higher than 2018 but under budget by \$565.83. Our insurance bill increased by \$435.00. Other expenses were in line with or under budget. Hydro cost were within budget and there was no bill from Parry Germyn for snow removal. The church made a contribution to the Salvation Army in lieu of Christmas gifts to the lay readers. A more detailed report can be found in the vestry report. We ended the year with a net income of \$839.18

Special thanks to Aaron Mulcaster for reviewing the accounts.

Dedicated Funds

Memorial Fund

There is a balance of \$4,343.30

Flower Fund

We have a balance of \$65.31

Outreach Fund

This fund has a balance of \$85.00 after donations to the Dunsford Food Bank (\$1000.00), Sleeping Children Around the World (\$140.00) and the Primate's World Relief Fund (\$500.00)

Building Fund

The balance in the Building Fund is \$16,767.96. The major expense in 2019 was the improvement to the driveway and parking lot at a cost of \$1,784.15. Other expenses included electrical breakers, organ maintenance and shelving in the kitchen. No other expenses are anticipated at this time and therefore we will not be adding to this account in 2020.

Envelope Secretary Report

In 2019 St. John's had 21 envelope holders. Fourteen of those supported the church on a regular to semi regular basis. Nine of the 14 gave through automated monthly withdrawal.

It was moved by Mary Smith and seconded by Keith Thurston to accept all the financial reports. Carried

Budget

It was reported that 2 faithful givers moved away last year. The main revenue loss will come from Fundraising as there will be no Ham Supper or Yard Sale this year. Help cannot be counted on from the ACW as the Pork Supper is not going to be held. Ideas for alternate fundraisers will be gratefully appreciated. Because we have a reasonable bank balance we will be able to make our commitment to Christ Church. Our anticipated deficit is \$1,190.00

After much discussion it was moved by Keith Thurston and seconded by Don Allan that the budget be approved. All in favour and motion carried.

New Business

1. The wardens have been in contact with the Mennonites who will utilize the old Church doors donated by the Robertson Family to make a display case and coat rack at the back of the church. A donation of a \$1000.00 was given by the Robertson Family for this project. The Mennonites will give the church a break on their labour.
2. There will be a building inspection this year conducted for the Diocese.
3. Luanne Reparon thanked the church on behalf of the Dunsford Food Bank for the generous donation of \$1000.00 and for the ongoing donations of food and sundries by members of the congregation.
4. Purchasing a computer for the Treasurer to use for the financial record keeping of the Church was discussed. The warden's approved this expense using funds from the Building Fund, however Mary asked that we wait and see for the time being. She has the records on her personal computer for now.
5. Jean Bartlett asked about using the BCP at a few services during the year. It was decided that that was not going to happen.
6. A motion from the diocese on climate change was put aside for discussion at a later date. Sandra Thurston made the motion and it was seconded by Jane Allan. All in favour.
7. Mary Smith mentioned that Roseneath Church needs some financial help after their fire to Rebuild. Making a donation from the Outreach Fund will be addressed at a later date.

It was moved by Don Allan and seconded by Mary Smith that the meeting be adjourned. All in favour.
We closed with the grace.