

## **St. Augustine's Parish Council Minutes Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

**Place:** Zoom Meeting

**Next Meeting:** November 24, 2020

**In Attendance:** Carol, Lee, Michelle, Pat P., Richard, Steve, Jose, Alison, Jason, Cathy, Tim,  
Pat L. (Parish Secretary)

**Regrets:** Doug, Addi and Don

1. Carol opened the meeting with prayer @ 7:05 pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Carol, seconded by Steve that the Agenda be adopted with one addition: item ii – Parish Council Outreach. **CARRIED**
3. Adoption of September Minutes (which were amazing thanks to Carol) for Website and Records – Moved by Carol, seconded by Pat P. that the September minutes be adopted as printed. **CARRIED**
4. Deputy Wardens Management Reports: As distributed by Carol.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - a. Financial Report – Cathy reported that CEWS contributions from the Government have helped St. Augustine's remain in a good financial position.  
  
Cathy also discussed Stewardship Campaign. New ways of the distributing and returning of pledge cards are being put in place because of health restrictions.
  - b. Audio/Visual Equipment Fundraiser - \$17,500.00 has been raised to date thanks to the generosity of parishioners.
  - c. Organ Refurbishment – the work on the organ continues according to plan.  
  
Carol thanked Cathy for her great ministry.
6. Other Business:

- a. Office Substitute for Denise – Steve reported and thanked Michele and Emily for doing a great job of filling in during the summer, and that they continued to assist with the setting up of the Bulletin until recently. Karen is filling in for Wendy and has committed until the end of December. She is doing an excellent job in the Office and is a big help with all the work involved with the Covid-19 requirements in the re-opening of the Church. Denise may return part-time in December.
- b. Property Visioning Committee, Parking Lot Upgrade – Not much work being done at this time. Awaiting a last quote.
- c. 408 12 St. Update – An offer was made on this property but was too low to be considered. This property continues to be offered for rent and for sale.
- d. Live Stream Services – Jason reports that most of the equipment has been purchased with just a couple of items still needed but no hurry. The new equipment has resulted in much improved live stream services, as well as creating new ministries in sound and video which many parishioners have volunteered to do. Carol thanked Steve and Jason and all those helping in this ministry for all their excellent work. The live stream ministry has an ever-increasing outreach.
- e. Every Member Visitation/Phoning Ministry – Sharon's report expresses many thanks to the newly recruited callers. The calls have resulted in discovering some parishioners who are in need of extra support which is being given.
- f. Christmas Services – In following government restrictions Steve reported that there will be two Christmas Eve services with no service on Christmas morning.
- g. All Purpose Christmas Extravaganza for All Parishioners – In an attempt to replace the Senior's Christmas party which has been cancelled this year, Steve and Jason are investigating the feasibility of doing something involving all parishioners via videos and then livestreamed. Also, the possibility of doing a Christmas Jazz Vespers on November 29. More news to follow, and please be praying about this.
- h. PWRDF for Indigenous Youth – Steve explained that because of the Covid-19 restrictions still in place it was decided to support something that did not require hands on efforts. The Indigenous Youth

project which helps indigenous youth to start their own business was chosen to be supported.

i. Christmas Letter Mail Out – This letter will go to all Parishioners as there are some who do not have access to the Church emails and Newsletter.

ii. Parish Council Outreach Money - consulting Chris to recommend an outreach to which the donation will go. More on this next meeting.

j. Search Committee – Interviews are under-way and things are moving forward.

Before the closing prayer and adjournment time was spent sharing individual blessings realized during the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. Closing Prayer: Jason led in closing prayer, and the Blessing to adjourn the meeting @8:00 pm.