

St. Augustine's Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday September 22, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom Meeting

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020

Present: Tim, Cathy, Don, Doug, Pat P., Mark, Lee, Alison, Jose, Steve, and Carol (recording secretary)

Regrets: Jason, Michelle, and Richard

1. Opening Prayer started the meeting at 7:10 by Carol
2. Carol moved and Doug seconded the adoption of Agenda with the addition of Other Business: Seniors' Christmas Party (Carried)
3. Carol moved and Lee seconded the adoption June minutes for the website and records (Carried)
4. Management reports from Deputy Wardens were shared.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes:
 - a. Financial Report: Cathy reported that church finances are in relatively good shape and hopefully we will finish out the year in a good financial position.
 - b. Audio and Visual Equipment Fundraiser update: To date, \$10,000 has been raised by the parish. The plan is to continue to run this soft campaign until the end of Sept. Cathy mentioned that the Diocese is offering \$1000 to upgrade equipment for live streaming to all parishes. She has applied for this grant and we will likely receive it. Remaining funds needed will be taken from the Memorial Fund. (Cathy)
 - c. Government for funding relief due to Covid: Cathy highlighted the CEWS of \$26,427 received which favourably increased revenues.
 - d. Organ refurbishment has begun with the replacement of motors for \$6,000. (Cathy)
 - e. Office renovation motion: Moved by Pat P., seconded by Doug, that the additional costs amounting to \$4,294 for the office renovation project, which was originally approved on January 28, 2020, be charged to the Capital Fund. **(Carried)**
6. Other Business:
 - a. Office Substitute for Denise: Karen Larsen is working in the office as a full-time substitute until Denise's return. Michelle and Emily continue to work on specific projects including draft 1 of the bulletin and managing registrations for services. (Steve)
 - b. Property Visioning Committee: Doug reported that he is waiting to get a landscaping quote prior to starting the parking lot project. There will be an e-vote, likely by the end of September, when Doug has the final estimate for the cost of the parking lot.
 - c. 408-12 St. rental update. Carol has been in contact with our realtor, Bob, regarding keeping 408 not rented. The house shows better and looks larger and more appealing without renters. If renters are present, the realtor must give 24 hours notice for a viewing that must be acceptable to tenant and possible purchaser. Corporation is in the process of discussing keeping 408 open for the coming month.
 - d. Live stream services: Steve reported that the video equipment is in and the audio equipment is coming soon.

- e. Every Member Visitation Phoning Ministry: Steve reported that a Thanksgiving letter will be mailed out in the next week, communicating how to access to live worship and livestreaming options for church. This will be followed up by our phone ministry team.
 - f. Carol asked that PC members think about how we can honour the seniors as the Seniors' Christmas Party will not be held this year due to Covid. This will be discussed in October's meeting.
 - g. Search Committee update: Carol mentioned that the committee has received information on applicants for the incumbent's position and the committee is in the process of discerning who they believe should be interviewed in the first round of interviews.
 - h. Tabled motion from June 23: moved by Pat P., seconded by Mark, that the \$500.00 gift to Parish Council by the Evening Group be put toward the audio and visual equipment. **(Carried)**. Carol will report to the Evening Group how this gift was spent.
 - i. Steve mentioned the possibility of purchasing A Good and Beautiful God written by James Bryan Smith, as a book study for Parish Council once the pandemic calms down.
7. Closing Prayer, Grace, and Adjournment at 8:10 (Steve)