

## **St. Augustine's Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

### **September 27, 2016**

1. The opening prayer was led by Allan

Item #7.b) Action Group for Syrian Refugees was moved forward. Bryan Black gave an update on the Syrian refugees that St Augustine's has been involved with supporting. The family is settling in and finances have been more than enough to meet their needs, however they have left other family members behind. The refugee coalition is gathering support for helping out again. There was a motion made to endorse the coalition's efforts to bring in two more related families. The motion was carried.

Item 6.a) Financial Report was moved forward. Finances were reported to be very close to Budget to Date. The appraisal of the entire church and property has been completed for insurance purposes. Next year's apportionment increase is less than expected.

2. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. The minutes of June 2016 meeting were approved with a change to the date at the top.

4. Management Committee Reports

- a) Management reports were circulated via email prior to the meeting
- b) Karen Larsen from the Finance Committee was welcomed and reported on recent activities of the group. Most of the activities centred on the appraisal. They have chosen a new envelope secretary and have started planning the 2017 Stewardship Campaign.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) There was a motion to approve the publishing of abbreviated, approved Parish Council minutes on web site.
- b) There was a motion to approve security upgrades for the website.
- c) White altar dressings—we are back to the original Canadian company.

6. Financial Report

- a) Done earlier
- b) The Line of Credit for the renovation was not needed and has been cancelled.
- c) A pay raise in lieu of a health plan for lay staff has been well received.

7. Other Business

- a) Alan Young's Retirement Party will be held on Oct. 30 after the 10:00 am service.
- b) Done earlier
- c) The Music Search Committee has been disbanded after a job well done. The team was commissioned on September 11.
- d) Management Committee is updating job descriptions of all ministries.
- e) The Parish Hall and Crypt kitchens must be thoroughly cleaned and someone will be hired to do this as it is too demanding a job for parishioners.
- f) Christmas Lights – the Advent Candles on the roof need proper illumination. There was discussion on whether strings of lights will be re-installed.
- g) The Seniors Christmas Party will be on December 3.

8. Closing Prayer and Adjournment was at 8:45 pm.