

**Church of Saint John the Divine
Parish Council Meeting
September 20, 2016 7:00 PM
Denson Lounge**

ADOPTED MINUTES

Attendees: Alastair McCollum (chair), Gillian Hoyer, Duane Lecky, Penny Holt, Trish Punnett, Tony Abbott, Trevor Elton, Joan Huzar, Michael Zenger, Doug Sheepwash, Graeme Brown (vestry clerk)

Regrets: Jim Harlick, John McVie, Rhoda Brodie-Smith, Patrick Sibley, Gillian Barlow

Guests: John Bergbusch, Pauline Majcher, Ruth MacIntosh

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Trevor led Parish Council in prayer.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The chair welcomed guests.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Moved by Alastair
- Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF July 19, 2016

- Moved by Duane that the minutes be adopted.
- Seconded by Michael
- Carried

REPORTS

Ministry Report – Alastair

- Alastair summarised his report which is attached to these minutes.

Property Committee – John Bergbusch

- Lighting improvements – the project should be tackled in two phases. The main lighting in the church should be done in 2017 and the lighting for special events in 2018.
- Quadra Street signage – the existing large sign is in poor condition and there are some concerns about spending further money upgrading it. A new state of the art computer controlled LED sign should be considered and work needs to be done on the design and placement of the sign.
- Heating complaints – there have been complaints about the temperature in the church and other areas. The issue is how to ensure an even

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temperature throughout the buildings.

- Sidewalk by the cottage – following the recent accident when a parishioner fell, the committee is looking at options for improving the sidewalk.
- The Audio Report was presented. The main points of the report are:
 - more speakers should be installed and at ear height rather than high up as at present
 - more speakers allow lower volumes which translates to clearer sound
 - the existing sound controller should be located behind the rear pews where the operator can more easily assess the sound quality
 - new headsets will be purchased as well as new microphones for the pulpit and lectern
 - a new battery charger and hearing assist headsets should be purchased
- The 2016 Vestry granted the Property Committee up to \$25,000 to spend on an sound system and a \$25,000 bequest to be used for the sound system has been received
- Motion by Michael that the Property Committee spend up to \$46,024 on a new sound system.
 - Seconded by Duane
 - Carried

Finance Report – Duane Lecky

- Motion by Michael to accept the August Financial Report as distributed at the meeting
 - second by Penny
 - carried

Family Ministry – Ruth MacIntosh

- .The summer has been so exceptional with huge support from the congregation for kids who travelled to CLAY. On October 2nd the kids will be taking over sermon spot and doing a presentation at coffee.
- The trip to CLAY followed by the campout in Victoria in August has increased the collaboration between the various youth workers and bodes well for the coming year.
- Ruth is looking at challenges for momentum and longevity.
- The babies and pre-schoolers they are concentrating on attachment and security
- Sunday morning kids they are looking at belonging, traditions of faith, and building vocabulary around theology.
- Young teens are active, experiential. They have changed their name from Holy Disorder now Operation HD to reflect high quality and clarity. They want to do more camping, travel up-island, visit Alert Bay and cook for the night shelter. They are a very exciting bunch of kids.
- High School kids are going to BC and Yukon Anglican Youth Movement Conference at St. George's Cadboro Bay in October
- Young adult group – get together once a month and invite mentors to join them

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Sunday mornings the need is to really celebrate the kids that are there and not worry about kids that are not there 	
<p>ACTION ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Workshop for PC – Duane Lecky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops will be held after the service on November 6th for Parish Council members and on November 13th for interested members of the parish Welcome Back Barbeque – Trever Elton and Michael Zenger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to Trevor and Michael for organising the event and the many other helpers Legacies and Stewardship – Tony Abbott and Joan Huzar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have met with local business person about his vision as to how churches should be financially stable. It is a very different approach and the ideas should be explored further Conflict Resolution Policy – Joan Huzar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting next week to discuss policy to bring forward to Parish Council Volunteer Matrix – Duane Lecky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Suddaby is working on it with Anne McLaren now assisting Precinct development – Graeme Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update will be brought to the October Parish Council meeting Website Review – Joan Huzar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joan is continuing to review the website and forward changes to Duane 	<p>Joan and Tony</p> <p>Joan</p> <p>Graeme</p>
<p>CONTINUING BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warden Policy – Alastair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to next month Communication Implementation – Joan Huzar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joan distributed updated draft report to Parish Council members to review and get back to her with comments. Also asked to think about who will do those tasks that have not yet been undertaken. This item to be addressed next month West Window – Alastair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report GVAT – Alastair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item tabled until October meeting 	<p>Alastair</p> <p>Joan and all PC members</p> <p>Alastair</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honorarium – Michael Zenger <p>Be it resolved that in recognition of the gifts and talents that The Rev. Patrick Sibley brings to our parish, while understanding that he fills what is considered a non-stipendiary position, we declare that his ministry has great value and the parish shall provide him with an honorarium of \$1,000 per month beginning this month (September 2016). The funds to be taken from the Ministry Fund.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MOVED: Michael Zenger SECONDED: Penny Holt Carried with 2 abstentions ○ Pastoral Care – Gillian Hoyer and Alastair McCollum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alastair suggested people read what Gillian wrote on St. John’s website Blog on pastoral care. Gillian is looking at what we do with pastoral care, a ministry in which we all participate. An email address for pastoral care has been established and Gillian is monitoring it (pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca). A separate phone number for emergency pastoral care issues has also been established and will be distributed. Gillian is also looking at what are immediate needs in parish in terms of pastoral care, what has happened in the past, what are perceived needs for pastoral care and what are our dreams for it. Get in touch with Gillian if any suggestions and comments. Also talking with other organisations. ○ Stewardship - Alastair McCollum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stewardship group needs to be formed to think about stewardship ○ Blue Envelopes – Trish Punnett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Committee consisting of Trish, Gillian Barlow and Murray Luft will recommend blue envelope recipients to Parish Council at the December meeting. 	
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ride for Refuge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oct 1st – can pledge online ● Manual Amendments – distributed ● The December Parish Council meeting will be on Dec 20th 	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 18, 2016 7pm Denson Lounge ● Tony to do opening prayer <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion by Duane to adjourn at 9:45pm ○ Carried <p>Prayer</p>	