

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2023 VESTRY MEETING

APPROVED

The Rev. Joanna Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Rev. Joanna Hollis; Sheila Cooper, Rector's Warden; Mark McMahon, People's Warden; Bruce Anderson; Gordon Arsenoff; Wendy Benjamin; Jim Nichols; Shannon Pullaro

ABSENT: Nayla Caruso

DISCIPLESHIP

Opening prayer was led by Jim Nichols

Dwelling in the Word *Luke 9:28-36*

Music Ministry Search Process & Vestry Core Values

Sheila Cooper lead members in an exercise designed to assist in identifying their individual core values.

STEWARDSHIP

Shannon Pullaro reported the following:

- September 9 & 23 and October 8: Letters to parishioners with pledge certificate.
- We are hoping to offer, in coordination with other ministries, a multi-cultural night in September (before it might be too cold outside).
- October 1, 8, 15, 22: Tentative Epistles during Sunday services.
- October 29: In-Gathering Sunday.

A Dine to Donate is scheduled on Tuesday, August 29 at Blackthorn. We will begin working on paperwork for a twice annual Super 50/50 raffle – to be called around Christmas/New Year's Eve AND July 4. Further, stay tuned for a virtual Planned Giving seminar with Jonathan Gloster and Jean Houvener.

Handi-Lift Update

After yet another conversation with Handi-Lift, Jim Nichols reports that the price previously quoted was for a new unit, not to repair the existing unit. This information allows us the opportunity to seek quotes for new equipment from other suppliers. Additionally, Steve and Nayla Caruso are searching for the replacement parts to repair the current unit. Should they be able to locate the parts, Handi-Lift will perform the required inspection and certify its safety to the City.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Vestry Meeting

Sheila Cooper moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Shannon Pullaro. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

The financial reports were reviewed and received, subject to audit.

Topics on the Minds of the Vestry

- Wendy Benjamin has been approached by some parishioners suggesting the summer service schedule be moved from 9:30AM to 9:00AM. As we are in the midst of the season, the matter will be considered for next summer season.
- Jim Nichols expressed his gratitude to Wendy Benjamin and her team for a fantastic parish picnic.
- Rev. Hollis accompanied the Buildings & Grounds Committee on an “imagination tour of 7 Paterson St.

Key Topics

- The Vestry began discerning our Leadership Core Values. These will guide us as we develop processes for decision making including the search for a music minister.
- The research on repairing or replacing the Handi-Lift continues with new information and ideas.
- The pledge drive portion of our annual stewardship campaign, “Rooted in Abundance”, will begin next month. Please look for specific details and information.

The meeting was adjourned by Rev. Hollis at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Ann Schwarz
Recording Secretary