

Vestry Meeting
February 24, 2008 St. James Hall

33 Parishioners were in attendance.

1. The Rev. Wendy Moore opened the meeting with prayer at 12:40 pm.
2. Ruth Sowrey was appointed Vestry Clerk.
3. All were in favour of acceptance of the agenda.
4. Bruce Neville moved acceptance of all the minutes of 2007 Vestry meetings. 2nd George Judge. Carried.
5. Rev. Moore recommended the reading of the Pastoral letters.

6. Reports

Incumbent's Report

Rev. Moore presented her report. Bruce Neville took the chair and thanked her for her report.

Warden's Report

The Report was presented by Robin Holder.

Envelope Secretary's Report

The report was presented by Karen Carley. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Neil Price-Jones.

Q. Dee McEnaney asked if the rectory rental covered snow removal and grass cutting expense.

A. No. They also pay the utilities at the rate of \$200 per month. There is reconciliation every 3 months.

Alan White commented that 5 years ago we were given the edict to pay an allowance to Trinity for the rectory. It seemed like forever at that time, but is wonderful now to note that the final payment is due at Easter.

Q. Duncan Quarrington asked if there was any intention of selling the rectory.

A. No.

Q. Jim Cassell asked how much total debt we were carrying.

A. The mortgage is \$407,000. Trinity is owed \$2500, which will be the last payment.

7. Consideration of the Budget for 2008

Alan White suggested that when the rectory rental lease comes up we should consider charging more.

Q. Jim Cassell wondered whether we could mitigate the \$8000 cost of electricity for the Hall.

A. It was pointed out that the Hall was rented every night of the week, necessitating the use of power.

Q. The newspaper has mentioned the prevalence of break-ins of churches in the area. Are we doing anything about security?

A. Yes, the wardens are aware of this and looking in to it.

Alan Whike pointed out that Daycare partially covers the cost of electricity. Also, wiring was put in place for a security system at the time of construction, but because of the nuisance of false alarms, the system was never put in to use.

Dee McEnaney moved the acceptance of the Budget. 2nd Duncan Quarrington. All in favour.

8. Property Manager's Report

The report was presented by Gordon Morton.

Bruce Neville thanked all those people who help with the maintenance of our properties. There are so many who are not seen but do so much to help us out.

Gordon told us how dangerous he felt it was for all the information on the buildings to be in one person's head, and so he is writing a manual. This brought a round of applause.

Rev. Wendy Moore thanked Gordon.

Remaining Reports

Rev. Moore recommended the reading of the remaining reports.

9. Appointment and Election of Officers

A motion to accept the slate was made by Bob Williams. 2nd Norm Taylor.

There were no further nominations.

All were in favour.

10. New Business

Bruce Neville spoke to the auditing of our books. The Canons say that we should have a full audit. The cost of this is estimated at \$4,000 - \$7,000. For the last several years we had statements from an accountant with "Notice to Reader." John Swinden has performed this task for us this year. There is a great deal of preliminary work to get the figures ready for a proper audit. There will be a different structure in future statements. We will have a full set of financial statements presented at next year's vestry.

John Swinden commented that it is a challenge to present a complex matter in terms that are easily understood.

Howard Jones moved to adjourn at 1:55 pm. 2nd George Judge.

The meeting closed with the Grace.