

Vestry Minutes  
October 3, 2011

*In Attendance ~ Don Thompson, Glen Gough, Adeline Doyle, Natasha Ellingson, Peter Woods, Andrea Senk*

- 1) Opened with prayer (Don) at 7:10pm
- 2) 2 changes to the agenda
  - 1) furnace added to "Old Business: Rectory Repairs"
  - 2) Hillcrest United Church 50th Anniversary added to "Other Items"
- 3) These changes/additions moved by Natasha; 2nd by Adeline; all in favour: yes
- 4) Minutes from Aug. 22, 2011 were not available and therefore not accepted
- 5) Old Business:
  - 1) Rectory Repairs: Don repaired the toilet & screen door; smoke detectors (garage) are to be attended to; roof was patched/repared by Toni Wheeler & Mark (hopefully for up to 10 years ~ Springtime will determine the effectiveness of repairs); Mark repaired basement lights; eaves trough is pending Glen to look over; trees in backyard ~ nothing to report (they're still there); furnace ~ Don cleaned filters but would like a professional to service it (noisy) and to have the ducts cleaned etc as well. (possibly Blue Haayer of Norther Rockies Maintenance & Cleaning (NRM) 775-1052 or Gord Sharp of Fort Nelson Plumbing & Heating 233-5033)
  - 2) Keys ~ nothing to report
  - 3) Bottle Drive: Don received approx. \$158.50 at the depot and Adeline/Judy about \$29 for their bottles ~ took 2 1/2hr on Saturday afternoon
  - 4) Change Table: United Church decided not to contribute to the cost of \$304 but instead the United Church Board advised the installation was their contribution. We accepted.
  - 5) Love Fort Nelson: Don was the only Anglican church member. All churches were represented. Took place at Overwaitea. Pop, juice, hot dogs were handed out. Total cost \$308.48 and our share is \$61.69.
  - 6) Thanksgiving Dinner: 20 people in attendance. Glen to ask Alvina to organize a Christmas potluck for Dec. 3rd or 10th.
  - 7) Ministerial Report: Alliance Church minister is here & settled; planning food hampers (Dec. 14-17th); Dec. 19th "Blue Christmas"; Ministerial Children's Pageant possible date Dec. 3rd (will know more this Wednesday's meeting)
  - 8) Candles: Glen received candles and they were within a few dollars over budget. Plans to unveil them at the Thanksgiving Sunday service.
  - 9) Sponsor Child: Andrea will send post card as well as a card she chose that the Congregation will sign this Sunday along with a \$30 gift. This was motioned by Natasha and 2nded by Adeline. Andrea will post a copy of an updated photo with information of our Sponsor Child on the bulletin board downstairs in the church.

- 10) Youth Service: Oct. 30th Glen will organize it; involve younger kids
  - 11) Next Newsletter: Stephanie has only one item; Don to write something on behalf of M.O.T.; Glen will submit something; regardless of quantity or info the newsletter will be distributed by the end of October.
  - 12) Grants for roof repair: We have time now to better investigate grants should we need them come Springtime
  - 13) Power of Loose Change: After advent, change to Food Bank
- 6) Correspondence: Letter from the organization of our foster child (we'd like an actual letter from Jessica as we have not yet received one)
- 7) Business arising from correspondence: Gift & Christmas Card to be posted asap
- 8) Finances: Budget envelop offerings for the year is \$50 000 ~ to date we've received \$24 000; Glen to contact Katina for a cheque for money for the Diocese prior to Oct. 13th
- 9) The Way Forward:
- 1) Christmas Services: No service at the Town Hall this year; we're welcome to join the United service earlier on the 24th (but it's not joint in terms of donation, it is their service); Also there will be Christmas eve midnight service; and a joint Christmas Morning (probably around 10am) service
  - 2) Ministerial Christmas: as suggested Dec. 19th "Blue Christmas" as well as a Children's Christmas Pageant date TBA
  - 3) Improving Communication with Liard & Diocese: Glen suggested mailing out our Newsletter and we agreed it was a good idea.
  - 4) 150 yrs of Anglican Church being in the North: Glen will write up an article for the newspaper and contact Judy/Alvina for old photos/information; the article I will be in the FN News before year end.
  - 5) FYI Bishop Larry & ArchBishop Terry are both still planning on visiting Fort Nelson in the future ~ just working out their respective schedules
- 10) Other Items: United Church 50th Anniversary in Fort Nelson; dinner at the Tiki Room by invitation only on October 22nd; on the 23rd is their service to pay tribute; Glen to contact Mavis for a nice card we can all sign to give our respects for this wonderful milestone in our community.
- 11) Announcements/upcoming events: Glen & Don away to Whitehorse from Oct. 13-17th for the Diocesan Executive Meeting (which takes place between Oct. 14-16th); Don will be away between Oct. 28th-Nov. 14th inclusive
- 12) Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 7th, 2011 7:00pm
- 13) Don closed with prayer & adjourned: 8:50pm