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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting of Holy Trinity Parish, White Rock, was held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 in the church sanctuary. 59 members of the parish attended.

1. Chairman, the Reverend Neil Gray, opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:05 a.m. Members of the parish who had died in the past year were remembered.
M,S,C Rev. Paul Richards/Mitzi Tyler that greetings be sent to former Clergy of Holy Trinity. Reverend Neil Gray extended his sincere thanks to Reverend Arthur Nash, who was present at the meeting. And that greetings be sent to our partner parish St. Michael the Archangel, Guina-ang, in the Diocese of the Northern Philippines, the Reverend Guery Dekdeken Priest.
2. The Rector outlined the rules of order. Janet Scott was appointed scrutineer. Appointed to count votes were Colin Wright and Alan White.
3. M,S,C Nigel Cole/Sean Latimer that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
4. M,S,C Susan Cummings/Rebecca Soberon-Blake that the minutes of the February 26th, 2017 Vestry Meeting be approved as circulated.
5. Matters arising (from 4).
There were no matters arising.
6. Financial Decisions:
 - (a) Financial Report for 2017
Helen Davison, the Treasurer, reviewed the financial report for 2017. The Rector reminded parishioners about the Pre-Authorized Donation program with respect to their financial support of the church, and to make provision for Holy Trinity in their Will. Questions and comments were received.
The Rector expressed his grateful thanks to:
 - Helen Davison
 - Mary Ponsford
 - Donna Shultz, our outgoing Co-ordinator of the Counting Ministry, and thanked our new Co-ordinator Judy Belanger and her team
 - The late Peter Johnson, our former Envelope Secretary. Thanks to Barb Cederlund, who has stepped forward as our new Envelope Secretary.

M,S,C Helen Davison/Richard Keats that the financial statements be accepted as presented.

- (b) Budget 2018. Helen Davison presented an overview of budget matters and reviewed the details of the 2018 Budget. She highlighted several things:
 - (i) The Griffiths Hall has been rented out to a pre-school, Wind & Tide, which will begin classes in September, 2018. They will initially occupy one-half of the hall during the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. from September to June, coinciding with the regular school year. There will be no major construction required to accommodate the school except for a fence to be erected around the garden area. It is expected that enrollment numbers will increase over time resulting in the school occupying more hall space and thus increased revenue. The church organizing committee were thanked for their hard work.

- (ii) Sage Counselling, a Government funded addiction counselling service, will be holding some meetings in the Griffiths Hall in late April, May and June which will bring in approximately \$3,000.00 revenue.
- (iii) Concern was expressed at the lack of progress towards the sale of the rectory. Several factors were presented by the clergy, wardens and treasurer in reply:-
 - The consent of the parish would be needed at a special vestry.
 - Permission of both diocesan council and the Bishop would be necessary following this.
 - The rectory might be required as accommodation for the interim priest.
 - Potential tenants exist who would prevent the building from being empty prior to occupation by the interim priest or rector. They would like to rent the rectory for a year.
- (iv) Provision in the budget was made for, amongst other things, the Wind and Tide pre-school set-up and travel costs for the new clergy interviews.

MOTION #1: M,S,C Helen Davison/Steven Svenson that the budget for 2018 be adopted as circulated.

7. Reports from 2017:

Robin Inglis spoke briefly with respect to building maintenance/improvement projects and in particular the two washrooms by the offices which are in need of renovating.

Neil expressed thanks to:

- Bob Ives for his loyal and faithful service as Rector's Warden and in particular his versatile leadership qualities.
- Lenore Richards and her committee for their many hours spent in negotiations with Wind & Tide and for her role as People's Warden.
- Letta Lewis for her diligent, faithful and much valued service as People's Warden over the past year. She has brought many great qualities along with her warmth, wit and graciousness to her work as Warden.
- Joan MacLeod, our caretaker, for her faithful and diligent care of our facility. To Ulo Valdma, our organist and Choir Director, for his versatile approach to his duties, and to Jann Callaghan Cullen, our Office Manager, for her continued diligent and much valued service.
- The Board of Trustees, Priscilla Archer, ODNW, Ron Dicks, the late Peter Johnson, ODNW and Richard Keats.
- Parish Council for their practical implementation of our decisions. Outgoing members who are not seeking re-election were thanked for their contributions – Susan Regan, Karen Peplow, Richard Keats, Letta Lewis, Lenore Richards and Molly White.
- Lastly, thanks were offered to our Deacon, The Rev. Paul Richards, an icon of servant leadership and a valued colleague. His responsibilities include pastoral

care and outreach, liturgy and social life within the church and he is involved with the Refugee Project, White Rock Hospice Society and Atira House, Scouts Canada, St. John Ambulance and also his professional responsibilities as a coroner.

M,S,C Robin Inglis/Richard Bury to receive the reports from 2017 as presented.

8. The Canonical Process of Appointments.

- The Rector outlined the role of the canonical committee which will oversee the process with episcopal leadership and congregational input. There will be clergy help until the interim priest begins his or her appointment.

9. Elections and Appointments:

- 2 nominees for People's Warden were put forward.
M,S,C Letta Lewis/Helen McFadden to close nominations.
Bob Ives & Frances Fagan elected People's Wardens.
- 3 nominees for Synod Delegates were put forward.
M,S,C Ron Dicks/Frieda Moloney to close nominations.
Simon Johnston, Sean Latimer & Frances Fagan, elected Synod Delegates.
- 5 nominees for Alternate Synod Delegates were put forward.
M,S,C Sean Latimer/Robert Ives to close nominations. A vote was taken.
Mary Ponsford, Nigel Cole and Veronica Wright were elected Alternate Synod Delegates.
- There were no nominees for Youth Synod Delegate
- 2 nominees for Members at Large were put forward.
M,S,C Mary Ponsford/Letta Lewis to increase the number of Members at Large from 2 to 3 for 2018. M,S,C Sean Latimer/Audrey Mistiades to close nominations.
Richard Bury, Susan Cummings and Dianne Keats elected Members at Large.
- Board of Trustees. The Rector briefly explained the duties of the trustees. Priscilla Archer, ODNW and Ron Dicks were put forward for re-election. Letta Lewis, ODNW and Richard Keats were put forward for election.
M,S,C Paul Richards/Helen McFadden to close nominations.
Elected to Board of Trustees: Priscilla Archer, Ron Dicks, Letta Lewis and Richard Keats.
- Appointed positions.
Rector's Warden: Simon Johnston
Parish Council Secretary: Sue Bowcock
Envelope Secretary: Barb Cederlund
Bookkeeper: Mary Ponsford
Treasurer: Helen Davison

10. Banking and Signing Authority:

MOTION #2

Mary Ponsford/Ruth Dean

- a) to keep Coast Capital Savings as Holy Trinity's financial institution.

M,S,C

- b) that the Clergy, Church Wardens, Treasurer and Bookkeeper be authorized signing authorities for church financial matters.

The Rev. Neil Gray, Rector, The Rev. Paul Richards, Deacon, Bob Ives Warden, Frances Fagan Warden, Simon Johnston Warden, Helen Davison, Treasurer & Mary Ponsford, Bookkeeper.

11. Lay Administration of Holy Communion:

MOTION #3

M,S,C

Paul Richards/Rebecca Soberon-Blake that the list of names of lay administrators be approved. Confirmation of these names will be forwarded to the Bishop.

**Priscilla Archer
Cynthia Batchelor
Sue Bowcock
Rita Buchy
Louise Finlayson
Linda Ingham
Bob Ives
Sean Latimer**

**Susan Lazar
Letta Lewis
Frieda Moloney
Mary McDougall
Audrey Mistiades
Catherine Robertson
Patricia Sephton
Jamie Wade**

12. There were no further items of business.

13. M,S,C Steven Svenson/Judy Belanger to destroy the ballots.

14. The Rector thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked those who had provided and organized the refreshments.

15. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. with the Grace.

Barb Cederlund,
Recording Secretary

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, September 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:45am by the chair, Reverend Georgina Harris at Church of the Holy Trinity.

The vestry attendance book was circulated, and all present were asked to sign. 58 were present.

1. **A quorum** was established
2. **A gathering prayer** was given by Reverend Harris
3. **A motion** was made by Letta Lewis and **seconded** by Susan Montgomery to appoint Nigel Cole as recording secretary - **carried**.
4. **The agenda** was distributed amongst the attendees. A motion was made by Robin Inglis and **seconded** by Mitzy Tyler to adopt the agenda - **carried**.

5. **A motion** was made by Frances Fagan to appoint John Davison as returning officer and **seconded** by Susan Cummings - **carried**.
6. **A motion** was made by Francis Fagan and **seconded** by Carol Macpherson to appoint Susan Cummings and Colin Wright as scrutineers - **carried**.
7. **A motion (motion #1)** was made to call for nominations to fill the vacant position of 'Peoples Warden'. There were nil nominations from the floor. Therefore, the position shall remain vacant for the remainder of the year. Should a parishioner wish to fill the role, they should contact Reverend Harris to express interest.
8. **A motion (motion #2)** was made by Simon Johnston and **seconded** by Francis Fagan "to replace the present rectory with a less expensive alternative and to invest the net gain in the diocese consolidated trust fund, the interest of which will be used for parish operations"

Simon Johnson presented an explanation focusing on the background. Replacement projection and process of the above.

Thereafter, a discussion took place amongst those present with speakers expressing for/against opinions.

A motion was made to amend the original motion and this was declined.

9. A **call for the vote** on the question was made.

A show of hands was made for with the majority of those present voting "for"

Four parishioners opposed the motion and wished their names be recorded: Colin Wright, Rachel Wright, Ed Cheetam, John Bliss.

Motion carried

10. **A motion** was made by richard keats to adjourn the meeting - **carried**.

11. The Reverend Georgina Harris ended the special vestry meeting with a closing prayer and dismissal.

Special Vestry Meeting adjourned @ 11:55am.

Submitted by:
Nigel W. Finch-Cole

INTERIM PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT

We are closing in on 11 months together in this Interim time. It is fair to say there is no such thing as an ideal time to begin the Interim Process, and we have to work with the cards we have been dealt. There is always a time of "transitioning" to this new relationship for everyone. We haven't known each other prior, and it takes time to develop relationships within a worshipping community. This period of adjustment may stir up expressions of frustration, anger, disappointment, and fear. There is no one blueprint for parishes making their way through the Interim process.

One of my first decisions upon arriving was to have a window installed in my office door – there are two reasons for this – people can see I am in the office and it offers security for me and those who might be meeting with me. I've received many positive comments on having a window in the door.

I have tried to be as present for people as I can with the limited time I am present in the Parish. My door is always open and I welcome folks dropping in to chat and yes, to raise their concerns.

My first few months were somewhat challenging – Jann Cullen, Office Manager at the time, had two major falls in quick succession resulting in her not being able to be present in the office. She was such a trooper and did as much as she could from home. Her second fall was the final nudge she needed to make the difficult decision to retire! We worked together to develop a job description which was posted to "Indeed" and after shortlisting and interviews a successful candidate was welcomed on board. Francine has stepped into some very big shoes and is a wonderful addition to Holy Trinity!

I am a believer that when you have talented people as part of your community you need to allow them to use their talents. To that end I invited Rev. Paul to begin preaching once a month. I have enjoyed his sermons very much. Unfortunately, Rev. Paul has had some health challenges and has stepped away from some of his duties to focus on getting well. His support and encouragement mean a lot to me.

Pastoral Care became challenging due to Rev. Paul's health and after some conversation with our People's Warden Frances Fagan & Priscilla Archer I invited the Rev. Arthur Nash to assist with visiting shut-ins and those who might benefit from a clergy visit. Names are given to me and I forward them to Rev. Nash. His assistance has been a great addition to the Pastoral Care of the Community.

As these almost 11 months have progressed there have been some welcome physical improvements at HTC under the amazing leadership of Herb Smart and his merry band of volunteers. We now have refreshed and renewed washrooms and new paint in the hallway, office, & library.

Sandra Sherwood (a VST student) has joined HTC and has been a welcome addition to the Educational life of HTC – she led a book study in the fall and is leading another study "Holy Trinity Learning Circle – A Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Action, The Good and Beautiful Life." Sandra is completing her Theological Studies at VST.

Change is never easy for a community and there have been changes happen at HTC. Bob Ives stepped down in his role as Warden, Susan Bowcock moved to Ontario, and others have moved to new communities to be closer to family, others have stepped down from positions they have held for many years, and still others have found it too difficult to continue in their roles for many reasons. While change is never easy, change can be good. Change gives us the opportunity to do some self-reflection and ask where we are being led and it provides opportunities for others to step into leadership roles in support of the church.

There is no doubt Holy Trinity faces some challenges in the near future and beyond. We ask ourselves what the future holds and that is a question we can't answer at this time. What we must focus on is working together as a community of faith, exploring what we can be, and putting ourselves out there in faith that a bright future is possible.

The biggest concern from many of course – When will we get a new priest? I don't have the

answer for that.

The Prophet Khalil Gibran offers these words of advice about focusing on “Time”;

“If in your thought you must measure time into seasons,
let each season encircle all the other seasons, And let
today embrace the past with remembrance and the
future with longing.”

It continues to be my privilege to serve as your Interim Priest in Charge.

Respectfully,
Rev. Georgina Harris.

DEACON’S REPORT

This is a year of transition in so many ways at Holy Trinity White Rock, and your deacon is experiencing this transition with all of you! I am working closely in support of our Priest-in-Charge, the Reverend Georgina Harris. I have joined in worship at both services on Sunday as a deacon of the word and table, as well as occasionally providing sermons. In the first part of the year, we joined with parishioners in providing mid-day prayer services with hymns and piano accompaniment once a month at Weatherby Pavilion at Peace Arch Hospital. In addition to instructing at the Lenten Lectures, I have also assisted and conducted funerals and attended social events at the church. I have also attended our regional clericus meetings with clergy colleagues, and diocesan clergy days, which normally focus on key issues and discussions for clergy throughout the Diocese of New Westminster. Finally, I have been active in the past year with our partner parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines by both social media and email with Padi (Reverend) Daniel Longatan and his wife Wendy in the Philippines.

In the community, I have been active in pastoral care with other parishioners, bringing communion to shut-ins and other people, some who now live far from White Rock, and bringing our church community to those who cannot join us in worship and socializing. This includes visits to Peace Arch Hospital, Surrey Memorial Hospital, Eagle Ridge Hospital and Royal Columbian Hospital, and this also requires participation in palliative and end-of-life spiritual care. I have remained active with other parishioners in our Refugee Committee in the arrival and settlement of the sponsored refugee family, managed under Peter Johnson’s excellent leadership and continued after his untimely death. This project for our parish has been a wonderful experience and the family are doing very well indeed. The family have joined with us at the church for social events and we continue our sponsorship for the next few months as they transition to self-support. I am currently exploring a closer relationship with the Mission to Seafarers and their work at Robert’s Bank Terminal in Delta.

As many of you know, I fell seriously ill later in the year and this has limited my mobility and limited my ability to participate in worship. I continued my doctoral studies in criminology at Simon Fraser University, however I have taken a brief leave of absence from my studies to recover and receive treatment. With recovery, I hope to rejoin you in my diaconal duties as we continue in transition through 2019. I thank you for your continued support and prayers in my servant ministry as your deacon.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Richards

WARDENS' REPORT

This past year has been a remarkable time to serve as wardens. Our term started with three Wardens: Frances Fagan, Bob Ives and Simon Johnston. Reverend Neil Grey retired in early April after fifteen years as our Rector. As a congregation we celebrated Father Neil and his accomplishments, then quickly found ourselves in an unfamiliar transition. Reverend Neil's retirement set in motion an Interim Ministry and the Archdeacon of Fraser convened Holy Trinity's Canonical Committee on a temporary basis to select an Interim Priest in charge. The Committee interviewed and recommended Reverend Georgina Harris to Archbishop Melissa, who accepted the recommendation and installed Reverend Georgina as our Interim Priest-in-Charge. Her tenure continues until a new Incumbent is installed. With the Interim Priest in place, the Canonical Committee was suspended. Because Holy Trinity did not have a Rector, Simon Johnston the Rector's Warden automatically became the Bishop's Warden for the Interim Ministry period.

As prearranged, Father Neil rented the Rectory for the month of May. Prior to his departure he, together with our Treasurer, arranged for a tenant to rent the Rectory so as to provide a seamless continuation of rental revenues. The current tenants were given a ten-month lease and a month-to-month contract after that time.

The summer was spent in learning the roles and responsibilities of the Wardens and the Priest in Charge and our relationship to the Diocese. To this end, a meeting was held with Archdeacon of Fraser, Luisito Engnan and Tasha Carrothers, Missioner for Congregational Development to clarify our journey during this period of flux.

Regrettably around this time, Bob Ives had to withdraw as Warden due to illness. The Parish and Wardens are very grateful for Bob's many years of dedication as our volunteer "verger" and "mr. fix-it". Bob continues his ministry when he can.

Other volunteers in the men's group and from the congregation continued to step in and filled the void by doing the heavy lifting, lighting, storage and other activities required at a busy parish. Robin Inglis, Herb Smart, Gerrard Ponsford and many others worked to upgrade and paint the south washrooms, hallways, offices and the library. And for that continued up keep and beautification we are all very grateful.

During the summer, Jann Callaghan Cullen, our Office Administrator for the last 9 years retired. We marveled at her abilities to "juggle chain saws" as she once described her job, and we are delighted that she continues to join us for important events. We advertised for a replacement and we were thrilled that Francine deVelden could join us in September as our new Office Administrator.

We thank Barb Cederlund for her work as Envelope Secretary and we thank her for her stewardship in this vital and confidential role.

In response to a desire for clearer communication, we started a monthly newsletter called the Canonical Chronicles to inform our membership about the activities we were engaged in and to serve as a record of the interim ministry.

In August we started the process that would eventually inform the creation of a Parish Profile, an essential document that details our ministry and identifies the qualities we seek in a new Rector. Starting in August and stretching into October, we convened eight small focus groups that encompassed all our ministries and parishioners. Each focus group had eight to twelve participants. Facilitated by Sean Latimer, Robin Inglis, Fran Fagan and Simon Johnston, participants were asked to consider three areas relating to the life of Holy Trinity: what we liked,

what we were concerned about and what our wishes are for the future. The opinions collected from these sessions were collated and used as a foundation for the next step.

In November we gathered as a congregation at a plenary session facilitated by Tasha Carrothers, to review the findings from our focus group discussions. Sixty-eight people attended the meeting (approximately the average number at our combined services). The congregation worked with Tasha to articulate the qualities we seek in a new Rector.

We gathered at Special Vestry on September 23rd to vote on a proposition to replace the current rectory with an alternative property and to invest the net gain in the Diocesan Consolidated Fund, the interest of which would be used for Church operations. The majority voted in favour of directing the Wardens to implement this plan. Such a change requires Diocesan approval.

Starting in the fall, our Treasurer alerted Parish Council that 2018 would show a significant fall in regular attendance and therefore a shortfall in projected revenues. While this has been a trend in previous years, this year would be different because it would be the first time we will be forced to drawn down on our Special Gift Fund to cover the shortfall. The Trustees were apprised of this situation. They caucused and wrote a report urging immediate action on a number of areas to raise revenues. The most substantial were:

- the long term renting our Griffith's Hall at market prices,
- the disposition of the Rectory for a more affordable property, investing the proceeds and using the interest for church operations,
- petitioning the Diocese to reduce Holy Trinity's Annual Assessment obligations.

Since long term rentals, disposition of property and adjustments in Diocesan assessments require Diocesan approval, we convened a meeting with Archbishop Melissa and Diocesan Staff to discuss how the Diocese can assist us to build a thriving community. The meeting in December included the Trustees, Parish Council (and Wardens), the Interim Priest-in-Charge, Rob Dickson, Director of Finance and Property as well as Tellison Glover, Director of Mission and Ministry Development.

The outcomes included:

- Finding a commercial realtor to properly assess our rental potential and to recommend contractual templates
- Updating the market value calculations for our Rectory
- As soon as this research is in place, we should be ready to petition the Diocese for their approvals.

Meanwhile, in December we reported to Archdeacon Louie Engnan the successful completion of our parish consultations. Based on this, he graciously deemed Holy Trinity to be ready and convened the Canonical Committee. The committee comprises the Wardens, the Synod delegates and Alternate Synod Delegates. They are Fran Fagan, Simon Johnston, Sean Latimer (Chair), Nigel Cole, Mary Ponsford and Veronica Wright. Simon Johnston was tasked to write a draft of the Parish Profile, which was completed on January 15th. Input from all members of the committee and from Archdeacon Louie resulted in a number of Canonical Committee meetings that informed a second draft. The last meeting was held on February 4th. As of this writing on February 7th the final draft has been submitted to Archbishop Melissa and Executive Archdeacon Douglas Fenton. The Canonical Committee awaits further instruction.

In November, Bishop Melissa awarded the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster to Carol Macpherson and we are most proud of this new addition to our ODNW ranks. Although Carol was unable to attend the large gathering at the Massey Theatre, many more of us were able to

celebrate Carol at a function at Holy Trinity. The Archbishop specifically asked to perform the ordination while she was here meeting with our trustees and parish council members.

Thank you to all the congregants who continue to create successful fundraising events such as Royal Tea's, Christmas Bazaars and dances that allowed us to socialize in true Holy Trinity style. We would also like to thank Helen Davidson, our retiring treasurer, for exemplary work, dedication and attention to detail. Thank you to Joan MacLeod for always having the coffee on, and keeping our church clean. We acknowledge and deeply appreciate the work of our Office Administrator, Francine deVelden, our Deacon Paul and Interim Priest Georgina.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Fagan and Simon Johnston

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The Altar Guild prepares the vessels, linens and flower decorations for all regular services. There is a roster, and teams of volunteers take responsibility on a rotational basis. They also supervise decoration of the church for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. This is an important and quiet "behind the scenes" ministry that helps to enhance the worship experience at Holy Trinity. Being part of the Altar Guild is also a unique opportunity for fellowship and a way to learn the traditions associated with preparing the church for each service. We are always actively seeking new members, especially a coordinator for 2019/2020, as well as someone to oversee the ordering of the weekly altar flowers. No prior experience is required, and all training is provided. If you are interested in joining our friendly and welcoming team, please contact the church office.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cederlund

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN'S REPORT

We started our year sending "Hot Sox" and clothing received to the Seafarers, and baby clothes and toys to A.C.W Place in Burnaby. The Topic had a very interesting article regarding a bursary set up by A.C.W. to assist future clergy. Our April meeting's highlight was a visit from the Principal of White Rock Elementary, Zahara Rawji, our guest speaker, and we were joined by Rev. Georgina and two board members. Four of us attended the A.C.W. Annual Meeting at St. Marks, Ocean Park, in May, where our then Bishop Melissa was a guest speaker. We enjoyed a social lunch in June and broke for the summer and three of us attended W.R.E's Art Show and Carnival. We had regular meeting in September and October, followed by the Area meeting at St. Michaels in November. December saw us enjoying a Sunday Brunch to round out the year and were invited to the Christmas concert at W.R.E. – a very enjoyable evening.

We support W.R.E Summer Camp program and Calcutta Cathedral "Penny Pot" financially. Stamps and pop can tabs are still collected and forwarded to A.C.W. Place along with donated clothing. We usually have eight meetings in the library annually, and all ladies are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cummings

BOOK NOOK REPORT

This past year has seen a steady, albeit reduced, activity of donations and purchases of parishioner's books.

During the Christmas Bazaar, there was a significant rise in sales which was satisfying.

Many thanks to Diane Keats, Steve Sorensen and Henry Lazar for their time and efforts over this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lazar

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

The year ended with the church buildings and grounds in basically very good shape. Although still functioning well, however, some things like the furnace and the equipment in the kitchen are now at least two decades old; they will have to be watched closely over the next few years, and it may be hard to avoid some replacements. Major items such as the roofs, redone over the last few years, will last for a very long time to come, but there remain other matters like the church floor and the window coverings that need to come onto the radar in earnest sooner rather than later. A building and equipment maintenance and capital plan is in the process of being put together as part of a Strategic Plan to carry Holy Trinity through its centennial – now only two years away – and beyond. This will give us a document listing items that require annual, shorter-term or longer-term maintenance, along with 'last done' dates (e.g. the redoing of Griffiths Hall in 2015), as well as identifying larger items that will require significant expenditure (e.g. a new furnace).

We continued to benefit greatly from the quiet and effective work of our caretaker, Joan Macleod and, for a significant part of 2018 from the ongoing attention to the complex provided by Rector Neil Gray and Jann Callaghan Cullen. Thanks are due to all staff – Interim Rector Georgina Harris and Office Manager Francine deVelden - volunteers and the professionals whom we call upon from time to time, and who have helped us this past year.

Buildings

Buildings like ours require two types of attention over any given year: basic maintenance; and investment in at least one major project.

In the former category, Herb Smart spearheaded the complete repainting and refurbishing of the Library/Meeting Room, the office of the Administrator, and the hallways leading to the Sunday School Room and down into the church proper. This was a major undertaking and the parish has been very fortunate to have someone with Herb's ability and commitment lasting over the best part of two months to complete this task. He was ably assisted by Gerard Ponsford, and Robin Inglis, Colin Wright and Linda Ingham also did their bit in helping out. The 'major project' was a complete repaint and deep clean of the washrooms on the main floor of the office wing and a replacement of the furniture including new sinks. Again, Herb Smart was the key figure along with Gerard Ponsford and Robin Inglis. Jann Callaghan Cullen provided some new artwork and frankly the two washrooms are now no longer an embarrassment. Thanks are also due to Mary Ponsford (especially) and Robin Inglis for donations to the Building Fund to complement the money made available by Parish Council to do this work. Herb Smart and Robin Inglis also modified the door of the Rector's Office to provide a window – as required by the Diocese.

Gardens and Grounds

In 2018, a core group of volunteers - Frieda Moloney, Audrey Mistiades, Barb Cederlund, Ruth Dean, Carol De Boeck, Herb Smart and Robin Inglis, helped from time to time by a number of other parishioners – benefitted greatly from the substantial efforts made in 2016 and 2017 to get the grounds into good shape. Our aim has been to create a scenario whereby, going forward, the grounds could be relatively easy to maintain. It is necessary to get a jump on the gardens right away in early spring and then work away regularly over the months from April to October. This we were able to do. The long, hot summer – as in 2017 - had an impact, but thanks to our sprinkler system and a regular watering program, the garden beds and lawns looked as good as could reasonably have been expected. Neighbours passing by are almost invariably complimentary and appreciative of the efforts made to keep the grounds colourful and respectable.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Inglis

COUNTING MINISTRY REPORT

Our Counting ministry works in teams of two or three people each week, counting, recording and depositing our parishioners' weekly financial contributions to the church. Each week, the finished reports are submitted to the Rector, the Bookkeeper, and the Envelope Secretary for their records.

Each team member has an RCMP security clearance and has been approved by the Rector for service in this financial role. A series of checks and balances are in place to ensure accuracy.

Judy would like to take this opportunity to thank her team for their help and dedication, without whom it would not be possible. They are very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Belanger

FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY REPORT

After the 10:00 service each Sunday, the altar flowers are taken down and divided into separate bouquets. These bouquets are delivered by volunteers to parishioners who cannot attend the service due to illness or infirmity.

At the present time there are 9 individuals or couples on a roster of volunteers to deliver the bouquets on a regular basis. There are 13 parishioners on the recipient list who receive a bouquet every 6 weeks or so.

This mission is much appreciated by those who receive the flowers; they not only enjoy the flowers, but also the visit and the personal contact with the parish. It is also a rewarding experience for the volunteer who delivers.

We thank all the team members for their support in this mission and appreciate their patience and cooperation. If you would like to be part of this very worthwhile ministry, please contact the coordinators, Jennifer and Alan.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer and Alan Whike

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Dinner and Dance

In January, Holy Trinity hosted a Dinner and Dance, co-ordinated by Helen and John Davison. Avid dancers, the Davisons knew all the right moves to set up this lovely and fun night. Featuring well-loved local band, the Silverstars, the night included Dinner, a Beer and Wine Bar, a 50/50 draw, and door prizes. Everyone one who attended raved about the wonderful time they had. As well as providing a memorable evening, this event raised \$630 for Holy Trinity's coffers!

Royal Wedding Celebration

On 19th May 2018 on the occasion of the marriage of Prince Harry and Meaghan Markle a celebration was held In Griffiths Hall. The crowds arrived, the tables filled afternoon tea was enjoyed while eyes were fixed on the large screen as guests arrived at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Oh my, the hats, the glamour, quite smashing! Watching the event on a large screen was exciting and this was facilitated by Patrick Finch to whom we are most grateful for his participation and technical expertise. Much planning and many willing helping hands made this event a huge success. A good time was had by all.

Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas bazaar was held on 8th December. The enthusiasm, the willingness, the hard work of many resulted in a hugely successful event. The hall was prepared on Thursday. The potato preparation team of gentlemen worked on Friday as did the quiche team while tables were set and stalls were prepared for selling of goods, yes lots of work but much fun too. As always the crowds came, another successful bazaar enjoyed by all and funds raised for our beloved church. A big 'thank you' to Jann Cullen for her help and sage advice. We loved having her in our midst once again. Much appreciation and gratitude to Mary Ponsford who coordinated these two events and worked to ensure their success with good times for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Archer

MEN'S GROUP REPORT

Quite a series of firsts for HT Men's Group in 2018.

At our May meeting we welcomed Reverend Georgina as our guest and of course, Priest in Charge, then in September we worked as a focus group under the brilliant facilitator, Robin Inglis. The trinity of firsts was having a meeting on New Years Eve so as to enter 2019 and the completion of our interregnum with a clearer and shared understanding of what God may be calling us to do.

Also in November we had two HT Men's Group members attend a Parish Council meeting to seek a direct understanding of their critical work and the unique issues they address, especially in an interregnum.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Wright

MUSIC PROGRAM REPORT

Foremost, and as always, a huge debt of gratitude is owed to the choir who, with loyalty, skill and dedication, persevere to enhance immeasurably the worship at Holy Trinity.

During 2018 we introduced some new hymns and rehearsed and performed some challenging works. We have enjoyed musical offerings from Ferdinand Bredenholler on trumpet. Some members of our choir sang at Weatherby Pavilion on a few occasions, with Cynthia Batchelor accompanying on piano.

As a choir, we attend services twelve months of the year and sing at memorial services. We have been doing varied presentations of the psalms, with talented cantors and readers. Several choir members also serve in multiple capacities during services.

Many thanks to Lynne Francis for coaching the congregation in learning new hymns. She generously gave of her time and talent to prepare very moving choral selections for Good Friday and other occasions, which included wonderful solo work by Sean Latimer and Lenore Richards – thank you both! We enjoyed a successful service of Advent Lessons and Carols. The performances were bolstered by additional choristers from within and outside the congregation.

Early in 2018, the choir, indeed the church and community, lost one of its most stalwart, steadfast and faithful members, Peter Johnson. He will be sorely missed.

Our thanks and appreciation to Terri Johanson for filling in on the organ during the incumbent's vacation. Our choir rehearses Thursdays 7:15 p.m. to about 8:15 p.m. at the church. Have a word with me if you are interested in joining. Hymn suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Ülo Valdma

PRAYER SHAWL PLUS REPORT

Our small but mighty group of knitters and crocheters have been busy all year. We continue to meet in the Church Library on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 am.

It was decided to embrace the "Plus" side of our title and some of the ladies have produced other knitted crafts for Holy Trinity's outreach program. One such project has been knitting Jumper/Vests for the "Fish and Chip" babies of Africa. Babies born in some of the poorest areas of Africa are wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm, hence the name "Fish and Chip Babies". Other projects have been crib blankets and items for the craft table at the Christmas Bazaar.

The Prayer Shawl is still the main focus of our efforts and this year we have made 82 shawls. After being Blessed these have been distributed around the area to such places as Richmond Hospital, 10 went to Evergreen Extended Care to be distributed with their welcome package, and White Rock Senior Village took 60 to be distributed among their many facilities including Atira House.

I would like to thank Ruth Dean for all her support as my co worker; its a privilege to be part of such a loving and caring group.

Respectively submitted
Lynne Francis

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT

With your support in 2018 these are some of the updates on the impact of your generous support to PWRDF in Canada and around the world:

- is celebrating 60 years of a journey that Anglicans have undertaken in partnership with communities in Canada and throughout the world in seeking to build a just, peaceful and healthy world.
- continued to respond to sudden onset emergencies - the magnitude 7.4 earthquake in Central Sulawesi in Indonesia and the aftermath of the Super Typhoon Mangkhut which tore through the island of Luzon in the Philippines.
- distributed food items and provided health services to several thousand households in Indonesia and the Philippines to people affected by the above mentioned earthquakes and typhoon.
- provided relief funding to the Friendship Centre at St. Timothy's Anglican Church to support 2,000 residents as a result of wildfires in B.C. in July, 2018.
- provided funds to set up suicide prevention training for community leaders and those in helping professions in northern B.C. communities which were at risk due to the high indigenous population and added stresses following the wildfires.
- collaborated with Partners in Health to improve health care in Rwanda: reducing infant malnutrition and illness, providing in-home medical support and training for volunteers and medical staff.
- supported the Social Worker Home Visit Program in Rwanda. This program allows social workers to observe potential causes of malnutrition that may not be obvious during hospital visits.
- supported the addition of a neonatal wing to the Kigutu Hospital in Burundi. The neonatal wing was funded by PWRDF with a 6:1 match from Global Affairs Canada.
- supported the work of Dr. Denis Mukwege, the co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and founder of Panzi Foundation and Maison Dorcas in the Democratic Republic of Congo - helping to provide medical care to women who are victims of sexual assault.
- responded with a \$20,000 donation to support the al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza - provided medical care to people-particularly children - who have been injured and traumatized by recent violence in the region.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Buchy

SPONSORSHIP FAMILY REPORT

Under the sure hand and leadership of the late Peter Johnson, the Sponsorship Committee worked to ensure that the Rammo family of Syria found safe haven in Canada.

On May 5, 2018 the family-of-five arrived at the Vancouver airport. They were greeted by a small number of parishioners: Deacon Paul Richards, People's Warden Fran Fagan, Bishop's Warden

Simon Johnston, Carol de Boeck, Susan Lazar, and Sheila Johnston. The Rammos had left the United Nations refugee camp in Erbil, Iraq 48 hours before they touched down at YVR. Despite their long trip, all members of the family wore smiles when they arrived. Kawa Rammo and his wife Randa Mohammad and their three children Ashna, Askiyar and Askivan expressed sincere gratitude to the generous members of Holy Trinity, and they thanked the Church of Holy Trinity for all they had done for them.

After a 10-daystay in a small motel in Burnaby, the family moved into their two-bedroom apartment in Queensborough, New Westminster, on May 12.

Since that date they have been busy settling into their new community. Randa is a full-time homemaker, and she is currently taking English lessons. Kawa has a good command of English. He found work in the construction sector shortly after arriving in Canada. He enjoys his work and advises that it takes him to communities all over the lower mainland. He works 5, and sometimes 6 days a week. Daughter Ashna attends an elementary school that is just around the corner from home. Her parents advise that she is “making friends”. Askiyar and his brother Askivan accompany their Mum each day when Randa walks Ashna to and from school.

The family has Compass Cards and they travel around the lower mainland for appointments – such as the Public Health Unit for Askivan’s vaccinations, or visits to their family doctor, or the Surrey Red Cross where Kawa donates blood – as well as for events such as the New Year’s Eve fireworks in Vancouver.

On two occasions the Rammo family came to visit us at Holy Trinity – once on a Sunday in September, and again on the afternoon of the December Christmas Fair. The household items collected from parishioners perfectly furnished the family’s home. Thank you for those donations. The funds collected from parishioners will see the family through the first 12 months in Canada. Thank you for those contributions. Before April 2019 the family will meet with Deacon Paul to discuss finances, and their future, as the Rammo family will become independent of the Parish in May of this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila M. F. Johnston

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Holy Trinity is blessed to have Elinor Gavin manage and care for our webpage. Our web page is a valuable source for information about our parish, its history, and staff. You can find out about upcoming events, reminders, weekly bulletins, and browse through photos as well. Our web presence is appreciated by our sick and shut-ins who cannot make it to church, but want to keep up-to-date on our parish. There is a downloadable file of our current Annual Report, as well as Pre-Authorized Donation forms. Please make a point of visiting our website often at <http://holytrinitywhiterock.org>.

Our Facebook page was resurrected in the fall of 2018 and is administered by Francine. Visit our page to stay current on events in the Parish as well as to be reminded of Scriptural promises. You are welcome to ‘share’ items posted on the page with your friends and community to further our web presence in White Rock and South Surrey. Drop in, ‘like,’ and ‘follow’ our Parish page!

Respectfully submitted,
Francine deVelden

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

Sunday school and Rite 13

In 2018, attendance in Sunday school and Rite 13 dwindled. Three of our long-time teachers, Victoria, Anna and Sarah, also left or moved away, leaving Karen, Kathy and Veronica to continue to teach. We now have four children who attend fairly regularly, and share a combined program. We start Sundays in church with parents or grandparents, and then move to the Sunday school room for lessons and activities. We have temporarily discontinued Kids' Days, though the two older children may soon begin to read in church again, and we hope to include all of them in special services as we have done in the past.

Our foster child in Guatemala, Claudia, graduated from the Plan Canada program and began her studies to become a teacher. She will be the first girl from her village to complete her high school and college education, and the financial support she received from Holy Trinity played a large part in her accomplishment. We will continue to fundraise and recycle bottles and cans in order to raise money for the support of another child in need.

Our hope is that in the coming year we shall once again enjoy seeing more children and teens participating in the service, sharing their energy, joy, talents and faith with the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica Wright

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

n/a

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS / DEATHS

Joan Watts	Ernie Avory
David Davies	John Brooks
Bette Durrant	Huck Leakey
Norah Cockburn	Jean Morrison
Christina Edith Brierley	

MARRIAGES

n/a

NEW PARISHIONERS IN 2018

Tom Farr & Alison MacLean
Hilda & William Ingleson
Rachel O'Neil
Wendy Wilkie