**St. George’s of Forest Hill**

**Parish Council Minutes for September 25th., 2018**

***Present:***

Fr. Stephen Hendry, Chair Charlotte Cromarty The Reverend MaryLynn Forrest

John Dale, Secretary Murray Gamble Catherine Carlson

Mary Ann Millar Jim Fox Cheryl Fox

John Ryrie Mike Stredwick Valerie Cuthbert

Terry McCoy Nelson Cuthbert Connie McCoy

Reta Risto Debra Barclay Vivian Harris

John Shaw April Couzens

***Regrets***: John MacKellar, Anne Taylor, Lesley Burland-Prong,

***Visitor***: Maggie Seiber (St. John’s Ambulance).

**1.Call to Order** at 7.30 p.m., by Fr. Stephen Hendry.

**2. Attendance/Regrets**. As above.

**3. Devotions**.Fr. Stephen. Fr. Stephen also thanked those involved in the maintenance of the church property over the summer, the Welcome Back Sunday lunch team, the attendees at the recent Leadership Seminar in London, and Charlotte and Bill Cromarty for the Parish Breakfast.

**4. Approval of Current Agenda**.

**Motion** to accept the Agenda for the September 5th., 2018 meeting as presented: Proposed, Catherine Carlson; Seconded, Mary Ann Millar. **Carried**.

**5. Reading and Acceptance of the Tuesday August 28th., 2018 Minutes**:

John Dale reported that the minutes for the August meeting had been amended to replace the Atmosphere activity summary (item 10 vii) with a report submitted to him by Catherine Carlson.

**Motion** to accept the minutes of the August 28th., 2018 meeting as slightly amended. Proposed, John Dale; Seconded, Charlotte Cromarty. **Carried**.

**6. Business from the Previous Minutes:**

**a) Photo Directory Update.** Fr. Stephen reported that the imminent arrival of the copies of the photo directory is anticipated.

**b) Camp Update.**

Mary Lynn Forrest submitted the following report of the discussions of the Camp Committee regarding this summer’s Little Dragon Camp.

CAMP MEETING SEPT. 15/18

Discuss Financial:

* We needed to spend $8,773.55 of our camp stabilization fund this year of $13,357.66 to prevent a deficit. There is still $4,584.11 left in the fund.

Discuss the issues that arose this year:

* Staffing issues
* Camper issues
* Over the past few years our donations have gone down along with the number of campers enrolled. Our costs have risen and we have been very aware of what we spend and how we spend it to be able to balance our camp budget.

Where to go from here:

* Do we continue with summer camp?
* Do we celebrate the great job we have done over the years with camp and realize that camp has finished?
* If Option #2--- what do we think as a committee, where the remaining camp funds should go?
* What do we take to parish council?

FYI:

Over the years that camp has been running, when there has been extra money left, the camp has provided the following for the church:

* Some of the chairs in Thompson Hall
* The new b-b-q
* The area rug that Sunday School uses throughout the year and we use in the summer
* $3,000.00 to the church to cover costs of water, paper products, electricity that we use during the summer camp.
* Camp funds paid for our camp shed and the cement pad that it sits on.
* Camp funds purchased the new picnic tables.
* Camp is totally outside of the church budget, running strictly on donations and grants.
* There are numerous numbers of volunteer hours each year.

It was with happiness and sadness Sat. when the camp committee discussed that the time is here to finish our camp years off by celebrating the wonderful ministry of Little Dragon Summer Day Camp. Over the past 16 years our camp has been a safe, fun and caring place for many children, especially children whose families would otherwise not have been able to afford summer camp. We have provided care for mild special needs children, children of many cultures and languages. Our camp has provided summer jobs for many youth in our church and in the community, along with many youth who have completed their high school community hours here. Little Dragon Camp has been a fantastic experience for many, many children and a wonderful learning experience for many youth whom we employed. Camp had its many challenges along the way, but we able to persevere and work through them. Now it is time to stop offering our summer camp with a successful celebration and pray that God will discern where to lead us next. With the money that is left in our stabilization fund, we would like to send two or three children to Huron Church Camp next summer.

I would like to make the following motion:

Camp Little Dragon has come to a completion and that we use any money left in the Camp Stabilization Fund to send two or three children to enjoy Huron Church Camp next summer.

CAMP LITTLE DRAGON REPORT FOR 2018

* We had 2 co-directors and 9 staff this year. The co-directors worked the entire summer whereas the councillors worked anywhere from 4 weeks to 8 weeks depending on their needs and requests for summer employment.
* During the past 3 years we have had a decline in the number of job applicants applying to work at our camp and we have had to hire everyone who applied.
* We had 11 volunteers doing community hours.
* There were some staffing issues and there were some issues with a particular child who we asked the parent to remove the child from the camp experience. This was due to continuous harmful behaviours to himself and to others.

There were 27 new campers and 125 returnee campers. There were 13 full bursaries given out along with 36 partial bursaries.

Following are the number of campers per week:

Week 1 = 13

Week 2 = 28

Week 3 = 20

Week 4 = 20

Week 5 = 18

Week 6 = 15

Week 7 = 14

Week 8 = 24

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR CAMP LITTLE DRAGON ENDING AUGUST 31, 2018.

Camp Revenue

Income $39,759.00

Expenses $48,532.55

Camp Stabilization Fund(opening balance) $13,357.66

Camp Stabilization Fund(closing balance) $ 4,584.11

Submitted by:

Rev. MaryLynn

Discussion followed regarding the decision not to offer further camps. April Couzens and Debra Barclay felt that Camp was crucial in that it involved precisely the demographic we were seeking to attract; unchurched children and youth. Mary Lynn insisted, however, that the non-availability of funding, declining enrolment and, above all, the near impossibility of recruiting adequate numbers of satisfactory staff, precluded the continuation of camp. Murray Gamble pointed out that the social environment may have changed over the many years camp has been running so as to be less conducive to a traditional summer camp.

Fr. Stephen invited anyone interested to join him in crafting a new summer ministry to children (he has already had preliminary discussions with the Optimist Club).

Mary Lynn said that there would be a celebration of the years of Little Dragon Camp (including a short address and photo display) at coffee hour on October 21st.

**Motion** BIRT that Camp Little Dragon has come to a completion and the money left in the Camp stabilization fund be used to send two or three children to enjoy Huron Church Camp next summer: Proposed, Reta Risto; Seconded, Mike Stredwick. **Carried**.

**c) Stewardship Update**.

John MacKellar being sick, this item was tabled. The Stewardship dinner planned for this weekend is cancelled.

**d) AED Refresher**.

Maggie Seiber of St. John’s Ambulance provided a ten-minute refresher course on the use of the church’s AED unit.

**7. Sign Decision**.

Murray Gamble reported that PC’s decision regarding the sign and the memorial had been broadcast to the church community and that the sign committee would be meeting with the successful vendor to discuss starting the permitting process. Fr. Stephen reported that the wardens would be forwarding information regarding our sign and memorial projects to Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs who will represent St. George’s at discussions regarding the projects at Diocesan Council.

**8. Organizational Chart**.

Jim Fox said that the Laity Leadership chart had been updated as far as is possible (it will always be subject to modification) and would shortly be posted in the narthex, and also put into the welcome bags given to new parishioners in order to help them identify how to become more involved in the work of the church. The chart will be revised annually.

**Motion** to accept the Laity Leadership Chart as currently available, subject to modifications as necessary: Proposed, Murray Gamble; Seconded, John Ryrie. **Carried**.

**9. Proceeds from Tia and Tommy concert (October 13th.)**

**Motion** BIRT the net proceeds of this concert be directed towards the future music program at St. George’s: Proposed, Jim Fox; Seconded, Terry McCoy. **Carried**.

**10. Survey Proposal**.

Jim Fox indicated that one of the functions of the Communications Committee is to create surveys to analyze issues of interest for the church (for example, a survey had been created to analyze parishioners’ reaction to the cancelation of services by eblast on the Sunday of the ice storm last winter). Jim invited committee to approach the Communication Committee to design surveys as they needed them. The Worship Committee has asked the committee to design a survey to assess the congregations’ preferences regarding the frequency of Morning and Evening Services.

**Motion** to endorse the use of surveys as proposed: Proposed, John Ryrie; Seconded, Murray Gamble. **Carried**.

**11. Camp Details**.

**Motion** to thank the Camp Committee for all their years of hard work: Proposed, Murray Gamble; Seconded, Debra Barclay**. Carried**.

**12. Wardens’ Report.**

Nelson Cuthbert reported that the grand piano in the church needs rebuilding at a cost of about $5000 (this sum has already been donated). This project will occur in the new year and take up to 3 months (in the interim a replacement piano will be provided). He added that misleading and mischievous emails resulting from the hacking of Fr. Stephen’s laptop and cellphone continue to be broadcast to the parish community and should be ignored. Progress has been made in gathering the keys to the church, but it remained essential that the last person leaving the church should ensure that all doors are locked. Nelson added that it was intended to return to the rules that announcements before services should be limited to 30 seconds and that they should reference readily-available written material. The Sunday School remains in need of more teachers and Nelson urged everyone to be approach anyone that might be interested.

Mary Ann Millar indicated that succession planning for P.C. members and wardens was similarly essential and that anyone who could be identified as potentially interested in either should be approached.

Mike Stredwick said that a number of parking tickets have been posted on vehicles illegally parked in the church’s lot. He added that he and Catherine Carlson would be going to Her Majesty’s Royal Chapel of the Mohawks at Brantford shortly and would welcome the company of anyone else who is interested in going.

**13. Standing Committee Reports.**

**i) Rector’s Report.**

Fr. Stephen reported that, this summer, the majority of his time has been spent with Camp Little Dragon, visiting nursing homes, at committee meetings and making videos. He said that, after his first year at St. George’s, his most positive impressions revolved around the scale of outreach attempted by the church. He regarded the integration of newcomers into the parish family as the greatest challenge, and urged everyone to initiate an approach to newcomers who seemed at a loss.

**Motion** to accept the Rector’s Report as presented: Proposed, John Shaw; Seconded, Cheryl Fox. **Carried**.

**ii) Communications**. Jim Fox presented the following report.

Parish Council - September 25th

Communications Committee Report

Highlights from the past 30 Days:

* the fall issue of the Dragon Flyer was printed and distributed
  + by hand after services on September 2nd and 9th
  + extra copies still available in the Narthex
  + about 30 copies will be mailed to shut-ins
  + promotional copies will be delivered to local nursing homes, etc.
* a calendar of events for September/October was prepared and distributed along with the Dragon Flyer --- this will be a bi-monthly task
* promotional stickers were used by Fr. Stephen at the blessing of the backpacks on start-up Sunday - other uses to be considered
* coaster sets have been ordered and will be used for promotional purposes and included in our Welcome to St. George's bags
* contact has been made with our local community centres to secure permission to place event posters on their bulletin boards
* our parish was represented at the Diocesan Seminars in London on September 22nd and some of our attendees participated in the communications workshop

Over the next 30 Days:

* the next Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 16th - topics for discussion and action include:
  + limited feedback on the impact of the Dragon Flyer vs. the cost of production will be considered by the Communications Committee
  + schedule for the winter edition of the Dragon Flyer
  + planning for the November/December calendar
  + review of workshop highlights from the September 22nd Seminar
  + discussion re: a coffee hour presentation on our updated website
  + update from committee members on initiatives such as contacts at nursing homes, post-secondary institutions, instagram use, live-streaming alternatives, etc.
* using input from Parish Council re: a survey of members of our parish family including preferences from Morning Prayer and Evensong services.

Jim added that Trinity Church Cambridge has been identified as a church that is very forward with the integration of technology into services. Members of the Communications Committee will be visiting there soon.

John Ryrie pointed out that the Livestream system appeared to be subject to periodic cutting out recently. Nelson Cuthbert said that he is investigating ways to upgrade the Livestream system. Alan Lee is to make a relevant presentation at the next P.C. meeting.

**Motion** to accept the Communications Committee Report as presented: Proposed, Murray Gamble; Seconded, Valerie Cuthbert. **Carried**.

**iii) Finance**. In Anne Taylor’s absence at Deanery Council, Nelson Cuthbert reported that YTD to the end of August the net Income/Loss was about $6000 below budget. Parishioner Donations are some $9000 below budget (although they are some $6000 above the figure for this time last year), but the window repair expenses were approximately $1500 less than anticipated. The number of parishioners using auto-debit is stable. **Motion** to accept the August Financial statement as presented. Proposed, John Shaw; Seconded, Connie McCoy. **Carried**.

**iv)** **Outreach**. Reta Risto said that the Childrens’ Community Clothes Closet will occur on October 27th.Announcements have been going out, and donations are being solicited (included from other churches). Help will also soon be solicited. Fr. Stephen invited Debra Barclay to consider the use of a U-tube video to enhance attendance at, and donations to, the event.

**Motion** to accept the Outreach Committee report as presented. Proposed, Nelson Cuthbert; Seconded, Cheryl Fox. **Carried**

**v)** **Property**. There was discussion concerning the possibility of erecting extra storage shelves outside the furnace room.

**Motion** BIRT Cheryl Fox discuss with Murray Gamble a plan for reconfiguring the space outside the furnace room and report back to P.C: Proposed, John Ryrie; Seconded, Catherine Carlson. **Carried**.

**vi) Worship.** Fr. Stephen said that there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service this Sunday (at which the Youth Group will present at both services on their experiences at CLAY), as well as the normal Thanksgiving celebrations the following Sunday. Healing and anointing experiences will be available at both services once every month going forward.

**Motion** to accept the Worship Committee’s report as presented: Proposed, Murray Gamble; Seconded, JohnShaw. **Carried**

**vii) Atmosphere**. Catherine Carlson provided the following notes:

**Atmosphere – Committee Reports for September- PC**

**Turkey Dinner – Oct 2/18**

* Atmosphere will take on the responsibility for Decorating and Set up and for Cleaning up Tables and Chairs in Thompson Hall on afternoon of Oct 1st
* We are still looking for crew or volunteers to assist with the clean up in the Hall. We will approach the Youth Group to help.

**Coffee Hour**

* Jim Fox has created a new Sign Up sheet for the two coffee hours of 8:15 and 10:00. The revised sheet has a space for those doing Coffee and Tea and a second column for a Set Up Crew for 8:15 and a Crew after 10:00 coffee hour to put tables and chairs away.

Or big gap seems to be for those after the 10:00 service putting things away.

**PROPOSAL/REQUEST**- We would like Parish Council to assist us in recruiting various Committees within St. George’s to take their turn with the 10:00 services. In this way, the duty would rotate through 8 or 9 different groups so it is equitable and predictable. For example, the Youth Group is looking after coffee hours on September 30th when they will speak to the congregations about their CLAY experience.

**We wish to publically acknowledge each week those persons or groups who are providing coffee and clean up**

**Social Activities for Atmosphere this year-**

* **Tia & Tommy in Concert** – **Friday, October 13 – Free Will Offering**
* **Euchre Night – Friday, November 23rd**
* **Medieval Dinner & Theatre Night – February 15th or Saturday Feb 16th.** We would appreciate your feedback on the choice of dates. This is right around Valentine’s Day AND Family Day holiday. We invite your comments so we may lock firmly into a date after consulting with everyone. This will be limited to 50 people. We will use a Medieval setting with no eating utensils encouraged to eat the meal. More than fast food or finger food—more like fist-food! Catherine Carlson & Jack Nahrgang will work on the writing team for the 8 or 9 medieval characters who are at the head table. These characters will function much like you may have seen at a Murder Mystery Evening. Except…who knows what shape their dialogue will take!!!
* **Car Rally –** May- This date is TBA so it does not conflict with personal commitments for Jim Fox who plans our route **and** the Victoria Day long weekend.
* **June Picnic** – This year the picnic will be hosted at St. George’s instead of Mannheim. There will be lunch and games organized. Date will coincide with wrapping up Sunday School for the school year

There was acceptance from P.C. for the concept proposed for Coffee Hour. It was recommended that the Medieval Dinner occur on a Friday.

**Motion** to accept the report of the Atmosphere Committee as presented: Proposed, Valerie Cuthbert; Seconded, Connie McCoy. **Carried**.

**viii) Ascend/Renew**.

Valerie Cuthbert presented 2 motions

**Motion**. BIRT $21,000 of ASCEND money be directed toward the purchase and installation of the sign and the renovation of the memorial: Proposed, Valerie Cuthbert; Seconded Mike Stredwick. **Carried**.

It was pointed out that, with the $9000 already in the Sign Fund, this would provide $30,000 towards the cost of the sign and Memorial projects. Additionally, a parishioner has offered to match up to $10,000 of new, unpledged monies donated for the sign up to the end of this year. More information on this will be forthcoming.

**Motion**. BIRT that a team of three or more parishioners investigate the cost of a screen and projector: Proposed, John Ryrie; Seconded, Catherine Carlson. **Carried**.

**ix) Youth Group.** April Couzens reported that this year’s activities are under way: there have been two meetings in the church and the first event (at Erbsville Kartway) already. The group comprises some 11 youth. The Youth Group will be presenting at both services on their experiences at CLAY this Sunday.

**Motion** to accept the report of the Youth group as presented: Proposed, Valerie Cuthbert; Seconded, Cheryl Fox. **Carried.**

**x) Social Justice**. John Ryrie presented draft minutes for the first meeting of the Social Justice Committee, as below

St. George’s of Forest Hill Anglican Church

Thompson Hall, Sept. 22, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Social Justice Committee

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Cameron Mott, Wendy Sherlock, MaryLynn Forrest, John Ryrie

* Several other parishioners have indicated an interest but were not able to attend.

1. Welcome 10:00 a.m.
2. Introductions – everyone shared some get-to-know-you personal history
3. Attendance

* Phone numbers and e-mail addresses - taken

1. Review of the Agenda

Motion: (Wendy S./Cameron M.) BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

1. Housekeeping items

* Clarification of start time of meetings – 10:00 a.m.
* No-one in attendance was confused. We’ll continue with 10 a.m. until there is a reason to change the start time.
* Need for a recording secretary at each meeting.
* John R. agreed to do the minutes. Others will need to help out at further meetings. The minutes will be oriented to action items – not narrative or comprehensive in nature.
* Next meetings: Sat. Oct. 13, Sat. Nov. 3, Sat. Dec. 3
* fine
* Bring your own coffee/tea/water???
* It was agreed that participants will bring their own beverages.

1. Initial mandate of the committee

* To identify social justice issues of concern to parishioners
* To explore through conversation and research the dimensions of these issues
* To share effective strategies that could possibly influence social justice issues
* To determine what actions could be taken to address one or more of these issues
* To encourage parishioners to be socially responsible
* To advocate, where possible, for the ‘have-nots’ of our local community
* To educate people on the gaps in support and well-being that are part of our present social structure
* To determine what avenues might be taken to share the committee’s social justice concerns with the parish, the Deanery, the Diocese and/or the community-at-large
* To report to Parish Council (i.e., through minutes, oral updates, and reports)

1. Questions about the committee

* Considerable discussion ensued as to what the committee can do as a part of St. George’s parish: some initiatives will need to go to Parish Council for approval; others can be taken up by individuals if they do not claim to be acting for St. George’s, or on behalf of St. George’s
* When it sees fit, the committee (either individually or collectively) would like to take some actions and not just be a forum for discussion
* Can we find out how the Diocese is approaching social justice issues? John to do some ‘digging’

1. Initial identification of committee member concerns.

NOTE: The committee brain-stormed and came up with the following – NOT in order of importance and NOT necessarily items that the committee will address.

* Provincial cutbacks to hospitals
* Mistreatment of animals in food processing plants – chickens, pigs, cattle
* Human trafficking in Ontario
* The have’s and have-nots in Waterloo Region: re food, medical care, shelter, education, connectedness. Shelter in particular was identified as a key and core need for people.
* Mistreatment of men, women and children – e.g. spousal abuse, gender identification (LGBTQ)
* Mental health
* Suicides by university and high school students
* Addictions
* Pay-loan companies
* Bullying – both at schools and elsewhere
* Parents now bully teachers (vs. 1950s and 1960s)
* Recently announced snitch line to report on teachers not teaching the ‘correct’ sex-ed curriculum
* Drug use – safe sites
* Gambling – the positive branding by the OLD of casinos
* The Ontario government has reportedly handed over the management of the Niagara Falls casino to an American company

1. Sharing of previous initiatives taken to address social justice issues or concerns

* No extensive discussion of this topic. The Chair shared an example of writing effectively to the President of CIBC about a troubling phone call from a bank employee who one Friday evening was after the personal cell-phone number of one of the Chair’s sons.

1. Possible actions or initiatives that could be taken by the committee, individually or collectively

* To be determined

1. Avenues to share the work and concerns of the committee

* To be determined

1. Second meeting – how would the committee like to spend its time??

* The committee would like to narrow its focus down to perhaps 3 issues or topics that we could discuss and address.

1. Next meeting: Saturday Oct. 13, 2018 10:00 a.m. NOTE: FIRESIDE ROOM

* The committee would like to include a 10-15 minute discussion near the beginning of each meeting of a passage from the New Testament in which Jesus articulates a story that appears to advocate a concern for social justice – i.e., maintain a faith-centered focus to the committee’s work.
* The committee had differing views as to the emotional intensity that Jesus brought to his concerns

1. The Grace
2. Adjournment 11:00 a.m.

**Motion**. BIRT Parish Council endorses the report for the Social Justice committee as presented: Proposed, Cheryl Fox; Seconded, Valerie Cuthbert. **Carried.**

**xi) Ice Cream Project.**

John Ryrie presented the following report:

Summer 2018 Ice Cream Outreach – Report for Parish Council

Sept. 11, 2018 by John Ryrie

Ice cream served at St. John’s Kitchen – June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7 = 11 times

Outreach Assistants: Thelma Barnes and Kim, Catherine Carlson, Elizabeth Ceres,

Marilyn Graham, Jacky Henriques, Ann Jones, Jean Horne,

Wayne Matheson, Gerry McGregor, Jan Melega, Father Stephen

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| Date | Expense | Expense  Amount | Donations | Reconcili-  ation | By/To | Net |
|  | Carry over from 2016 |  |  |  |  | $215.35 |
| June 28 | Peanuts & jelly dots | $13.88 |  |  |  |  |
| June 28 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| July 1 | Sunday offering |  | $97.85 |  |  | $313.20 |
| July 3 | Peanuts & choc chips | $27.11 |  |  |  |  |
| July 3 | 4 tubs | $79.88 |  |  |  |  |
| July 4 | 2 personal donations |  | $25.00 |  |  | $338.20 |
| July 4 | reconciliation |  |  | $220.70 | JR | $117.50 |
| July 8 | Sunday offering |  | $135.00 |  |  | $252.50 |
| July 12 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| July 15 | Sunday offering |  | $120.65 |  |  |  |
| July 15 | Additional donation |  | $20.00 |  |  | $393.15 |
| July 17 | 5 tubs + butterscotch syrup | $118.82 |  |  |  |  |
| July 17 | Jelly dots | $4.89 |  |  |  |  |
| July 18 | Peanuts | $5.68 |  |  |  |  |
| July 18 | container of sprinkles | $21.47 |  |  |  |  |
| July 18 | reconciliation |  |  | $250.15 | JR | $143.00 |
| July 22 | Sunday offering |  | $112.00 |  |  | $255.00 |
| July 23 | 5 tubs + chocolate sauce | $118.32 |  |  |  |  |
| July 23 | Peanuts, choc. chips, jelly dots | $37.76 |  |  |  |  |
| July 29 | Sunday offering |  | $71.45 |  |  | $326.45 |
| July 30 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| July 30 | Peanuts, choc chips, jelly dot | $43.09 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 5 | Sunday offering |  | $93.00 |  |  | $419.45 |
| Aug 7 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 12 | Sunday offering |  | $261.85 |  |  | $681.30 |
| Aug 14 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 14 | Peanuts | $8.45 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 15 | reconciliation |  |  | $509.75 | JR | $171.55 |
| Aug 18 | Donations through envelope contributions |  | $260.00 |  |  | $431.55 |
| Aug 18 | Congregation’s offerings |  | $88.50 |  |  | $520.05 |
| aug 21 | Peanuts, jelly dots, and choc. chips | $30.56 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 21 | 5 tubs + choc & butterscotch sauce | $137.29 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 21 | reconciliation |  |  | $167.85 | JR | $352.20 |
| Aug 26 | Sunday offering |  | $69.75 |  |  | $421.95 |
| Aug 27 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 27 | Peanuts, choc chips, jelly dots | $37.87 |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 28 | reconciliation |  |  | $137.70 | JR | $284.25 |
| Sept. 2 |  |  | $10.00 |  |  | $294.25 |
| Sept. 4 | Peanuts | $5.93 |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 4 | 5 tubs | $99.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 5 |  |  |  | $103.75 | JR | $190.50 |
| Sept. 11 | Final donations through envelope contributions |  | $100.00 |  |  |  |
| Totals |  | $1389.95 | $1465.05 | $1389.90 |  | $290.50 |

John noted that the group ended the year with more funds than they had to start with. He indicated that funds in church envelopes dedicated to the ice cream outreach were instrumental in achieving this.

**xii) Refugee Committee.**

John Ryrie presented two reports on the activities of the Deanery refugee Committee, one his own, and one written by another member of the committee, as below.

Waterloo Deanery Refugee Committee Report

For St. George’s of Forest Hill

Sept. 20, 2018

* The committee met Sept. 19th for two hours at St. Andrew’s in Kitchener
* After considerable discussion and sharing of current personal circumstances, it was determined that most (but not all) of the current members of the committee are prepared to continue on the committee in support of a 6th refugee family
* We need 4 or 5 ‘new’ committee members to help out with some of the sub-committees (education, transportation, social, medical)
* Toward the end of the meeting, a motion was passed endorsing the decision to sponsor a small (likely 4-member) refugee family in 2019 after we have completed our sponsorship for our 5th family in mid-December 2018.
* The financial commitment is likely to be one of the following (in broad strokes)

1. Current monies = $7,000

Funding needed for a 6th family = $20,000

Additional monies needed to be raised = $13,000

Avg. contribution needed per church from our 13 Deanery churches over the next 15 months to support a 6th family = $1,000,

which amounts to roughly $16 a week

1. Current monies = $7,000

Funding needed for a 6th family = $20,000

Outside support through a generous donor

who has indicated a considerable desire

to sponsor a family (to be confirmed) = $8,000 - $10,000

Additional monies needed to be raised = $5,000

Avg. contributed needed per church from our 13 Deanery churches over the next 15 months to support a 6th family = $385,

which amounts to roughly $6 a week

* Our 5th family has found 1/2-day day care for their youngest child (good news)
* The parents continue to go to school to improve their English
* The older child is going to school
* The Dad has done driver training and is keen to get his G-2 license, but will need to wait as per the Ministry of Transportation’s expectations

J. Ryrie

Refugee Committee Update – September 2018

We began almost 4 years ago, 5 families later with lots of wonderful moments, hard work and blessings from all the people of the 13 churches in the Deanery and we are ready to do it again!!.

We began with over 50 volunteers and we are now down to a hardy group of about 30- 35. We have completed our plan of supporting 5 families and we have recently decided to move forward with one more family for 2019. To do this we are looking for a commitment of approximately 650.00 from each parish to support a family of 4 for one year. We will have the government contribute 50% and hopefully what we receive from the churches will support the other 50%. 650. X 13 parishes = 8450. We have about 7000.00 left from our original funds collected. This will give us the 15,000.00 we will need to cover our part of the expenses with a buffer for the unexpected.

I can’t tell you how rewarding this experience has been for me and for many others of the refugee committee. At times it was a big commitment and at other times there was less commitment but lots of good times shared with the others on the committee as well as with the new families.

If you think you might be interested in helping in some way we would be happy to meet with you to talk about the different ways this could happen.

Our last family will be on there on by the middle of December. We can’t believe it has already been one year. Incredible. Both parents are in school learning English, Mamuna is attending school jk fulltime and she loves it, can hardly wait to get there in the morning. Milkesa the 3 year old just got enrolled in day care at the English school his mother is attending. Recent reports indicate he is not particularly happy about this change in events but we are sure he will adapt as most little 3 year olds do. The family is travelling about KW are on public transit. Zubaida is quite independent and is able to meet friends and go shopping on her own by using GRT. This family is truly on their way to independence.

Several of the committee members have developed strong relationships with the families and these relationships have continued on after the 1 year support. It’s a great ministry and I am really happy members have agreed to stay on and continue this much needed work.

Volunteers worked on many different things, some handled paperwork, some found furniture, moved furniture, found accommodations, cleaned before the family arrived, taught them how to shop, how to use our currency, how to budget, some read to the children, visited the women if they were shut in, took them to dental and doctor appointments, enrolled children in school, taught them how to dress for our weather, how to drive in our weather, how to use a sewing machine, some mediated issues between tenants and family, some signed them up for summer programs, day camps and researched free entertainment they could access during the summer holidays. We helped with employment and some even arranged for tours of the Toyota plant so they could see what manufacturing looks like in Canada. There is no shortage of things to do. The more people we have the more we can do to assist in the family’s integration into the community. Few of us knew how to do any of this when we started and we struggled through it but now we have a very strong base of knowledge so anyone coming on will have the support of other members.

If you’d like to be part of our mighty group please let Iris Williams or your parish rep know and we will get you connected to someone in the committee who can answer your questions.

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Thank you.

**xiii) Website Update**. Fr. Stephen said that the update of the church website is a work in progress and that the next meeting with the representatives of the group doing the work occurs this Thursday.

**14. Correspondence.** None

**15. Upcoming Dates and Events:**

**Sept. 29th.** Visit toHer Majesty’s Royal Chapel of the Mohawks.

Messy Church.

**Sept 30th**. Youth group presentation on CLAY at 8.15 & 10.00 a.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

**Oct. 2nd**. Turkey Dinner.

**Oct. 13th**. Tia and Tommy concert.

**Oct. 27th**. Community Clothes Closet.

**Oct. 28th**. Baptism

**Nov. 23rd**. Euchre night

**16. Next PC Meeting**. Tuesday, October 23rd., 2018. 7.30 p.m.

Chair: Fr. Stephen. Minutes: ?. Devotions: Valerie and Nelson Cuthbert Refreshments: Mike Stredwick.

**17 & 18. Adjournment and Grace**. 9.50 pm.

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Of Forest Hill

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