
Church of the Epiphany

Epiphany – an Anglican church in the Parish of Verdun and Ville-Emard

L'Épiphanie – une église anglicane à la Paroisse de Verdun et Ville-Emard

Welcome to Epiphany – Bienvenue à l'Épiphanie - $\langle \Omega \rangle^{\infty} \Delta$



Annual Report - 2017

Vestry Meeting - February 18, 2018

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2017 ANNUAL VESTRY MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

4322 Wellington Street, Verdun, Quebec, held on Sunday, February 26th, 2017

Signing of Vestry Register, Opening Prayer and Welcome.

The meeting was called to order at 11:37am with an opening prayer by Reverend Brian Perron. 54 in attendance. Regrets: Kathleen Archambault, Jean Sagan, Joy and Ron Yeoman, Orville Burrows

Agenda

It was moved by Meghan McCullough and seconded by Jim Shepherd that the Agenda be accepted. *Motion carried (MC).*

Nomination of Vestry Clerk.

Jim Shepherd nominated Brenda Brazier as Vestry Clerk, seconded by Seymour Smith. Acclaimed.

Minutes of 2016 Meeting.

- The memorial plaques have been moved to a museum. Jean Wilcocks suggests that photos be taken of them and kept at the church.
- Page 5 comment about looking at how to best direct monetary funds needs to be readdressed.
- Parish council meetings were not held. It was agreed that parish council meetings will take place throughout the year.
- Father Brian emphasized the need to be transparent in our church affairs to encourage moral and financial support from the parish. He suggested assigning someone to look over the vestry minutes quarterly to stay on top of items demanding attention.
- The church lighting has been improved and is being standardized.

It was moved by Lynn Shepherd, seconded by Ken Reason, that the minutes of the 2016 Vestry Meeting be adopted as circulated. *MC.*

Incumbent's Report.

- Father Brian spoke about the theological mission of our church to be a welcoming centre for the community, and gave as an example the recent Mohawk Round Dance. One goal is to expand the music ministry to include a community choir.
- Putting newness into the house of the Lord, by renovations such as new locks and cleaning requires the use of resources.

It was moved by Betty Brow, seconded by Ken Reason, that the Incumbent's Report be adopted as distributed. *MC.*

Wardens' Report

- The activity level of the church has increased and is reflected in the increase in number of rentals of the hall and yard.
- Reclaim is an anglo adult literacy group that currently has about 40 clients. We have worked with them for a year and found a good synergy between the goals of Reclaim and Epiphany to better people's lives. Father Brian and the wardens have looked at Reclaim's needs, and are in discussion with them for using space at Epiphany 3 or 4 mornings each week when their current lease ends in September. They will not disrupt Epiphany's Wednesday activities. Reclaim has a budget for some renovations, which may start this spring. The warehouse may become their office, so there will be a shorter storage time for items for future garage sales. Epiphany will benefit from the renovations, the regular rental income and the access to their smart board. Reclaim is always looking for people to help, and appreciates any offer to lend a hand.
- Deacon Seymour thanked the wardens and deputy wardens on behalf of the congregation.

It was moved by Lynn Shepherd, seconded by Steve Gilson, that the Wardens' Report be adopted as distributed. *MC.*

Auditors' Report

- Presented by Ben Waring that the records are in good order.
- Thank you to Deborah Rice and all of the counters on behalf of the congregation. It was suggested that a final clear copy of the count sheet be made by Deborah Rice and attached to the worksheet before submitted.
- Betty Brow keeps track of Wednesday lunch money ins and outs. Better tracking of the coffee money and petty cash is encouraged.
- Father Brian stated that for Safe Church we have to deal with professionals for the upkeep of the church, and we must be transparent with the finances. This will help us evaluate the investment of time and energy versus the outcome, as we grow.

It was moved by Jim Shepherd, seconded by Christine McCallum, that the Auditors' Report be accepted. MC.

The Finance Committee Report

- It was clarified that the Korean Community Church rental is a monthly amount, and that they pay for extra rentals.
- Gaz Metro savings in part due to repair of leak under the stage.
- Jean Wilcocks enquired as to how Hydro savings could be attained. No contracts with Hydro but the cost of fridges, freezers, lighting and hot water will be evaluated to see if savings can be made.
- Brenda Brazier asked about the projected deficit of approximately \$20,000.00. Father Brian reiterated the need to invest in community. This amount may be found over the coming year with new congregation members, increased giving, or rental income. He reassured the congregation that we will not spend money that we do not have, and that with faith we will balance the budget.
- Sylvie Waring asked about the possibility of a grant to fund the music program, but the direction of the proposed community choir will have to be determined before grant funding can be addressed.
- The statement of the Anglican Balanced Fund will be attached to the vestry report. This investment, from the sales of St. Aiden's and All Saints, grew by \$34,000.00 last year. Epiphany receives quarterly income that totalled about \$26,000.00 this year. This fund is a safety net to be used for maintenance of the church's infrastructure. Weekly giving and rental income should cover our operating expenses.
- Although envelope giving was up cash balance from last year is down \$9,000.00 due to renovation.
- Bank fees cannot be avoided even though we are a not for profit organization.
- Ben Waring expressed thanks to the Finance Committee members on behalf of the congregation.

It was moved by Jim Shepherd, seconded by Anne Habbick, that the Finance Committee Report be accepted. MC.

Envelope Receipt Report.

- Cornelia Penner suggested pre-authorized contributions to increase the ease of giving. Father Brian has been researching the available methods of e-giving. These may involve some fees.
- Gail Gollan stated that some parishoners chose to give a lump sum donation.
- Meghan McCullough asked what average weekly contribution is needed to attain a balanced budget. Father Brian will look into this. Some people may need time to work up to increased giving. Parishoners can give of their time and other resources as well.

It was moved by Christine McCallum, seconded by Gordon Melbrew, that the Envelope Receipt Report be adopted as distributed. MC.

Parish Statistics

The Parish figures for 2016 were presented. The average attendance is now 58.

Deacons' Report

It was moved by Ben Waring, seconded by Ken Reason, that the Deacons' Report be adopted as distributed. MC.

Reports of Parish Organizations.

- Correction to date in final paragraph of PWRDF report from 2015 to 2016.
- Father Brian expressed his thanks to all of the community who contribute to these activities.

It was moved by Jim Shepherd, seconded by Theresa Jones, that the Reports of Parish Organizations be adopted as distributed. *MC.*

Incumbent's Appointments

Reverend Brian Perron made the following appointments:

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| Rector's Warden | Wendy McCullough |
| Deputy Rector's Warden | Shirley Harbour, Barbara McColgan |
| Men's Fellowship Committee | vacant |
| Parish Communicator | vacant |

- Thank you to Jim Shepherd for past service as parish communicator.
- Everyone is encouraged to check the online biweekly postings of the Montreal Anglican, and to like our Facebook page.

Report of Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Theresa Jones, Sandra Sorel and Jim Shepherd put forth the following nominations:

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| People's Warden | Gail Gollan |
| Deputy People's Wardens | Susan Johnson; Cornelia Penner and Jason Crawford for vacant post |
| Synod Delegate | Lynn Shepherd |
| Alternate Synod Delegate | Jim Shepherd |
| PWRDF Representative | Lynn Shepherd |
| Auditors | Ken Reason, Ben Waring |
| Envelope Secretary | Lynn Shepherd |

- Betty Brow stood for nomination as Deputy People's Warden.
- Thank you to Theresa Jones, Sandra Sorel and Jim Shepherd.
- Meghan McCullough, Natasha Melbrew and Brenda Brazier volunteered as Nominating Committee for next year.

It was moved by Wendy McCullough, seconded by Christine McCallum, that nominations cease. *MC.*

Election

- After a few brief words from the candidates, an election was required for the position of Deputy People's Warden.
- Jason Crawford was elected.
- Thank you to Anne Habbick for her many years of service.

It was moved by Jim Shepherd, seconded by Glycene Burrows, that the election ballots be destroyed. *MC.*

Chalice Servers

The following have accepted to be Chalice Administrators for the year 2017.

Gail Gollan, Wendy McCullough, Betty Brow, Lynn Shepherd, Christine McCallum, Enzo De Benetti, Barbara McColgan, Jim Shepherd, Deborah Rice, Cornelia Penner, Jason Crawford, Joyce Laduke.

It was moved by Ken Reason, seconded by Jim Shepherd, that these names be accepted. *MC.*

New business

- Jean Wilcocks suggested having a brochure available to explain the church history and with its contact information.
- John Melbrew felt that follow-up via email is most effective, and Father Brian agreed that multiple media have to be used to reach out.

Adjournment

It was moved by Jim Shepherd, seconded by Arlene Melbrew, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:27pm. *MC.*

The meeting ended with The Grace.

Respectfully submitted.

Brenda Brazier - Vestry Clerk Church of the Epiphany

INCUMBENT'S REPORT

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5

Imagine being the light to the world, to the nations already living and working here in the City of Verdun. Epiphany is indeed becoming that beacon on a hill, not only for all to see but for all to come and seek comfort in the light of Christ. People are being attracted through our partnerships and programs, remaining open to see the church in a different light, one with a purpose. Lives are being changed and transformed, not only for those looking in but for those of us who choose to look out, welcoming each life with its own unique desire and hopes.

Our corporation is exemplary in diversity, each member bringing gifts that reflect the multiplicity of the community we have been called to serve and care for. And it is through the eyes of the corporation, of all our clergy, and each and every committee leader and member, that the needs of the community will be manifested into a series of interwoven ministries, each one tightening and securing the other in unity and strength. The Wardens Report speaks directly to this.

I appreciate the multiplicity of our corporation and every committee who work with such a welcoming perfection. Each month something new begins to take root and flourish at Epiphany. Last year, 2017, we welcomed new people to the Greeter teams, such an important role to welcome and assist our many new people to find their way and feel comfortable again. We also give thanks for our teams who prepare sandwiches and set up our famous Epiphany hospitality after each Sunday service, we are blessed and encourage you to seek how you may become part of this work.

Our *cuisine* | EPIPHANY continues to bring people together over food. We know that a good meal in a friendly setting allows for the mind and soul to be fed and replenished as well. It is good to see our kitchen used more now than ever. People tell me all the time how good the food is at the Wednesday and Thursday lunches, our Saturday evening diners and especially at our various sales throughout the year. Each feast has created new inroads for souls seeking a meal and finding peace along the path lit up by the love of God as we open our doors to the world. From our "Verdun sans faim" participation, to the ongoing Inuit feasts and the other indigenous collaborations such as the Christmas Day Cultural Unity Dinner in partnership with the Red Urban Project, we are reaching out.

Partnerships continue to be the way for Epiphany as our relationship with Reclaim Literacy continues to prove beneficial by becoming consistent in everything we do. Once a month is never enough; weekly gatherings such as Knitwits and Handicrafts, encourage a variety of possibilities seeking the interests of our community while proving to build lasting relationships. This along with our Yoga classes in collaboration with CCS and the garden space which will continue to be expanded again this year to feed and sustain, are only part of what is happening and how we see Epiphany's future in Verdun. I thank everyone who has worked so hard in the transformation to this point and I coax and encourage all of you to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to discern the plans God has for you and your church, Epiphany.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev'd Brian Perron - Incumbent

WARDENS REPORT

Our corporation is made up of six wardens, 3 elected by the people, 3 appointed by the Incumbent and our *appointed* treasurer. We also invite clergy to participate in an active roll. Each one brings their own specific talents and gifts to discussion and the management of the church. The strength from this diversity allows each one to take part with their own unique passion; passions which are revealed in the following reports from each one serving on the corporation, and what it means to them to serve the church.

Epiphany seeks out and connects with those who have not been able to attend.

As People's warden I try to keep track of the parishioners that have not attended church. I telephone them to make sure they are not ill. I notify Anne Habbick to either send Get Well cards or Thinking of You cards to let them know they are in our prayers. I try to visit those who are in hospital and visit the shut-ins as often as I can. A former member of our church writes to various suppliers for donations to our church and I pick these items up. *Gail Gollan, Peoples Warden*

The doors to Epiphany are open to the people now more than ever.

As we have had increased requests for rentals and use of our space at Epiphany the work to organize these events has increased. This involves preparing contracts, meeting groups, organizing insurance coverage, planning for opening and closing of the church, and any additional cleaning after. This has provided us with some additional income but most importantly brought us into partnerships with many interesting groups and people.

Our church yard was used by Promenade Wellington for the Wellington street Cabane a Sucre and also for Festival Marionnette Pleine la Rue. Coop Abondance Urbaine Solidaire (CAUS) held a Spring Market in the hall and also a Marche de Noel in the fall. The Red Urban Project held a fundraiser in the spring and hosted a Christmas Day Dinner serving the community. There have been several concerts: Diane Kipling's children's concert, Studio Tre Punti children's concert with Karine Michon, l'Orchestre a Vents Verdun with Julie Lambert, and Rev. Gennardi Osyphchuk's concert with his wife and daughters. We hosted a group of skateboarders from Skatelite, a division of Young Life of Canada with their leader Nicolas Morin ; they camped in our hall for a weekend. The Little Sew and Sew Quilters Guild held their show again at Epiphany, and CACV (Comite d'action des citoyennes et citoyens de Verdun) again held a Public Assembly with Municipal Candidates at Epiphany. An Al-Anon group has temporarily held meetings at Epiphany while their site was under renovation. And Reclaim Literacy held a Health and Wellness Day along with CCS (Collective Community Services) as well as hosting a Pasta Buffet Lunch and their official Inauguration evening on November 9th. The Inuit Community held several Feast Day celebrations and then a Founding Assembly as their group were renamed Southern Quebec Inuit Association.

Several private parties were also held at Epiphany. What a wonderful network we are involved in!

Wendy McCullough, Rectors Warden

Outreach with a menu in-hand

cuisine | EPIPHANY - The Church Of The Epiphany hosts many events each year involving food. The group that works in the kitchen does the menu planning, food purchasing and meal preparation for many of these events.

The major dinner events are planned by the events committee. The kitchen group then purchases the food, makes the meals and deals with clean up after. We also plan the menu and purchase food for the monthly Community lunch, the garage sale, the bazaar and other events. In addition we monitor supplies of margarine, butter, milk, cream, cookies and napkins for the Sunday morning coffee hour.

It takes many hands to accomplish these tasks. I would like especially to thank Bernice Clarke who works with me on all of these events as well as Gordon Melbrew who is so willing to help in any way. Thank you to all who have volunteered to peel vegetables, wash dishes, set up tables, serve food and clean up after. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated. *Shirley Harbour - Kitchen Coordinator*

Welcoming community partners and social groups

hosting | EPIPHANY - Church of Epiphany is alive with the sound of Music in the air. We have been very fortunate to have so many groups wanting to share our space and host events at our little Church that welcomes all with opened arms.

It has been an exciting year, filled with so many new comers and entertaining events. We the Corporation members have the opportunity to attend and or host such great events such as Music Concerts, delicious dinners and even participate in a Yoga class. There is always something brewing at The Church of Epiphany. Susan Johnson together with Father Brian and Joyce hosted an evening when Bouquet de Melodies Classique, a Concert Benefice performed by 3 beautiful young ladies, playing the violin. It was an amazing night and the impressive number of people that came out to listen were in awe. It was quite the concert. So our little Church on the corner of Gordon and Wellington was alive with the sound of Music. *Susan Johnson*, Deputy Peoples Warden

Hearing the voice of the people

Lent 2017: I designed and facilitated our Lenten program entitled “The Lord’s Prayer” where we explored the original Aramaic language version of this prayer over six weeks. Attendance ranged from around 20-40 people every week. Several participants reported that they learned a lot, felt closer to God, and enjoyed the experience immensely.

Parish Council (October 1, 2017): In response to several questions and concerns over changes in our liturgy and our mission, I designed a questionnaire which was distributed at a special Parish Council. I facilitated a conversation about three areas: liturgy, outreach and mission programs. The (anonymous) results of the survey were collected and distributed in detail to the Corporation for discussion. In general, the survey resulted in some interesting and constructive comments and suggestions. Three areas were highlighted.

First, respondents to the survey felt that our Sunday Morning worship was friendly and welcoming but we perhaps should experiment with new hymns and possibly new prayers or at least offer a way for folks to learn more about the prayers used in our regular Sunday worship so that they are more meaningful. Respondents also strongly urged that there we some form of Adult Christian Education classes.

Second, the respondents to the survey had some questions about the role of Reclaim Literacy’s move into our church building as well as requested more information about the role of Reverend Annie Ittoshat in our parish life.

Third, survey respondents were open to the idea of a possible supplemental worship service to take place on an evening during the week that would reach out to our wider community, especially folks who were not likely to come to a Sunday morning service but still had spiritual needs.

Results of this survey, along with discussions with the Corporation have led to ongoing communication with parishioners about Reclaim Literacy’s mission and work and have led to the development of a planning committee to explore a possible supplemental worship service. The ongoing conversation about revising, renewing and experimenting with liturgy is referred to as Epiphany | 2.0 (see below).

SQIA (Southern Quebec Inuit Association): I attended the first Christmas Feast of the SQIA hosted at Epiphany in December. There was a very good response for this event yet there were concerns over the larger-than-expected attendance in the church hall. It was noted that three members of Epiphany were in attendance at this event and discussions ensued at Corporation on how we may continue to educate and encourage our parishioners to support the local Inuit community.

Epiphany | 2.0: Given the increasing businesses and shops on Wellington Street and the increasing diversity of folks moving to Verdun, we are seeking to continue to reach out to our wider community in new ways. Taking models from other urban parishes around the world, the Corporation has approved the formation of a planning committee to explore, discuss and pray about ways in which Epiphany can respond to the spiritual needs of folks who are not part of a traditional Christian faith community or who are looking for a different experience of worship. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join this committee. Meetings will begin during Lent with the goal of having our first event in late Summer /early Fall 2018.

Stepping down: After much discernment, I've decided to step down after one year as Deputy People's Warden to pursue ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of Montreal.

Jason B. Crawford, PhD. Deputy People's Warden

Enhancing the mind, body and soul of community

This year we were delighted to have two new additions to our Church of the Epiphany "family". Reclaim Literacy relocated to our premises and have also continued to partner with us on community lunches and sales. They have taken on some building improvements as well which we have all been able to appreciate and enjoy. We are very pleased to have them, and, in particular, with the way we have worked together for the greater good of the community at large.

Reverend Annie Ittoshat and her ministry joined us on November 5th. We are so happy to have her with us and are grateful for all of the new energy that she and her ministry bring and optimistic about the possible bridges that this could help foster between communities.

These two additions are representative of what Epiphany is all about: a welcoming place with people working together to help others and enhance community ties. *Barbara McColgan Deputy Rectors Warden*

We wish to thank each and every member of our congregation for all that you contribute to the life of Epiphany; support of the Corporation, support of each other, support of the community at large, your time, energy, ideas and bringing our faith in new directions.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McCullough - Rector's Warden

Shirley Harbour, Barbara McColgan

- Deputy Rector's Wardens

Gail Gollan - People's Warden

Susan Johnson, Jason Crawford

- Deputy People's Warden's

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer Report:

The finance committee assists the Corporation in analyzing the finances of the church, and to see where savings and growth can be made, as well as making sure adequate reporting of finances are kept. Thank you to Wendy and Sylvie whom are the other dedicated members of the Finance committee and to Lynn Shepherd who is our Envelope Secretary.

In 2017 our motivating question was, how can we work together? To be a welcoming church serving from within the community, and find potential ways of offering church to the community of Verdun?

This year, our main focus was addressing several items from Vestry 2016 relating to the neglected building repairs and operating expenses being greater than our weekly income receipts. The decline in our Bank account each year was a major concern as well, we needed to find ways to increase our source of income, either by sharing rental space or by developing new projects within the community. Where will the funds come from for the building repairs and safety measures we need to put in place to keep our space locked and safe for all within its doors? Why do we not want to touch the 600K monies held in the Anglican Balanced Fund? And why do we need to increase our givings?

It was suggested by the Corporation and Finance committee that we could present an Epiphany Narrative Budget this year to answer some of these questions and concerns. So, through my analysis of our cost variances over the last 5 years, and my research into other congregations I have discovered that a narrative budget may be a way of talking about the future needs of the church and how to carry out our mission and ministry. "To tell our story" of mission and service and how the varying components of the budget contribute to that specific community of faith, it's connection to our ministry, it's link of every dollar to mission and every gift of faithful expression of the joy of giving and generosity of our God. Narrative budgets inspire, interpret, encourage, challenge and inform donors about why their gift matters.

However... as your Treasurer, I am not comfortable preparing this alone, I thought we could do this together.

TRENDS and FACTS for EPIPHANY

Anticipated Income: \$158,150

Our income from loose offerings, envelope offerings, savings account and other resources will amount to about \$71,950 next year. This means that we will need additional financial commitments totalling \$88,953 this year, in order to accomplish the work God is calling us to do. Yes, the trend is that our Bank account keeps going down. The average is about \$5,000.00 per year and the building repairs are increasing yearly. Yes, the trend is that our Total Weekly Givings have decreased in the last 5 years, however where we see the real decrease is in the "Special Envelopes" (Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving), where these are considered as additional givings above and beyond your regular Sunday offering. Your gifts help! I encourage you to consider these in your community of faith.

Property Buildings and Grounds – In the last 5 years Epiphany has under gone an amazing transformation with our new kitchen and bathrooms, hall renovations, handicap lift, new doors and safely locks in which our facilities serve as a platform for mission. Such examples as, Reclaim Literacy, the Thursday Lunch program and the utilizing of our space for rentals. Much of this funding came from the monies held in the Anglican Balanced Fund, but we must take ownership in our building as hosts to enable these ministries to take place. Having heat and lights on and a custodian present is an important budget expenditure. The support of your givings we receive are used to accompany such a powerful ministry within these groups. "Rental Income" is a positive source of guaranteed Income that helps towards building costs.

Church Administration and Hall Utilities – In the last 5 years we have monitored the cost for this ministry done by various community groups and the many Epiphany volunteers that support and care for our church in these areas with their time and talent. In order to do the work God is calling us to do, we need to keep our facilities clean and in good order. The gas heating costs have been reduced since our new furnace was installed and through the negotiation of a new contract with a lower gas price. However due to ongoing Insurance, taxes, and minor repairs of roughly \$5000.00 for the repair work on the Bricks and caulking of the Stained Glass windows, additional building fund offerings will need to be raised next year. The trend for the Diocesan Assessment has been an increase each year averaging \$800.00 based on a percentage of our parish revenues.

Anticipated Expenditures: \$160,903

Total resources required to perform and continue our mission with a Balanced Budget is the purpose I would like us to build within our ministry. Our congregation's work extends far beyond our church and activities from which the church and the community benefit. A narrative budget helps to explain and tell that story.

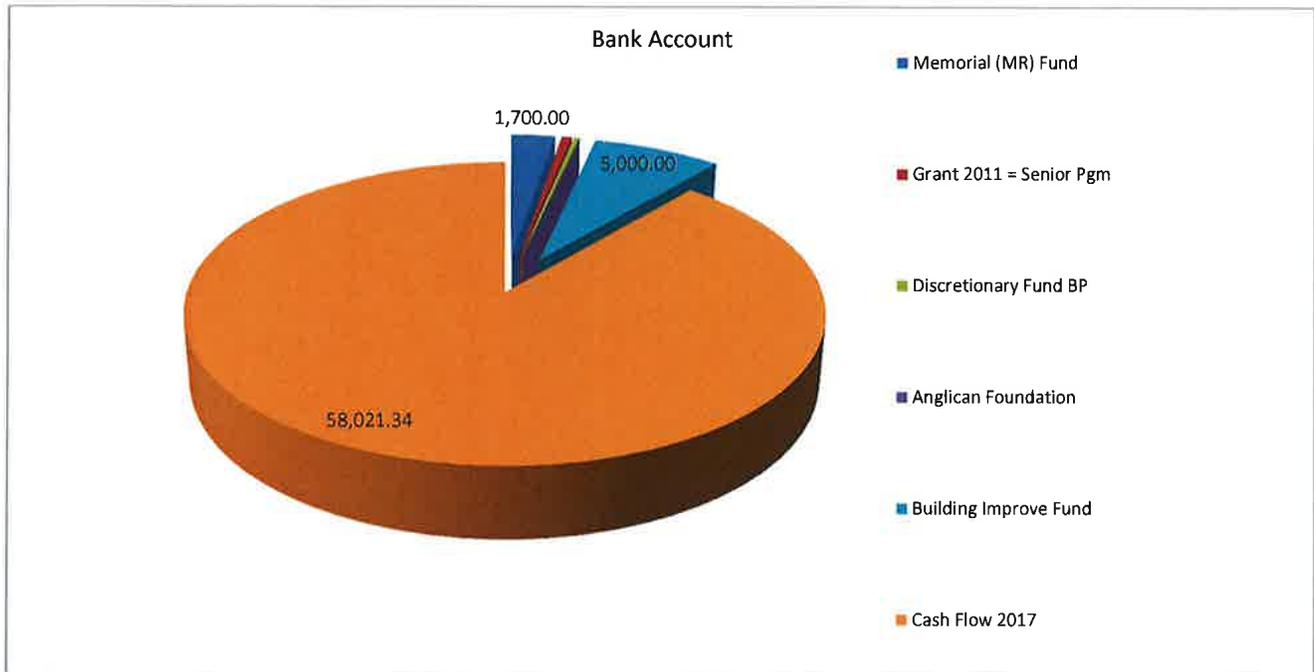
As we strive for justice and peace among all peoples we seek to create the world as Christ himself envisioned it: a world where people freely give without expecting in return and give in abundance because of the joy that is experienced in giving. In living the life of a joyful steward we can proclaim that "*there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.*" Acts 20:35

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Rice - Treasurer, Sylvie Waring, Wendy McCullough

Epiphany Bank Balance & Reserve Designated Funds

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| Bank Account: | | Opening: | 70,427.05 |
| Compared to previous year (Decrease) | \$5,105.71 | | |
| Bank Account Closing for Fiscal Year: | \$65,321.34 | | |
| Held in (1) Memorial Fund | Less | -\$1,700.00 | |
| Held in Special Designated Fund | Less | \$0.00 | |
| Discretionary Fund for Priest | Less | -\$200.00 | |
| Held for Senior Program AH | Less | -\$400.00 | |
| Anglican Foundation Grant - Lift | Less | \$0.00 | |
| Building Improve Reserves | Less | -\$5,000.00 | |
| Available Cash Flow CFW for 2018 | | \$58,021.34 | |

Weekly Giving's Analysis 2017

| | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Previous Year</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Total Offerings:</u> | 67,040.76 | 68,577.51 | (1,536.75) |
| Envelopes/Weekly Givings | 62,420.50 | 64,396.76 | (1,976.26) |
| Non Envelope/Receipts | 1,325.00 | 523.25 | 801.75 |
| Thanksgiving = Special Env | 325.00 | 581.00 | (256.00) |
| Christmas = Special Env | 1,033.50 | 1,671.50 | (638.00) |
| Easter = Special Env | 1,063.00 | 1,405.00 | (342.00) |
| eGivings = New Online | 873.76 | 0.00 | 873.76 |
| Special Designated /Outreach/Memorials | \$3,965.97 | \$2,008.00 | 1,957.97 |

Church of the Epiphany # 601 Financial Report 2017 & Budget

| | <u>Budget 2018</u> | <u>Actual</u> | | <u>Budget 2018</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts | | | Disbursements | | |
| Open | 1500 | 1,797.67 | | | |
| <u>Worship & Offerings</u> | | | <u>Worship & Ministry</u> | | |
| Envelopes/Weekly G | 66,000 | 62,420.50 | Base Stipend & Benefits | 47506 | 46,384.32 |
| Non Envelope /Givings | 1300 | 1,325.00 | (Deductions) Sourse/Pension | 9761 | 9,540.48 |
| Special Envelopes G | 3650 | 2,421.50 | Housing Allowance/Other | 17239 | 17,768.27 |
| eGivings - New Online \$ | 1000 | 873.76 | Organist Salary & Benefits | 11214 | 11,209.44 |
| Sub-Total | <u>71,950.00</u> | <u>67,040.76</u> | Music Program - Choir EP | 5000 | 0.00 |
| | | | Youth Ministry/Pastoral | 3000 | 329.62 |
| | | | Sub-Total | <u>93,720.00</u> | <u>85,232.13</u> |
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| <u>Church/Organizations</u> | | | <u>Building/Operational</u> | | |
| Rentals - Group/Contract | 42700 | 31,272.50 | Building Maintenance | 6575 | 6,445.10 |
| Wedding/Bapt/Funeral DF | 0 | 944.00 | Utilities for Building | 17500 | 16,782.02 |
| Sub-Total | <u>42,700.00</u> | <u>32,216.50</u> | Grounds & Snow Removal | 1200 | 966.00 |
| | | | Verger & Cleaning | 5000 | 4,960.68 |
| | | | Sub-Total | <u>30,275.00</u> | <u>29,153.80</u> |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Events/Fellowship/Other</u> | | | <u>Church Admin/Other</u> | | |
| WIFI Contract Shared | 400 | 300.48 | Chancel Guild /Liturgical SS | 1300 | 1,395.71 |
| QTR Income-Anglican BF | 25000 | 26,251.29 | Kitchen Supply/Office Admin | 4900 | 5,094.96 |
| Cuisine Epiphany | 8100 | 8,225.54 | Insurance Church & Security | 7388 | 7,260.32 |
| Garage Sales & Bazaar | 8500 | 9,115.35 | Bell Canada - /Wifi Internet | 1700 | 1,684.58 |
| Sub-Total | <u>42,000.00</u> | <u>43,892.66</u> | Sub-Total | <u>15,288.00</u> | <u>15,435.57</u> |
| | | | | | |
| | | | <u>Beyond Parish/Admin D</u> | | |
| Receipts | | | Synod Assess & Mission | 21000 | 19,321.80 |
| | | | Senior's Program - Grant | 500 | 400.00 |
| | | | eGiving - New Online Fees | 120 | 510.00 |
| | | | Sub-Total | <u>21,620.00</u> | <u>20,231.80</u> |
| | | | | | |
| | | | <u>Expenses</u> | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>160,903.00</u> | <u>150,053.30</u> |
| | | | | | |
| | | | <u>Capital Reserves</u> | | |
| <u>Capital Reserves</u> | | | Special Designated Out | 5000 | 5,398.46 |
| Special Designated In | 5000 | 5,079.91 | Anglican Balance Fund * | 100000 | 2,850.74 |
| Anglican Balance Fund * | 100000 | 2,850.74 * | Consulting/Architects ABF | 0 | 1,724.63 |
| GST/QST 1/2 Rebates | 1900 | 1,906.66 | Outreach / Charities / Mission | 1600 | 3,829.45 |
| Outreach / Charities / Mission | 1600 | 3,965.97 | Sub-Total | <u>106,600.00</u> | <u>13,803.28</u> |
| Sub-Total | <u>108,500.00</u> | <u>13,803.28</u> | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total Income | 266,650.00 | 158,750.87 | Total Expenses | 267,503.00 | 163,856.58 |

Anglican Balance Funds - *Diocese Approval to be used for Building Renovations (IN/OUT)

Financial Statement & Cash Flow Summary #601

Bank Account & Reserves Held

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Balance : | 65,321.34 | Opening Bank Bal YTD: | 70,427.05 |
| Memorial (MR) Fund | 1,700.00 Held in Trust | Add : Receipts | 158,750.87 |
| Grant 2011 = Senior Pgm | 400.00 Designated AH | Less: Disbursements | 163,856.58 |
| Discretionary Fund BP | 200.00 Held in Trust | | |
| Anglican Foundation | 0.00 Handicap Lift | | |
| Building Improve Fund | 5,000.00 Future Projects | | |
| Cash Flow end of 2017 | 58,021.34 | Actual Balance Bk. CWF | 65,321.34 |

Bank Reconciliation :

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Actual Book Balance | 65,321.34 | | |
| o/s items for Deposits | -8,070.51 | 1296.8 + 6,773.71(Deposits) | and QTR Inc |
| o/s items for Cheques | 1,916.46 | Bank Statement | |
| Royal Bank Statement: | 59,167.29 | as December 31, 2017 | |

Capital Investments :

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Anglican Balance Fund | \$661,845.54 | Market Value December 31, 2017 |
| Property Value: | \$3,334,885.00 | For Diocese Vestry Returns |



 Treasurer for Corporation

Summary Building Renovation Projects

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Completed in 2014 | \$28,630.00 | Allard New Furnace & Pipe Re-routing |
| Completed in 2015 | \$1,200.00 | Plumbing & Renovo H/Cap Washroom |
| Completed in 2016 | \$6,000.00 | Plumbing & Pipes in Women's Washroom |
| Completed in 2016 | \$2,146.15 | Window Repairs & Plastering Church Prop |
| Completed in 2016 | \$6,855.00 | Refurbished Doors & New Safety Locks installed |
| Completed in 2017 | \$5,000.00 | Rental Space/Conference Room Renovations with Reclaim chg-back |
| Project to be done 2018 | (\$100,000.00) | Building Repair & Organ Water Damage Wall/Outside Brick & Windows |
| Project estimated for 2018 | (\$500.00) | HC Ramp Install In/Out |
| Project estimated for 2018 | (\$3,000.00) | Sound System and Visual Screens (Steve) |

 Audited Statement
 Vestry : Feb 18, 2018

ENVELOPE RECEIPT REPORT

The following are brief statistics for the Church of the Epiphany from January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017.

During the past year, there were 68 regular contributing envelope holders, who gave an average weekly contribution of \$18.27.

During this same period, there were also 27 various persons who made donations, but are non-envelope holders. This number represents parishioners who do not want envelopes and also donations made by different friends of the church.

Below are the comparison statistics between envelope contribution giving in 2016 and 2017:

| Yearly Amount 2016 | No. of envelope contributors 2016 (65) | Yearly Amount 2017 | No. of envelope contributors 2017 (68) |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Under \$100 | 9 | Under \$100 | 9 |
| \$101 to \$250 | 6 | \$101 to \$250 | 8 |
| \$251 to \$500 | 16 | \$251 to \$500 | 15 |
| \$501 to \$1000 | 13 | \$501 to \$1000 | 17 |
| \$1001 to \$2000 | 13 | \$1001 to \$2000 | 12 |
| \$2000 to \$3000 | 2 | \$2000 to \$3000 | 2 |
| \$3001 to \$4000 | 1 | \$3001 to \$4000 | 0 |
| \$4001 to \$5000 | 2 | \$4001 to \$5000 | 2 |
| Over \$5001 | 3 | Over \$5001 | 3 |

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Shepherd - Envelope Secretary

THE PARISH STATISTICS

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---|----|
| Baptisms | 2 | Nevaeh J M Lynch | Eucharists: | 97 |
| | | Alison A Tukulak | Morning Prayer: | 9 |
| Confirmations: | 0 | | Special Services: | 3 |
| Weddings | 0 | | Average Sunday morning attendance: | 64 |
| Funerals | 4 | Carole Watts-Clarke | | |
| | | Heather Robertson | | |
| | | Patricia Moores | | |
| | | Gertrude Clancy | | |

DEACONS

The ministry of the deacon is distinctive, an expression of the Church turned towards the world, being present and listening there for the voices of the poor of God and proclaiming there in action and words, the Good News of Christ come among us. As ministers of Christ, deacons are representative, modelling the servant ministry of his Church and thereby enabling, encouraging and informing the diaconal ministry of all - other clergy and the laity. They also interpret prophetically to the gathered Christian community, the needs, hopes and concerns of those who are scattered. Deacons express the importance of the community's diaconal ministry by their participation in the liturgy as deacons.
Rev. Canon Deacon Peter Huish – Montreal.

It is very exciting to be a Deacon in the parish of The Epiphany. There are so many events, programs, ministries that reach out to our Verdun Community and beyond. Seymour and I have always felt privileged to be called to this servant ministry which both allows us to serve and to be spiritually fed and cared for by our church family. The community lunches, Reclaim Literacy, ministry to Aboriginal brothers and sisters so much to be thankful for.

It has been a year of lower participation for me due to health issues and for Seymour also at the latter part of the year. Thank fully we are both recovering well and expect to be better able to function very soon. Your prayers and well wishes have been the strong support that we both have needed. God Bless,

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Seymour Smith, Deacon Jean Willcocks

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name Psalm 103:1

Another year gone by – it seems like only a few months ago that I arrived at Epiphany to be part of this wonderful ministry. The time seems to have passed quickly, but I am still aware of all the liturgical seasons that we have made our way through, and the subtle changes that accompany them musically. We have added an Agnus Dei to the communion service (Jesus, Lamb of God...) as well as a regularly singing a hymn at communion. I would encourage the congregation to join in, especially during the last verse once we are all back in our places. We also change the music to the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) for the seasons of Lent and Advent, as well as a new version of the Creed which is sometimes sung – it all makes for a lot of music in the service, which translates to more opportunities to praise God through song!

Our choir membership remains stable, but we are always looking for new voices! If you enjoy singing and would like to be a little more involved in Sunday services, please speak to me. All are welcome! As in the past, we continue to embrace some of the newer music in the hymn book while we enjoy the well-known hymns. The choir was pleased to present several anthems to the Glory of God this year, and will continue to do so for special Sundays as well as other times during the year. A special thank you to Jason for stepping in and helping out on those occasions.

We are fortunate to have an extended family of musicians who augment our praise on Remembrance Sunday when we have Brian McKenzie playing bagpipes and Sylvain Lapointe on trumpet, and at Easter when we are joined by trumpeter Gordon Allen.

I look forward to a new year filled with music and praise in 2018 as we continue to grow in our freedom in worship. As God continues to mold His church, who knows what new and exciting things He will bring to Epiphany! As always, we would like to thank the congregation for their encouragement and I would like to thank the choir for their enthusiasm as we continue to bring Glory to God together.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Gilson - Minister of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School is the place where our children really learn how to dig in the Word.

Have you ever heard our priest say something or reference a passage of scripture that left you scratching your head in wonder? We can't stand up in the service to ask him/her to clarify. After the service, you may not have the chance to ask. So how do we get our question answered? We could go to Sunday School! Sunday School is the place where our children can discuss and interact with others about the scriptures. Since the class is small, it is a safe place to ask questions, express doubts and get clarification on things that confuse us. And our children do just that.

The children engage in real conversations about God and His Word while making friends and establishing bonds of love and fellowship. Since our Sunday School class is small it is the perfect environment to engage in real conversation about the Word. By talking with other members of the class, listening to their questions and hearing the answers, they learn that they are not alone in their struggles in understanding the Word and living out their faith in a world that is increasingly hostile.

In Sunday School, we develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Those friendships may also help keep us accountable and connected to God, especially during times of storm and crisis in our life.

We are grateful for our children and the Sunday School team: Wendy McCullough, Barbara McColgon, Susan Johnson, Evelyn Wakeling, Meghan McCullough and Gail Gollan.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Willcocks

THE MINISTRY OF GREETERS

Greeters are the the first impression of the church. Greeters are the ambassadors of the Door. They are the gatekeepers of God's House. Greeters put on their happy face before going to their post. They are not just punctual they are early. Greeters try to deal with strangers and friends alike with a positive "How may I help you?" attitude giving every person the same warm treatment as they welcome them and give out the bulletins and hymnals and any other handouts. If help is requested at any time during the service or if an emergency situation arises the greeters see to it that attention is given the request immediately.

Greeters keep a count of the number of people attending each service. They record the statistical breakdown of each service, counting clergy, choir, servers, Sunday School staff and children etc..

Greeters bring the elements of bread and wine to the altar during the Eucharist. At the conclusion of the service the greeters are on hand to give directions to visitors and to collect the hymnals and recycle unneeded bulletins.

Church of The Epiphany Greeters: Wendy McCullough, Barbara Stephens, Sandra Sorel, Stephanie Bukowsky, Susan Johnson, Debbie Langlois, Evelyn Wakeling and Barbara McColgan.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Sorel

CHANCEL GUILD

There will still be three teams working on the Guild. Bernice Clarke is working with Shirley Harbour, Lynn and Jim Shepherd form the second team and Betty Brow, Jason Crawford and I form the third team. The Chancel Guild would welcome additional members joining our teams.

We undertake to see that the Sanctuary and Chancel of the church are always ready for worship. We ensure that the proper Liturgical hangings are in place, arrange the flowers, if any, set out the water and linens for baptism, prepare the altar for Communion, verify the bread, wine, water, candles, linens etc. are in place. Funds may be needed for additional linens such as Purificators and Corporals as they are worn and fraying.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gollan

PWRDF REPORT

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

This will be my last report for PWRDF. After many years, I have decided to step back and let someone else take over. I may still attend some of the meetings, as previously reported, they are open to everyone and usually take place on the second Thursday of the month in Fulford Hall at Cathedral Place at Noon and generally last about 1½ hours. Most of the guest speakers are very informative and one gets an idea of the work that PWRDF carries out around the world.

This past year, there was a great effort made (and many extra meetings) to organize the Water Walk along the waterfront in Verdun and Lasalle to raise money and awareness of the horrible conditions in the village of Pikangikum where there is no running water or electricity for the 2,700 First Nation people. They rely on water being transported in by truck and old generators which use diesel oil when available. This Water Walk project took much time to plan and organize the day, writing letters to Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Jane Philpott, Minister of Health and Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

At our May meeting, we were fortunate to have Reverend Annie Ittoshat attend who spoke about her life experience as an Indigenous person and recounted her experience with rejection of her culture and language.

The Water Walk took place on a chilly but sunny Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 a.m. There were two starting points; one at the bottom of Crawford on Lasalle Blvd., Verdun and the other from the St. Lawrence Church on 75th Avenue in Lasalle where we would all meet at the bottom of Bishop Power in Lasalle. At Crawford, there were a few parishioners from Church of the Epiphany (Betty Brow, Evelyn Wakeling, Jim and Lynn Shepherd), along with others from different churches. Bishop Mary and Rev. Ros MacGregor led us in prayers and we then walked the 3 kms. to Bishop Power where there were closing prayers and the children who had taken part emptied the water that had been carried on the walk into the St. Lawrence River. This water had come from the First Nations in Oka. There were about 100 participants and \$950.00 was raised.

At the October meeting, we were introduced to Dr. Evrard Nahimana who had travelled 18 hours from Rwanda to Toronto and then to Montreal. He is a graduate of Rwanda Medical School and has worked in rural areas and with the government to improve the quality of care for poor people and has helped execute projects supported by PWRDF. He described Rwanda as a small country of 11.3 million people in East Africa and is one of the most densely populated countries in Africa. Co-ops have been formed to provide access to land, goats and livestock. Workers have been trained to recognize and treat acute, severe and chronic malnutrition.

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Shepherd - PWRDF Representative

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Our Director of Music, Steve Gilson, reported that he had detected an air leakage into the organ chamber. He suggested that cracks in the stucco on the outside of the chamber could be the reason for these leaks. Steve was afraid that air and possible water ingress could cause damage to the organ and any such damage could be too expensive for us to repair.

It was decided to consult the firm of architects, with whom we have dealt previously, so that they could assess the structure and to give their recommendations. After inspecting the site, the architects proposed re-cladding the outside of the chamber and installing new flashing and soffits. Based on their preliminary estimates we asked them to proceed with obtaining building permits, if required, and also to go out for tender.

These procedures went ahead but by then it was too late in the year, mid November, to do the work, so this has been postponed until 2018.

Concern was also raised about security of the keystones over the Gordon Street entrances. Both stones have dropped slightly. Both the architects and an independent stone mason agreed that the stones could not fall down. We also discussed several other brick and masonry issues which it was thought could be addressed by the same contractor used for the organ work. However it was agreed that the scope of this work was not sufficiently well defined at that time to be able to go ahead.

Considerable work was done in the Hall to be able to meet the needs of Reclaim Literacy. This involved removing the cabinetry from the old wardens office and moving the shelving and lower cabinets from the old kitchen (warehouse). New glass doors and additional lighting added. This work was directed and financed by Reclaim Literacy.

Some draft stripping was added on the front doors and a new spray heads added in the kitchen.

Many thanks to Fr. Brian and the Corporation for their involvement. Thanks also to Deacon Seymour and Gordon Melbrew for their help with the many maintenance tasks behind the scenes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Waring - *Building Committee*

HANDICRAFT GROUP

The Church of the Epiphany Handicraft Group members for 2017 were Betty Brow, Brenda DeBenetti, Sandra Emery, Gail Gollan, Anne Habbick, Theresa Jones, Wendy McCullough, Lynn Morgan, Jean Sagan, Lynn Shepherd, Sandra Sorel, Donna Stirling and Rev. Jean Willcocks. In addition, we have some occasional members and some who work from home or are out-of-province and provide the group with items for our annual bazaars. They are Gayle Emery-Mowforth, Rose Dundass and Carol Sernuck.

The special project for 2017 was the making of the Noah's Ark banners for the Church. Eight pillar banners were made by the group and an ark banner was made with help from the Church of the Epiphany Sunday school students. These colourful banners were much anticipated and have been received with appreciation by the congregation.

In addition, we made white wreath table decorations for our Anniversary dinner, Valentine and Easter cards for sale to our parishioners, a Health and Wellness Day banner for use by the Reclaim Literacy Group and other table decorations for various church suppers. We also made greeting cards to be sent to our congregation members throughout the year. Two Christmas tree skirts were made and donated to the Church.

Items made specifically for our bazaars included cupcake liner ornaments, toque ornaments and dog treat paws. Jean Sagan made felt owl and tree gift card holders and Donna Stirling made all our kitchen towels and these were all sell outs. Anne Habbick made a cross stitch nativity scene picture as part of our raffle prize.

The Handicraft Group along with the Knit Wits had a very successful bazaar and raised a total of \$1,558.45 for the Church. Our prices are very low but our quality is high and more people are coming as word

spreads. We also raised \$305.96 from sales outside of the bazaars for our supplies budget. We also wish to thank the Church of the Epiphany for a \$400 donation.

A change coming in 2018 will see the Handicraft and Knit Wits Groups move to Wednesday afternoons. Everyone is welcome to join us and learn new skills and enjoy the fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Habbick

KNITWITS GROUP

The Knit Wits Group is the newer part of the Senior Program at the Church of the Epiphany. Our 2017 members were Betty Brow, Brenda DeBenetti, Sandra Emery, Gail Gollan, Anne Habbick, Theresa Jones, Tania Lesack, Diana Lussier, Wendy McCullough, Lynn Morgan and Cornelia Penner. We also had some members working from home and wish to thank Cynthia Biggs, Irene Maskell and Gayle Emery-Mowforth.

We began 2017 by making a three colour afghan as part of our bazaar raffle prize. The major new skill learned this year was sock making – a cuff down and hourglass heel type, As always, we had individuals making hats, mittens, scarfs, dishcloths, socks, slippers and sweaters for sale at our bazaar table. In particular I wish to mention Cynthia Biggs who made more than 50 cat nip mice toys which always sell out and Gayle Emery-Mowforth who made the sensational “Granny “ hats. I thank Rev. Brian Perron for producing our raffle tickets so that Jean Sagan and I were able to sell advanced tickets for the raffle. As mentioned in the Handicraft Group report, our combined sales raised a total of \$1,558.45 for the Church of the Epiphany.

In 2018 the Knit Wits Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays but will move to the afternoon. Please pick up your needles and join us for interesting and easy projects where supplies are provided and much fun and fellowship is offered.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Habbick

EPIPHANY BOOK CLUB

Operation

Epiphany Book Club celebrated its fourth anniversary in September 2017. The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Sunday School room from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. It breaks for one month in December and two months in July and August.

Membership

There are currently 12 members: Nadia Babiak, Brenda Brazier, Anne Habbick, Joyce Laduke, Tania Lesack (In-Ministry Student), Wendy McCullough, Lynn Morgan, Carol Neville, Cornelia Penner, Lynn Shepherd, Evelyn Wakeling, and Jean Willcocks (Book Club Founder).

Book Selection

A few times a year, members present suggestions of titles which individual club members volunteer to present to the group. Everyone is responsible to obtain a copy of the books, either from libraries or bookstores. The club chooses titles that are available in paperback in order to avoid the expense of hardcover editions.

Meetings

Each month, one member presents the book and provides refreshments of juice and cookies. The presenter usually provides background on the author, mentions awards garnered by the book, presents the work's historical and social context, and explores literary themes. Everyone has an opportunity to offer an opinion on

the title. When book club questions are available online, copies are distributed and used to guide discussion. The church now shares space with RECLAIM Literacy, giving it access to new technology. A book club member used the community group's SMART Board for a slide presentation to enhance appreciation of a novel.

Expanded Activities

A few club members enjoyed a day trip to Knowlton in Quebec's Eastern Townships where they obtained signed copies of a book club title from its author, Louise Penny. When a book has a movie tie-in, the movie is screened in the Sunday School room on the Wednesday afternoon following the book club review and juice and popcorn are served. When the big cinemas screen a movie adaptation of one of our titles, this prompts an outing followed by dinner at a restaurant. An open invitation to these activities is extended during the Sunday service. These events are popular and attract many attendees.

Titles and Authors

The Book of Salt by Monique Truong -

A delectable, fictionalized account of exile, that of the gay Vietnamese cook employed by American writer Gertrude Stein and her partner, Alice B. Toklas, who were themselves expatriates living in Paris.

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley -

Flavia de Luca is a spunky, 11-year-old aspiring chemist and amateur sleuth who thinks that murder is the most interesting thing to have ever happened in her young life in the English countryside.

Not Wanted on the Voyage by Timothy Findley -

The Canadian author's magic realist, postmodern retelling of the biblical flood narrative with a feminist twist, told from the perspective of a blind and aged cat.

Glittering Images by Susan Howatch -

An engrossing novel about tarnished realities behind brilliant facades in the Church of England during the 1930s and the courage to accept the true self.

Sweetland by Michael Crummey -

Residents of an isolated Newfoundland outpost face resettlement while one holdout struggles against nature and is haunted by memories.

A Great Reckoning by Louise Penny -

The continuing saga of the beloved former Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of Three Pines who accepts the challenge to end corruption within the Quebec police force by cleaning up its academy for cadet trainees.

Doomsday Book by Connie Willis -

A science fiction novel about a young woman historian at Oxford who time travels back to the Middle Ages and is stranded during the Black Death at Christmastime. A book club favourite!

A Secret Music by Susan Doherty Hannaford -

An aspiring classical pianist and his siblings keep secrets of their own while their family hides their mother's mental illness during the Great Depression in Montreal.

Free Choice Summer Reads

Every group member presented a book read during the summertime. A fun experience that the club plans to repeat.

Everyone is Always Welcome!

Epiphany Book Club is a convivial group and always open to new members. Everyone is welcome to join us to discover a new book, revisit an old favourite, participate in the discussion or simply to enjoy a get-together and our hospitality whether or not he or she has read the book. Delicious refreshments are served and lasting friendships formed!

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Morgan

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