

**Special Vestry Called for Sunday November 3rd, immediately following the 10 am service.**

**Purpose of Special Vestry:** To approve the following expenses to be paid out of the money from St. John's Blackstock Sale. Total expenses: \$15, 096.67.

The stipulation for use of the funds that came from the sale of St. John's Blackstock is that a special vestry is held and that the vestry approve the use of these funds in such a manner. It was clarified earlier this year that there is no stipulation on how said funds have to be used. It has been agreed, in principle, that the majority of the funds would go towards ministry related expenses, like the curacy and the Revitalization Conversations. We are asking for funds towards the installation of a new furnace as this is a critical issue (see below).

***Summary of Expenses:***

At our special vestry on April 7th of this year, we passed a motion to pay for the salary expense of a curate (in combination with funds from the diocese). The funds being requested at this Vestry are related to **expenses that have been incurred in relation to the curate's work**. Each expense has been reviewed and approved by the wardens. (\$1,163.92)

The expense to cover the **cost of the Revitalization Conversation** goes back to conversations that were had between the Incumbent and the Area Bishop whether or not the funds could be used in such a manner. Since the purpose of the Revitalization Conversation has been to facilitate our development of ministry it was agreed that the St. John's funds would be suitable. This cost was paid for out of our operating budget with the understanding that it would be approved and paid for at a later date. (\$3000)

***Relating to the various infrastructure expenses, they are explained as follows.***

**New Furnace:** During our annual servicing of our furnace it was noted that the heat exchange was damaged and on the verge of no longer functioning. It would be essential to replace, especially before the winter season. This would cost approximately \$1000. The corporation, in discussion with the property committee and the advisory board, decided that it was a good time to replace the entire furnace. It is 19 years old. The motor is likely to fail in the next few years, and rather than wait until it is an emergency, it seems a wise time to be proactive about replacement. This will also increase our savings for heating expenses moving forward. Two quotes were obtained. (\$4520)

**Air Conditioning for Sanctuary:** This past summer a number of parishioners complained about services being held in the church hall. This was done for health and safety reasons as temperatures mid-summer do not allow us to be in the sanctuary. We noted a decrease in attendance and wonder if this is also impacted by being in the hall instead of the sanctuary. As we are looking to install a new furnace, the corporation

believes that the installation of an air conditioner will be most cost effective now. The hope is this will make summer attendance more comfortable for people, and the use of the sanctuary for other purposes also easier. With global warming continuing, we see no other alternative. This was also discussed at Advisory Board. (\$3842)

***General Building Maintenance:***

**Barrs, Sno Gems** - These are the pointy things that are placed on the roof to prevent snow and ice from accumulating in certain areas and causing the melt and flooding we had to deal with last winter in the small foyer by the hall. (\$420.75)

**Gutter Guards** - These are for the gutters around the church which are often clogged and thus do not function properly during heavy rains. (\$150)

**Shed** - Currently we are storing our lawn mower, shovels, salt for sidewalks, outside around the church. The property committee has requested a shed to be built and placed in the corner by the hall door for easy access to these items. This will protect said items and make it easier for their use. It will also look much tidier. The shed will be built by the property committee. (\$2,000)