

Parish Council Meeting September 7, 2004

Present: Bruce Neville, John Stephenson, Dee McEnaney, Carl Kinzinger, Karen Carley, David Finch, Cobina Price-Jones, Mary Judge, Heather Sabbagh, Peter Sabbagh, Ruth Sowrey.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

Minutes of June 1, 2004

- Carl moved the adoption of the minutes and Karen seconded. All were in favour to pass them as written.

Business Arising

- A new member's visitation has not been done.
- The report from the Diocese has not been received but directions to understand the report are to be received shortly. The actual report is to be sent in a couple of months.
- Four parishes in Los Angeles have been licensed in Uganda and have pulled out of the Diocese of Los Angeles. Same-sex blessings are still very contentious.

Incumbents Report

- A Summer Review - It went well until the end of July. August was very slow. The numbers were up except for one Sunday. There were always people at the 8 am. Service.
- We had a great Picnic and a meaningful Decoration Day.
- Clare Wade Deaconed for us and preached one Sunday.
- Travis Fowler has become our IT person and has linked all the computers.
- A Pastoral letter has been sent to the entire congregation.
- Our Patronal Feast Day was well celebrated. Nicola Ross gave a presentation on her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela during the week and David Neelands was a guest on Sunday and we had a Baptism.

Youth Ministry

- Jonathan Massimi was introduced as our new Youth Minister.
- He is getting settled in his new office – the former library.
- Jonathan's mandate is to provide a Sunday School class on Sundays and a youth meeting on Friday nights.
- The focus is going to be on younger children this year.
- Support was expressed for this initiative and pleasure in having Jonathan with us.

Warden's Report

- The roof of the church was painted. It is to be good for 5 to 7 years.
- The Screening Process was started. It is to be completed before the end of the year.
- We have let out a contract for the appraisal of all our buildings. The replacement cost is 2.9 million.

- The building inspection has been tendered. Two have been received and we are waiting for a third.
- Raccoons took up residence in the rectory. Exterminators were needed to get rid of them over a period of 3 weeks.
- The Caledon Countryside Alliance gave notice of vacating St. James House. They will be there until the end of September. A new tenant has been found. It will be used for residential. The new tenants are going to do work on the house for concessions on the rent. We should look into the tax situation and the assessment.
- We interviewed Jonathan as Youth Minister and hired him. All the proper screening is being done.
- A new Sharp copier has been ordered. It is arriving this week. We have a four year contract with lease to own.
- The new United Church Minister, Jennifer Palen, was visited and given a gift. She attended here her first Sunday since there were no services across the road.
- The cleaning of the church buildings is due for tendering.
- Signs have been ordered to help with the confusion of strangers.
- Invitations for Visioning have gone out to local dignitaries and planning is well in hand. It is very important for the attendance of all age groups.
- The question of a Sexton was raised and discussed. It will be raised at the next Warden's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- February 12 – The Theatre Group has been booked for a Mystery Dinner.
- The Corn Roast is in order for Sunday. Dee has done the shopping.
- Visioning Weekend. There is a meeting Thursday night for publicity. John reiterated the importance of attendance.
- November 6 – Silent Auction. Tickets are ready and on sale in the church and Berney's. A push to get items is needed.
- Auction and Visioning information will be put on the web site by Cobina.
- The installation of Bishop Colin Johnston will be on this coming Sunday at 4:30.
- Remembrance Day – Should we go with the "Town Day," Oct. 31, or the proper day of Nov. 7. This will also be Confirmation. This will be brought up at the Worship Committee Meeting.

Worship

- The next meeting is next week – Tuesday at 7:30.

Outreach

- September 26 will be Outreach Sunday. We will concentrate on the area near us. Rev. Ken Burrett from All Saints will be the guest speaker.

Property

- There was a flood in Daycare. Filter cloth was put over the drain. Heavy rain came in the front door. Measures are being taken to correct this.
- The Town turned down our request for the return of the deposit on landscaping. It has not been done to the Landscape Architect's plan.

Education

- Sunday School met with John and Jonathan. They will help with the Corn Roast on Sunday.
- There are two courses planned for adults. In the fall we will have “Jesus Then and Now”. Late winter will be “Anglican Vision.”

Communications

- Newsletter deadline is September 19 and it will come out 2 weeks later.
- Photo directory will take place September 28, 29, 30. There is an opportunity to have advertisements in it and raise some money. There was approval for doing this.
- Web Site. Cobina has done the calendar this summer. A meeting is needed to discuss future plans.

Congregational Care

- The flowers from the chancel have been sent each week to the ill, shut-ins or bereaved.

Deanery Council

- The first meeting of the fall is coming up next week.

Treasurer’s Report

- The report was submitted by Elizabeth Morton and accepted as presented.
- Our income is very stable.

Church Refurbishment

- Now our building is complete we should turn our attention to our Worship Space. There are many considerations: e.g. Dark walls, bulge in the wall, shabby narthex and the hardwood floors.
- The worship articles need attention. Many items are becoming worn out. An inventory has already been made and this has been discussed with the wardens and finance committee. A committee needs to be struck to look into this. The first need is to set priorities.

Architectural Tour

- This is to be held November 20. We will rent a bus and visit 2 Toronto churches in the morning, have lunch, and visit two more in the afternoon. They will be St. Anne’s, St. Thomas’, Mary Magdalene and St. James Cathedral. This will be in conjunction with Geoff Sanguine and St. Joseph of Nazareth.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.**