

**Parish Council Meeting  
October 5, 2004**

**Present:** Bruce Neville, John Stephenson, Dee McEnaney, Carl Kinzinger, Karen Carley, David Finch, Cobina Price-Jones, Ruth Sowrey, Alan Whike, Jennifer Whike, Jim Cassell, Gordon Morton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

**Minutes of September 7, 2004**

- Cobina moved the adoption of the minutes and Dee seconded. After the correction of the spelling of Jennifer Palin's name all were in favour

**Business Arising**

- Same Sex Relationships. John told us that the Eames Commission (set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury) Report is due soon. The rumour is that it will be conservative in nature. This will be further debated at our Synod this fall.
- It was noted that although the painting of the roof improved its appearance it seemed to need repair. The building inspection that is to take place should cover this.
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**Incumbents Report**

- The last six weeks have been unbelievably busy. We have had the gift and presentation of the new BCP prayer books; Outreach Sunday; John's first wedding here (with 156 guests, 2 more weddings are coming up in the next few months); Ena Badger gave a donation to build library shelves which were constructed by Joe Campbell and John Carley; last Friday and Saturday John was lecturing in Minden and as a result we may have a new couple join; John is now on call one day a month at Headwaters, and now also part of the rotation of clergy for the King and Vera Davis Homes in Bolton.
- The adult education series "Jesus Then and Now" will start this week.
- A Choral Evensong will take place October 24.
- Good comments have been received from the kids themselves about the Youth Group. Jonathan's office has been set up. The first big event will be the Halloween Party on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The second set of Confirmation Classes have taken place. We will be confirming 7 on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On Harvest Home Sunday the church looked beautiful and there was a good crowd.

**Warden's Report**

- We have had a meeting with the Diocesan people concerning Visioning.
- There are 3 tenders for building inspection. It should be settled in the week or so.
- Phone lines are to be moved from the kitchen to the office to allow Jonathan to have a line in his office.
- The Men's breakfast was cancelled in September. This month will have to be changed because of Visioning. It will be October 23.

## **Upcoming Events**

- October 6 in the Gathering Space at 7:30 pm. “Jesus Then and Now”.
- We need to schedule a week for the blessing of the web-site.
- October 8 – Youth Night.
- October 15 - Visioning–John asked for honest opinions on the need for this process. Several opinions were expressed: people don’t feel a need for the process; people don’t understand the need for their opinions being expressed; we need to do it but we haven’t engaged the congregation; possibly people don’t understand and are afraid they will be called upon to “do” something. John gave several examples of plans that could be put forward through this process. How can we express the ideas this week to encourage people to come out? The decision was made that we are committed and must carry on. A script needs to be worked on and phoning done.
- November 6 – Silent Auction. There have been 0 donations from the congregation. There are 4 corporate donations. Forty-five letters were sent out to solicit corporate donations. It was decided that the library will be used to store donations before the auction. The computer that is there can be set up as a work station for the library. Only 2 tickets have been sold. The congregation, particularly new people need to know what kind of items can be auctioned. Notice should be in “Community Events” in the local papers.
- November 7 – Remembrance Day, Confirmation, Baptism.
- October 30, December 10 – Weddings
- October 17 – Dedication of the new Library.
- December 10 – Youth Christmas Event.
- November 20 – Architectural Tour
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## **Worship**

- Thanks were expressed to John for taking the last meeting and Mary for taking the minutes in Jennifer’s absence.
- The Sunday before Advent, November 21, will be an instructed Eucharist.
- The next meeting will be November 9, to discuss Advent and Christmas.
- We have added 2 new servers and lost one server. Training has taken place.
- We will have 2 new deacons, Bruce Neville and John Swinden.

## **Outreach**

- Zillah feels she has to step down for a while until she feels well.
- We need to recruit.

## **Property**

- The new copier has arrived.
- Could the old copier be an item for the silent auction?
- The hot water heater is leaking downstairs. The plumber is coming tomorrow.
- The bricks have been sold. We may need help to load them on the truck.
- The organ in the Leon Reed Room has been offered to the Vera Davis Centre.

## **Web Site Report**

- A summary of visits to the site from May to September was presented by Cobina.

- The Newsletter should be loaded on the web site in the future. It was suggested that possibly sermons could be posted also.
- The site is expected to grow.

### **Communications**

- Photo Directory – Seventy-one families were photographed. There are approximately 6 who will hopefully submit pictures. The Choir, John and Jonathan were photographed. Adds will be sold. One has been bought already. Advertisers will be asked to provide coupons for their product or service to be placed in books given to newcomers.
- The Newsletter was the biggest ever with 12 pages.
- We need to discuss a Christmas flyer for Advent.

### **Congregational Care**

- This area is lying dormant, and needs to be revitalized.
- There are needs in the congregation that should be looked after.
- The Nevilles will provide babysitting for the Silent Auction Again.

### **Deanery Council**

- There has been no meeting yet.

### **New Business**

- Alan told us about a Rotary Event. “An Evening with Stephen Lewis” is being presented at the Royal Ambassador Conference Centre on Innis Lake Rd. Mr. Lewis will speak on the pandemic in Africa.
- The Screening is progressing.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.**