

**Parish Council Meeting
November 2, 2004**

Present: John Stephenson, Dee McEnaney, Carl Kinzinger, Karen Carley, David Finch, Cobina Price-Jones, Ruth Sowrey, Gordon & Elizabeth Morton Heather Sabbagh, Mary Judge.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

Minutes of September 7, 2004

- Carl moved the adoption of the minutes and Dee seconded. All were in favour

Business Arising

- The building inspection has not been done yet.
- The electric organ in the Leon Reed Room will go in the auction.
- The bricks are still here.

Incumbents Report

- We had our first Choral Evensong. There was not a big crowd but the service was very much enjoyed by those who were there. There will be another early in the New Year.
- There have been two weddings which have gone well. A third will take place on December 10. All three couples are in the Church.
- Confirmation and Baptism are taking place on Sunday. John's policy has been that if people will meet with him four times he will Baptise. We may have a very large crowd.
- In the area of Pastoral Care – many unknown names are on the parish list. Out of 129 names 22 have been unseen during John's time here. We need to work on this and contact people.
- A package of booklet, forms and new members book has been put together and new people will be visited.
- The drive for bedding for downtown has been going well.
- Thank you for the kindness shown to the Polish family who were with us a few weeks ago. They will be settling in Wawa.
- Screening is a massive job and is ongoing.
- There are two Synods this month. A new Suffragan Bishop will be elected for this area. David Finch will replace Fred Bilton on this occasion since Fred is unable to attend. Please remember us in prayer on the 27th as we wrestle with the same-sex problem.
- The Architectural Tour is all in place. One extra ticket is available to be auctioned off.

Youth

- Thirty-five attended the Halloween Party. Jonathan had obtained wonderful prizes and the kids had a wonderful time.

Warden's Report

- It is felt that Coffee Hour is a time for fellowship and community building. People should not be interrupted and disturbed to buy things. There will be a table designated as an area for sales. The basket for donations should be removed. Dee was concerned that some people don't want to provide for coffee hour but will contribute by donating. Maybe this should be mentioned in the newsletter.
- In connection with coffee hour – we need a table set up for the youth. Dee feels we need more tables set up in total.
- We need an event coordinator to oversee the rental of the hall.
- We have tenants in St. James House. They have been doing a lot of work.
- An inventory was done on Saturday for the appraisal.
- The building inspection contract has been let to "Grassroots." It will take place on November 15th at 9 am. at a cost of \$1400.00. A copy of the report will be made available.
- The Visioning went quite well over all. It was not entirely what was expected but people who were there seemed to enjoy it. There were not as many people as hoped for. It was obvious the people in this church want to work on more short term goals.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 6 - Silent Auction. 70 to 80 tickets have been sold. We have 10 items for the live auction, and 80 items for the silent auction. The question was raised as to whether we should only have the auction every 3 years. We have no auctioneer. It was suggested we try the Woodstock School of Auctioneering. The decorations and set up are in hand. We are renting round tables this year.
- Theatre Night, November 11. The number of tickets sold is unknown.
- The Chamber Concert on the 14th has nationally acclaimed soloists.
- Two weeks later the Georgetown Bach Chorale will present part one of the Messiah at 3pm. in the Church. This shouldn't be a problem with the Sunday School Advent craft program and dinner.
- Dec. 10 – Youth Christmas Party. This will be formal.
- Nov. 21 – Instructed Eucharist.

Worship

- The next meeting will be next Tuesday.

Outreach

- We will concentrate on "far" in December, and do the Stables again for World Vision.

Property

- The hot water heater has not been replaced.
- The snow removal quote has not been received yet.
- A good clean-up of the grounds took place after the Men's Breakfast.
- The new photocopier has had some rough handling and needs to be used considerately.

Education

- The video series is ongoing. Tomorrow night is “What is Prayer.”
- The architectural tour takes place on Nov. 20.
- John has some ideas for an Advent study to be raised at the Worship meeting.

Communication

- The photographing for the directory has taken place. Some regular members would not come, but some who did come, John had never met before. This represented 71 families out of 129. Hopefully there are a few more pictures to be submitted.
- Web Site. There is more and more traffic. There were 340 hits last month. The most popular page is the Events Page. It is important to keep this page up to date.
- The Advent Newsletter Deadline is Nov. 14.

Deanery Council

- We have been asked to host the Deanery Dinner on Feb 19.
- Deanery Council is wondering whether it should disband. We are the only Deanery in the Diocese with an active council. Clericus is looking at this.

Treasurer’s Report

- The report was received as provided by Elizabeth.
- The increase in income is almost the same as expenses over budget.
- Hopefully the auction will help with the shortfall.
- Budgets are needed for next year in writing from all areas of ministries.

New Business

- The Server’s Albs need to be checked for wear. Six or seven were purchased a few years ago. The Servers need to be careful to hang them up carefully after use. The Deacons are wearing server’s albs. The Deacons could possibly wear something different.
- Choir Gowns. We need cassocks. A proposal should be put forward to the wardens and included in the budget.
- It was decided that Carl would do a budget for the Servers and Deacons.
- Sunday School wants to know whether we should have a live Nativity again this year. The teachers have not discussed this yet, but Wendy is willing to go ahead. She did most of the organizing last year.
- John reported that the Brampton Churches are doing “Bethlehem Live” on Dec. 17, 18, and 19 at a farm north of Brampton. He wondered whether it would be a more meaningful experience for the children to visit this.
- Even if the Children don’t do a live nativity a desire to have a Crèche outside was expressed. It was agreed to try a simple Silhouette crèche this year.
- Wendy is willing to organize the Robbie Burns dinner again this year on Jan. 22.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.