

Parish Council Meeting December , 2004

Present: John Stephenson, Dee McEnaney, Carl Kinzinger, Karen Carley, Cobina Price-Jones, Ruth Sowrey, Gordon & Elizabeth Morton, Mary Judge, Alan & Jennifer Whike, Bruce Neville.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

Minutes of November 2, 2004

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

Business Arising

- We have to decide how aggressively to go after the unseen people on the parish list.
- We are pursuing a person to take on the role of Sexton with an interview this week.
- Bruce has been calling for additional pictures for the directory and has two already. Dee wondered whether we could use pictures from the last directory for those who did not participate. There would be a privacy issue without permission.
- A crèche for outdoors will not be forthcoming this year. It should be brought up earlier (June) next year.

Incumbents Report

- Worship in November was very busy. The Bishop's visit went well. The service was long.
- The Instructed Eucharist was a great success. There were many positive comments. We might consider it once a year. The turnout was excellent.
- A Candlelight Eucharist for Advent has started. We have had the first.
- Last Sunday was the annual memorial service by Egans. Eight hundred people registered. We should think about worship and grief within our own congregation.
- We finished the "Jesus Then and Now" series.
- There were 16 children at the Advent wreath making.
- The Architectural Tour was a fun day.
- Jonathan had a meeting with the parents of youth on Sunday. It was well attended. The youth do not seem to want weekend evening meetings. Possibly a weeknight would be better.
- Bishop Ann is retiring and there will be a realignment of the area boundaries.
- We have been to two Synods. Philip Poole was elected Bishop. He will be in our area. The same-sex synod was rending. It was a difficult day. It has been deferred for study for 3 years until General Synod in 2007.
- The third wedding of the Fall will take place this Friday.
- The Chrismos are being blessed on Sunday.
- The 19th is Lesson and Carols and the Sunday School Pageant.
- Christmas Eve services will be 7 and 11 pm and Christmas Day will be 10 am.
- January 6th is Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. We may have 3 candidates for Baptism.
- Jonathan's suggestion of having adult education the same night as youth group was well received.
- There was a suggestion of doing a 3 or 4 day tour to New York.

Warden's Report

- The building inspection is done and the report received.
- The budget will be ready January 6.
- Adopt a Road will be revitalized. David Finch will work more closely with John Wilkinson when he retires as Warden.
- We have been working on Vestry for February 6.
- The Wardens have done a job performance assessment with John.

Youth

- Bruce reported on the meeting with parents of youth. It was a good meeting, well attended with offers of help. People are happy with Jonathan.
- He does not consider himself a babysitter but as giving direction to the youth in their teenage years.

Upcoming Events

- January 1 – Bishop's Levee at the Cathedral.
- January 2 – Rector's Levee.
- January 15 – Robbie Burns Banquet
- January 23 – Last day for submission of reports for vestry.
- February 6 – Vestry
- February 9 – Ash Wednesday
- February 12 – Mystery Dinner
- February 13 – Choral Evensong

Worship

- John has already covered most items. The next meeting will be January 11.

Outreach

- The Advent Tree is in place for gifts for Caledon Community Services.
- Donations are being received for the World Vision stable.

Sunday School

- Is it possible to set up one Sunday School class in the downstairs open space? The gathering space should be cleared and cleaned for Sunday School.

Property

- The cleaning of Daycare has been slipping. It should be done no later than Saturday afternoon.
- Some errors have been found in the building report. (such as the recommendation to fill in the sump pump.) The wardens, John, Gordon and Alan need to sit down to prioritize the recommendations.
- The hot water tank in daycare has been replaced.
- The snow removal contract was awarded to Sunshine again for the same price and conditions as last year.
- There was another leak in the Daycare kitchen behind the stove. It seems to be caused by the downspout at the Hall and Office entrance.

Screening

- Fred Bilton and Carolyn Stephenson gave a rundown on the progress of screening. It is very onerous and time consuming and they asked that forms be returned promptly.

Communication

- Web Site. The Diocese link has been established. The numbers of visits are up slightly this month. Cobina has done a wonderful job and it just gets better and better. There will be additions for Altar Guild, Choir and Worship.
- The Advent and Christmas newsletter was published.
- Eight pictures have not been picked up for the photo directory. They should be mailed out. The editorial still needs to be done and adds sold.
- The Christmas Brochure will be ready for the 14th. It will now be sorted and distributed from Brampton.

Deanery Council

- It was decided to disband with a moratorium in June. It was felt that the council was redundant because of Clericus.
- The Deanery Dinner has been cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

- Our figures – both income and expenditures have doubled in the last 3 or 4 years.
- The budget should be distributed to the congregation well before vestry so that questions can be raised and corrections made beforehand.
- It was decided that Parish council would swing to the 11th and worship to the 18th to allow the budget to be presented to council and the congregation by the 23rd.

New Business

- Fund Raising. Gordon wanted us to think about having Regal Sales Catalogues. The church would get a percentage of sales. The wardens have talked about the need for a fund raising committee. This would be an item for their consideration.
- There is an opportunity to have a concert for the Primates World Relief. The Parish would receive 25% of profits, PWRF 25% and the artists 50%. There were 3 choices of dates in April and May. It was decided that the timing was not right and we won't pursue it at this time.
- There will be a new service starting on January 9. It will be a contemporary service at 9:30- am. in the Parish Hall. It will be more relaxed but in the Anglican manner. It will last 50 minutes have contemporary music and appeal to young people, students and young families.

The meeting closed with the grace.

Next meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.