

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting  
September 12, 2005**

**Present:** Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Bruce Neville, Ruth Sowrey, Cobina Price-Jones, Diane Allengame-Kuster, Carl Kinzinger, Deirdre Fowler, Gordon Morton, Sandra Morrison.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

**Consideration of the Agenda**

- There were no additions to the agenda.

**Presentation Regarding the Shop and Support Program.**

- Sandra Morrison explained this fund raising project and answered questions.

**Minutes of June 14, 2005 Meeting**

- Bruce Neville moved the acceptance of the minutes. Gordon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Business Arising**

- The question of grass cutting was raised. The condition is deplorable. Gordon said he had forgotten to call Norman this week.
- Linda Moon says cars are still left running for Daycare pickup.
- The date for the Same Sex debate at St. Joseph of Nazareth is to be clarified at Clericus tomorrow.

**Incumbents Report**

- John expressed disappointment that there were no wardens or representative from finance present.
- Wonderful comments were given to John about those who filled in for the Month of his holidays.
- Something new was tried this summer. The church was kept open for a few hours during the day and Mid-Day Prayers were held. Very few took advantage of the opportunity but it was meaningful for those who did. John intends to open the church regularly when he is present.
- There was good attendance for the Patronal Feast in July. The blessing of the new Communion Vessels and the presence of Rev. Dr. Collis Machoko were appreciated.
- After trying different times the Contemporary Service will return to 9:30 am. This service is important to the musicians who take part.
- Holy Cross Day this last week we were blessed to have visitors from the L'Arche Community and the presentation of their crosses with the Corn Roast following. There were several visitors.
- There have been a number of resignations: Margaret Forbes as head of Chancel Guild, Jennifer Whike as chair of the Worship Committee and the loss of several servers.
- It has been decided not to do the Blessing of the Animals this year. It has been postponed until next year.
- John will be doing a Parish Retreat for St. John's Peterborough in two weeks time.
- Harvest Home will be October 2.
- On All Saints Day there will be baptism. There are two babies to be baptized at this time.

- There were not enough people to run the New York trip this fall. There will be an information day in the spring to see how many are interested at that time.
- St. Joseph of Nazareth has asked whether we are interested in another one day trip to Toronto to see four interesting churches.
- There will be some Adult Education upcoming.
- The Men's Breakfast has been organized to be held six times over the year – three in the fall and three in the spring. There will be clean-ups done at some of these meetings and guest speakers for others. Three speakers have already been booked – Michael Coren, Dr. Mark Lane-Smith, and John Lockhart.
- John invited Jonathan to speak about the Youth. The regular youth night will be moved back to Friday. Last week nine young people turned up for bowling. This week they are going to the L'Arche Community to help clear out the barn for a barn dance. Once a month there will be a Saturday Night event with live music. October 29 will be "Fear Factor."
- In Pastoral Care there have been three weddings this summer (and one in Georgetown) and one funeral. There is a need to spend more time with shut-ins in the parish. There have been a number of visitors over the summer, especially in August. A number have returned.
- Last year we donated to a Drug Awareness magazine put out by the police. We will do so again this year but the contact name will be Jonathan instead of John.
- The Caledon Ministerial is going to look into the feasibility of Parish Nursing because of the huge need of seniors in the community.

### **Wardens Report**

- Bruce reported that the Leon Reed Room will become the Choir Room. A wardrobe and bookshelves will be installed. The Access Centre was agreeable with this.
- A basement clean-up was held in July. Sixteen people worked on this. Thank you to everyone.
- The flooding of Daycare has been our nemesis. This summer has been the worst ever. Many hours have been spent clearing drains and installing a new pump. This is only a temporary measure and a permanent solution is needed. We need to hook into the storm sewers. This would mean crossing other people's property and would be expensive.
- There are many maintenance issues to be considered such as refinishing of church floors, painting of the Hall, repair of storm windows and painting of the exterior. An appeal will be made to parishioners for contributions to specific projects.

### **Social Report**

- Dee has prepared the Coffee Roster for the Fall Newsletter.

### **Service Report**

- The PAG program has changed. It has been downloaded to individual parishes.
- An inquiry was made about the date for the fall road clean-up. David will have to give out information on this.

### **Administration Report**

- We are still searching for cruets.
- The picture wall is still being worked on.

- A wooden shelf (reredos) from the back of the altar when it was against the wall was found in the basement during the clean-up. It is being refinished for use in the church.

### **Property Report**

- Gordon showed pictures of the damage to the drains and the repairs that were done. They will go into a construction book for the record.
- Snow Removal. Gordon is waiting for the name of the person responsible for snow removal at Carol Armstrong's plaza. The concerns that we had about last year's clearing have been expressed to Sunshine and they acknowledge that there were problems and would attempt to correct them.
- The trees have been removed from the front of the church and St. James House. The light streaming through the window at the back of the church on Sunday morning was noticeable.
- In the past Gordon has denied Daycare a key to the thermostat downstairs. The security cover appears to have been removed. We need to talk to them about this.

### **Worship Report**

- A donation has been made by a member of the choir to cover the cost of the wardrobe in the new choir room.
- We have lost a number of servers. We need more and we need training for Servers and Deacons.

### **Education**

- Deirdre announced that Cobina will be in charge of Sunday School. The children will now start downstairs and come up for communion regularly. This means there will be no children's chat at the beginning of the service. This worked well this last Sunday. On Morning Prayer Sundays John will start the morning with the children downstairs. Lay people will start the service upstairs.
- Kathy Blanchard and Bev DeSavigny will be teaching this year.

### **Communications**

- The web site had 900 visits this July!
- Updating is needed for several pages.
- The Newsletter should be out for next weekend.
- The weekly newspaper ad has been cancelled. We will advertise for special events.

### **Bulletin Board**

- The date of the Youth-Seniors Bingo may change.
- Harvest Home is Oct 2.
- November 12 is the dinner and Auction "Country Fayre" Tickets are \$40 each.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

**Next Meeting  
Monday, October 3, 2005.**