

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
October 3, 2005

Present: Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Bruce Neville, Ruth Sowrey (Secretary) Cobina Price-Jones (Chair), Diane Allengame-Kuster, Carl Kinzinger, Karen Carley, Fred Bilton, Heather Sabbagh, Peter Sabbagh, Alan Whike.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

Minutes of September 12, 2005 Meeting

- Karen Carley moved the acceptance of the minutes. Carl 2nd. Carried.

Business Arising

- There were no items raised.

Incumbents Report

- Thank you to the Chancel Guild for the beautiful decorating of the church for Harvest Thanksgiving. It was a good day but the crowd was poor.
- Opening the church for prayer during the week has resulted in one new member.
- The contemporary service has started again.
- There are many new priests in the Diocese which results in many Induction Services.
- The first Morning Prayer has been held with the new format. John is starting downstairs with the children while a lay person begins the service in the church. John would be interested in people's comments on this change.
- We definitely need more new servers. This is not a children's guild.
- The fall Faithworks presentations are being worked on.
- The celebration of All Saints is being backed up one week to October 30. There will be Baptism for two families. This leaves November 6 for Remembrance Day.
- Tomorrow night is the debate on same-sex blessings at St. Joseph's in Brampton.
- The Men's Breakfast has been set for 6 times per year. Two will be clean-up days around the church and four will be with speakers.
- Jonathan is having more kids out this fall. He is hoping to do inter-church events every two months.
- Out biannual Synod this fall will be intense with a lot of things on the floor.
- The Bishops have nominated John to attend the St. Clements Institute of Preaching from October 31 to November 3.
- In Pastoral Care we do not seem to have people back yet this fall but there have been many visitors and since September we have seven new members.
- John has been asked by the Headwaters Hospital to be a member of their Spiritual Care Board.
- There have been discussions initiated by the Caledon Ministerial about a Parish Nurse. It would be shared by a maximum of four parishes.
- Please remember in your prayers Lionel Gidney (being operated on for cataracts) and his daughter Katherine who will be undergoing surgery for a brain tumor.

Wardens Report

- Karen reported that the wardens had just met this morning.
- The Stewardship Campaign will begin January 29.

- New ceiling tile is needed in the Daycare kitchen because of flooding from the men's washroom.
- We received a complaint that the playground toys were taken out and left out by our children. We are not entirely sure whether our kids did indeed take them out. They do not mind children under 6 who are supervised using and putting away toys. An announcement explaining acceptable use of the Daycare playground should be made in Coffee Hour by the Wardens.
- The new Choir Room with cupboards and bookcases has been set up and the choir is very happy.
- New envelopes for givings are being ordered for next year. Lines are being included for Regular Givings, Faithworks, Other Outreach and Youth. Faithworks is a Diocesan Endeavour and should be kept separate from other Outreach.
- The Sexton has requested that we do a better job of picking up and cleaning up after ourselves.
- We have to support and remind people about the Shop and Save program. Diane suggested that all in the room commit to taking one card. It needs to be talked up and people reminded that it is an ideal gift for Christmas.
- We have a wonderful tenant in St. James House. We intend to build a privacy fence for Linda next spring. The men will do the labour.
- It was suggested that the apple trees should be trimmed. The falling fruit is messy and attracting wasps.

Service -Outreach

- Collis Machoko and New Orleans were well supported financially by the parish. The rector of St. Olaf's has opened his house to Collis and unbeknownst to Collis the rent is being put towards airfare for his family.

Administration

- The Heritage Committee meets this week.
- A glass worker in Glen Williams has been commissioned to make new cruets. We hope to have them for All Saints Day.
- Karen is to find out the balance in the Heritage account after the purchase of the Antependia and Communion vessels.
- The Policy and Procedures Manuel has been started. Information is needed from the office and consultation with John is needed.

Finance

- Alan reported in David's absence.
- The Parish should be looking for someone willing to be Treasurer and work along with Elizabeth. It is good to have 2 people and particularly 2 compatible people.
- We have bills waiting to be paid including \$5000.00 to the Diocese. We will not be starting the New Year on a good footing. Setting the budget for next year will have to be creative.
- PAG is important and should be encouraged.
- The suggestion was made that during extreme cold weather in the winter we might consider using the parish hall for worship. The difference in cost to heat the hall and the church is huge.

Property

- Alan reported for Gordon that they hope to have solved the flooding problem.

- \$674.00 is still being held by the Town because they feel we haven't followed the landscape plan. Alan is continuing to try to have this money released.
- It has been suggested that we switch the sound system between the church and the hall. The hall system is very sophisticated and too many people are handling it and causing malfunctions. John believes we need a professional to make the switch. Alan will call the company who did the original installation.

Worship

- The next Worship Committee meeting will be held at 7:30 on October 17.
- Training for servers and deacons was held and was successful. Thank you to John.

Pastoral Care

- Please remember to watch for new members and be welcoming, particularly at Coffee Hour.
- Pastoral Care needs 3 or 4 people to work with Josie Law. There is a lot of work that could be done in this area.

Education

- Cobina reported for Deirdre that the nursery has had one the last 2 weeks.
- Sunday School is adapting to the new format of coming up for communion regularly and having John at the start of Morning Prayer mornings.

Communication

- John mentioned how pleased he is with our Newsletter.
- Heather expressed concern that we are not being fair to Desiree by ignoring the deadlines. People will have to be timely or the material will have to wait for the next Newsletter.

New Business

- Inter Church Venture. Local churches are co-operating on signs for the entrances to the village listing churches. There is a meeting tomorrow night. Peter will attend.

Bulletin Board

- For the Welcome to Bishop Poole on October 16 we have been asked to contribute towards the gift of a cope.
- November 12 is the dinner and Auction "Country Fayre" Tickets are \$40 each.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2005.