

St. James Advisory Board Meeting November 8, 2005

Present: Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Bruce Neville, Ruth Sowrey (Secretary) Cobina Price-Jones (Chair), Diane Allengame-Kuster, Carl Kinzinger, Heather Sabbagh, Peter Sabbagh, Deirdre Fowler, Gordon Morton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

Minutes of October 3, 2005 Meeting

- Bruce Neville moved the acceptance of the minutes. Gordon 2nd. Carried.

Business Arising

- The family of Collis Matchoko has been granted visas. They have to be sent to Pretoria and then transferred into Zimbabwe. Travel is being planned for the first week of January.

Incumbents Report

- Worship in the last month has been very busy. We have welcomed a new Bishop and had two inductions in this Deanery. There have been 2 baptisms and in the last 9 days, 3 funerals. We had a special service for All Saints and the response was overwhelming. The Remembrance Day Service and dedication of the new cruets was also a meaningful occasion.
- The 8 o'clock service has been holding its numbers since September. There are usually from 15 – 22 attending.
- Jonathan is being asked to preach once or twice a semester for visibility. Also the 9:30 band will play at the 11 a.m. service when Jonathan preaches.
- John needs help with the 8 a.m. service. Could the Deacons help with this? The congregation in general does not want to help.
- Heather expressed thanks for the Remembrance Day display in the Hall. People enjoyed it and good comments were heard.
- Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School is here for many days of Retreats. This is a wonderful use of our space.
- The Men's Breakfast with Michael Coren as guest speaker is coming up on the 19th.
- John was away last week to the St. Clements College of Preaching. It was a very intense 4 days, both controversial and challenging.
- In outreach, John has taken a position on the board of Spiritual Care at Headwaters Hospital.
- We have again given money (\$179.00) for the police magazine on drugs and addiction awareness for teens. Our ad has Jonathan's name in it and contact information.

Wardens Report

- Peter reported that the wardens have spent a lot of time in worry over our finances. The Auction is looking encouraging and hopefully December is a good month financially. We should be encouraging the Shop & Support program for Christmas gifts.
- We have a meeting at the Diocese Thursday morning to discuss the 70% increase in our allotment.

- The wardens support Jonathan as Youth Minister. There seems to be a mixed message from some parents as far as support goes. The numbers who attend youth functions varies tremendously.
- Physical problems with the buildings have to be faced and this keeps us busy. Recently a washroom was fixed and excess shingles that had been left on the roof were removed.
- The lease on St. James House has been renewed for 2 more years. Everyone is pleased with the tenancy of Linda. The rent has been lowered \$100.00 per month because of all the work that has been done on the house.
- We are looking for a Treasurer and Deputy Peoples Warden and also help for Jonathan.
- John expressed appreciation for the blessing of our exceptional wardens.
- The Stewardship Campaign is still planned for the end of January. This is about Time, Talent and Treasure, not just about money.
- The Shop & Support program is taking off. Word of mouth is important – we must spread the word.

Social

- The next play is on November 19 with a dinner at Dee's beforehand.
- Men's Breakfast is on the 19th. Only 16 tickets have been sold so far.

Administration

- The new cruets were dedicated last Sunday.
- The curio cabinet in the hall has been deemed worthy of fixing to showcase retired donated items.
- During the Rotary Tour on December 3 members of the Heritage Committee will be available with information.
- The Memorial Opportunities Brochure is being revised.

Property

- Thanks were expressed to Bruce for the wonderful job he did on the storm windows for the stained glass on the south side of the church.
- Snow clearing has not been finalized because the good weather has slowed the preparation of quotes.
- Green Day Landscaping has quoted \$1500 for the season including the shoveling of walkways. Their price on sanding is more expensive than Sunshine. Hopefully the Sunshine quote will be in later this week.
- Daycare has said they did not want Sunshine again. Gordon has discussed the problems there were with Sunshine.
- Peter recommended Peel Landscaping.

Worship

- Margaret has tendered her resignation as Chair of the Chancel Guild as of the end of the year. Something has to be done to express our appreciation and gratitude.
- There are 6 new servers – 3 adults, 2 teens and 1 youngster.
- The Worship Committee met last night and reviewed past services. The Youth Service will continue despite the fact that it doesn't seem to have caught on.
- Moving services into the Hall during the cold weather of winter was discussed and turned down by the committee.

- It was decided to go ahead with the opportunity to join with 5 other parishes doing evensong every other month, rotating the host church.
- The continuance of the Worship Committee was discussed and it was decided that “yes” it was worthwhile to meet approximately three times per year.
- The next meeting will be January to plan Lent and Easter.
- It is still a problem getting the children up from Sunday School in time for communion. It is the sidesperson’s responsibility to alert Sunday School at the time of the Prayers of the People.
- For the beginning of Advent families will be making Advent Wreaths in the Parish Hall Sunday afternoon, November 27.
- The 4th Sunday of Advent will be Lessons and Carols followed by the Pageant.
- The 2nd Sunday Jonathan will be preaching.
- On the 24th there will be 3 services:

5 or 5:30	Children’s Service.
6:30 or 7	Senior’s or “Blue Christmas”
11:00	Eucharist preceded by carols from 10:15 – 10:45
- The Wednesday morning service will be cancelled for Advent. There will be an evening candlelight service.

Pastoral Care

- The Baptismal Committee is finishing up their work on the Baptismal Policy.
- Something for newcomers will be planned in the New Year.

Education

- Attendance in the nursery has been consistent the last few weeks with 3 children.
- Karen Carley came down to mention that toys belonging to Daycare should be respected and properly cared for. Cobina stated that there should be no children in the playground on Sunday.
- Older children will be asked to monitor younger children at coffee hour so they do not help themselves before the appropriate time.
- Sunday School will have a penny drive again for Advent.
- There will be a Jesse Tree this year.
- A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was discussed.
- The Picnic would be appreciated not on Father’s Day, June 11.

Communication

- Desiree is working on the next Newsletter.
- The Web Site had 800 hits last month.
- Bruce feels there is more profile from the special occasion ads we are doing now than the regular every week ads we did previously.

New Business

- The Country Fayre needs extra hands for set up on Friday. We were given today, for the auction, a brand new 27” colour T.V.
- We must coordinate the use of space by the use of the large calendar in the office and by checking with the office before making plans.
- For Coffee Hour it was suggested that the doors to the Hall be closed until church is over. Possibly the children could have a table of juice and cookies to have before everyone arrives.

- Bruce is again offering babysitting at his house for Country Fayre night.

Bulletin Board

- Synod will take place from 17 – 19. There could be some interesting and intense discussions. Please keep John and Fred in your prayers.
- There will be a Cemetery Presentation on the 20th.
- A new fundraiser is being planned. Recipes will begin to be collected for a cookbook.
- A Car Rally is planned for the spring based on “the Amazing Race.”
- We will plan a Christmas Brochure again. Hopefully Canada Post will be efficient.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2005.