

## **Parish Council Meeting February 1, 2005**

**Present:** Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Bruce Neville, Dee McEnaney, Gordon Morton, Ruth Sowrey, Mary Judge, Kim James, Heather Sabbagh, Cobina Price-Jones.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Stephenson.

### **Minutes of January 11, 2005**

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

### **Business Arising**

- All items in Business Arising will be taken care of in individual reports.

### **Incumbents Report**

- Effort is being made to make Lent meaningful, beginning with Ash Wednesday.
- Rev. Mary Ranger was here on January 30. She expressed that she appreciates and enjoys the congregation.
- The 9:30 service is being monitored as to its success.
- Sixteen people have signed up for the adult education series "Anglican Vision."
- Today was spent at a Clergy Day. A bishop from New York gave good insight into Lent.
- At the invitation of Father Gerry Legge, John was the guest speaker at a Saturday afternoon mass at St. John's Albion Roman Catholic Church. This was in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. John would like to invite Father Gerry to visit us. John was moved by the warm welcome and reception he received there.
- A wonderful three days was spent on an annual retreat last week.
- Discussion about the 9:30 service. Bruce commented that some youth have not thought of this service as a "youth service." Maybe families are also busy at the 11 am service and find it too difficult to get to both. Bruce offered to pick up anyone wanting a ride to the service. John visited Trinity Streetsville on Sunday. He sees the future of our service as attracting other people in the community who are not necessarily Anglican. How can we encourage people to come to this service? Maybe we could have the musicians from this service perform at the 11 o'clock service.
- Would there be an interest in a book study for 2 or 3 weeks on "The DaVinci Code." The consensus was yes.

### **Wardens Report**

- Neither warden was present.
- Bruce reported that he and Karen had spent the previous Saturday selling advertising in town for the Photo Directory. Twelve ads were sold and more are considering them. There were only 2 refusals. They would like to sell 32.

### **Treasurers Report**

- In the absence of the Treasurer the budget was looked at.
- Gordon felt it was important for people to realize that we are not paying our way. It is important that we stick to our budget and he would urge the wardens and treasurer to hold a firm line on expenses.
- John felt it was important to report to the congregation an accurate picture of givings. The report that was in the bulletin the last few months did not give an accurate picture. Total Revenue should not be reported.

- Heather felt that our givings to Outreach were laudable, but St. James shouldn't be bypassed when extra appeals are made.
- John mentioned that the wardens wanted to pursue a Stewardship campaign. St. James is almost at the bottom level of giving for Parishes of equivalent size.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 6. Vestry after the 11 am. service.
- Feb. 5, 11 am. Consecration of Bishop Phillip Poole at the Cathedral.
- Feb. 9, 5:30 pm. Children's Ash Wednesday Service followed by a Pot Luck Supper.  
7:30 pm. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist.
- Feb. 12 Mystery Dinner
- Feb. 13, 4:30 pm. Evensong  
After the 11 am. service pictures of Deacons, Servers, Sidespeople etc. will be taken for the Photo Directory.
- Mar. 4 World Day of Prayer
- Mar. 6 Jazz Vespers
- Mar. 12 Grief Workshops

### **Sunday School**

- The Penny Drive raised \$80.00 for Caledon Community Services.
- The Ash Wednesday Service is planned.
- We are having a meeting soon to plan the next few months.
- Our meeting held last Wednesday night was downstairs. Daycare items were in the gathering space.
- John said there will be a meeting soon with senior staff of Daycare and the wardens.

### **Property**

- Two of the parking lot lights are not working. Alan is ordering new bulbs and we will have the electrician in to look at a defective fixture.
- The door of Daycare wouldn't open because the cement slab in front had heaved. It was problematic because it had to be fixed 3 times.
- Dee mentioned that Diana would like a work party for spring cleaning and labeling. Things are not always cleaned up and put away properly.

### **Communications**

- Yes, we should have a picture of Sexton, Diana Trainor for the Photo Directory.
- Figures for the web site were up again in January. There have been quite a few references from Google.
- Travis Fowler has become our official "IT" person. He has spent many hours on our computers. We have a firewall and good virus protection now. We are very fortunate to have him.

### **New Business**

- We must complete Screening.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

**Next Meeting**  
**March 1, 7:30 pm.**