

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
April 4, 2006

Present: Bruce Neville, Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Cobina Price-Jones (Chair), Carl Kinzinger, Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), Deirdre Fowler, Diane Allengame, Robin Holder, David Finch, Dee McEnaney, Bob Williams

Regrets: Heather Sabbagh, Alan Whike

John Stephenson opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the March 6, 2006 Meeting

- Carl Kinzinger moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Bruce Neville 2nd.
- There was some confusion concerning Gordon's report on the north window. It was felt that the quote of \$4200 includes repair of the stained glass. We need to talk to Gordon to clarify this. Also a second quote should be received.
- It was moved by Carl that the minutes be accepted with the proviso that Gordon will clarify the issue of the north window and quotes.
- Deirdre 2nd. All in favour.

Business Arising

- The Men's Breakfast and cleanup has been scheduled for April 22 and the couch in the lower Gathering Space could be moved at that time.
- As promised at the last meeting, Bruce returned with recommendations for a process to implement policies. He feels that controversial issues need to be identified before they cause trouble. We need to provide information on more than one occasion and then have study groups to discuss policy. Policies should not be presented as a fait accompli. Diane will draft a policy and procedure for next meeting.
- The sorting of the boxes in the basement will take place in the near future.
- In the area of education, John and Rev. Geoff Sangwine have been meeting with Claire Wade to plan the tour to Israel. It is planned for February 5 – 15th next year.
- Dee raised the question of the 30 Hour Famine. She wondered if any of the congregation would be here to keep an eye on things. John told us that the Baptist Youth Minister would be here. The cut off date was last Sunday and the number has been restricted. Dee was concerned that there has often been a problem with the toilets when groups are here. John will convey this to Jonathan.

New Business

- The minutes of our meeting Sunday, March 26 were presented.
- Dee motioned to accept them. Diane 2nd.
- It was commented on that no specific reference is made to youth or seniors. This is a very condensed form of the discussion that day.
- Bob Williams felt that it should be distributed to the congregation and asked for return with further comments.
- Point 3 in the "Goals" section should be removed.
- Acceptance was agreed on with the removal of point 3 and the addition of Bob's suggestion.
- It will be distributed in the May 14 Newsletter and asked to be returned by June 18.

- The Bishop has asked all clergy to meet with their local M.P.P. concerning affordable housing and poverty. John had a meeting last Monday, chaired by the Rev. Greg Symmes, with John Tory. They were informed that housing is not on the radar of the government but that health care is. Concerning health care, at a recent meeting at the diocese pandemic awareness was discussed. It is thought to be imminent.

Bulletin Board

- As stated in the Agenda – no additions.

Incumbent's Report

Worship

- Lent has been busy. We have done the Great Litany and have had anthems by the choir.
- The Passion Story will be read at the end of the Palm Sunday Service.
- John would encourage the experience of the Easter Vigil Service.
- Only 2 from St. James attended Area Ministry Day.

Education

- Lent at the Movies drew small crowds.
- After Easter John is thinking of some kind of venue to cater to the interests of people – e.g. Baptism, Trip to Israel.
- Thanks to Travis Fowler and Neil Price-Jones for a new computer monitor. It is a vast improvement.

Pastoral Care

- Every shut-in will be visited in the next few weeks for Easter.
- Norm Taylor is home and his recovery is miraculous.
- Conor Ritchie had a serious skiing accident in January. He suffered multi breaks of a leg.
- Ovid Blount was taken to the hospital with heart problems.

Warden's Report

- The wardens had a wonderful meeting with the ACCESS Center. Changes were made. We got what we wanted.
- A Daycare meeting is planned for Saturday.
- Tax Receipts have been a problem. Some have not been received or issued. The Silent Auction and the Memorial Fund have been a problem. All monies must go through our operating account. Then appropriate receipts will be issued. Our processes concerning monies need to be streamlined. A big issue for 2006 will be to get finances to work more smoothly. For clarity, Memorial gifts for the church should be distinct from gifts to the Heritage Fund.
- It was suggested that the wardens should consider making sure that Memorial Gifts go to the Heritage Fund.
- Diane proposed a motion that any donations made as memorials be put in the Heritage account. Carl 2nd. All in favour.
- Bruce mentioned that any group keeping separated accounts needs to make a report to Vestry.
- The financial report in the weekly bulletin will be kept to 3 items – givings, budgeted givings and difference. It will be “year to date” not by month.
- There was flooding in Daycare once again on Monday. The downspouts were misdirected over the winter causing flooding in the kitchen.

- Gordon reminded us about the PAG challenge at Vestry. Three or four will be added in the next few weeks but more are needed.

Ministry Areas

Social

- Twenty-two people have committed to the upcoming Theatre Night.

Service

- John reported that Outreach has new members and met last weekend . There is lots of enthusiasm.

Administration

- A design has been selected for the new processional cross. It will be dedicated May 28 – Heritage Day and Cemetery Decoration Day.
- The curio cabinet glass will be installed tomorrow.
- Dee asked whether the jug that was dug up when the new hall was begun could be displayed. Yes it can. A committee will prepare the displays.
- Carl asked about Screening. We were told that one member of the committee could not continue.

Finance

- There is a Finance meeting coming up this month.
- The Car Rally for fundraising is being planned by Gordon.
- The figures from Alan for March are good.

Worship

- The next committee meeting will be May 8.
- We have a problem with enough servers over Easter.

Pastoral Care

- The New Members Breakfast is being planned for May.

Education

- The Nursery and Sunday School have been slow.
- An Easter presentation is being worked on.
- A Bell Ringing Schedule is being made.
- Bob and Deirdre met with Ena to discuss the library. They are organizing a book sale.
- David asked about the Youth. John answered that Jonathan is frustrated by the huge fluctuation in numbers. Other than that it is going well. Bishop Poole has taken notice of Jonathan's talents.

Communications

- The Web Site had 945 hits in March.
- April 30 is the next Newsletter deadline.
- The flyer for Easter is in the mail.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 2
7 P.M.