

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
February 7, 2006**

Present: Bruce Neville, Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Kim James (Chair), Elizabeth Morton, Gordon Morton, Cobina Price-Jones, Carl Kinzinger, Alan Whike, Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), Heather Sabbagh, Deirdre Fowler, Dee McEnaney, Karen Carley.

John Stephenson opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the January 10, 2006 Meeting

- Gordon Morton moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Cobina Price-Jones 2nd. All in favour as amended.

Business Arising

- Gordon inquired as to Madeline Elm's condition. John reported that Peter Elms has been ill also. He has been dehydrated and not eating well. Madeline is now in Headwaters and non-responsive when John visited.

New Business

Baptismal Policy

- The document prepared by the Baptismal Committee was presented.
- Cobina asked if there was any flexibility on dates for the performing of Baptisms.
- A. There is some "wriggle room." The fact that preparation is necessary must be explicit. There is preparation for adults also.
- The Policy will be posted on the Web Site under "ceremonies."
- It has been considered keeping the committee together for further work on a Marriage Policy and Mission Statement.
- We need an explicit statement of baptismal preparation.
- With corrections the policy will be presented to Vestry.
- Bruce moved acceptance. Gordon 2nd. All in favour.

Budget 2006

- The proposed budget for 2006 was presented by Alan Whike.
- Q.Dee questioned the item of catering in the 2005 figures. The amount stated (\$185.00) does not seem sufficient for all the work done by the women of the parish over the year.
- A. Funerals go under Donations and other catering appears under social. Could there be some explanation in the narrative budget?
- Alan presented the Financial Statement and pointed out that we have paid down about \$25,000 of the principal on the mortgage last year.
- Copies of the Statement will be available for Vestry on Sunday.
- Carl made the point that this shows us with assets of one million, but in reality the property belongs to the Diocese.
- Carl, as a member of the Fund Raising Committee, made a request at this time for ideas.

Diocese Church Rationalization

- The G.T.A. has changed. We have to be careful of our resources. Some parishes have been helped to limp along. Hard decisions have to be made. There are approximately 25

churches that will close, but also those that will be built. Several churches in our Deanery are affected.

- At the Clericus meeting today it was decided that within the next month all churches are asked to discuss our goals, strengths and challenges. We are asked to collect the data to arrive at a statement of where we see the general health of our parish.
- It was suggested that we have a separate meeting. There would not be sufficient time to conduct our other business during a regular meeting. It was decided to meet on **Saturday, March 25 from 9-11 am.** Copies of the Parish Profile and the Visioning Planning Document will be sent to everyone. John will prepare a list of questions.

Management of Vestry

- Carl should talk about fund raising at Vestry.
- Stewardship should be talked about.

Incumbent's Report

Worship

- We have three new servers.
- The Children's Choir has sung once this month. Carol Armstrong and Helen Swinden are doing a wonderful job with the children.
- John will be preaching on Stewardship this week.
- We still need Chairs for Chancel, Sidespersons, Outreach and Communications.
- We are still looking for a Warden.

Education

- There are three candidates for confirmation.
- Two couples are preparing for Baptism.
- The DaVinci Code discussion group continues.
- Our tour of Toronto churches was very successful.

Pastoral Care

- Madeline Elms continues to be monitored.
- Karen Payne, daughter of Norm and Lois Taylor died this week. They have gone to Vancouver for the funeral.
- The trip for Karen and Desiree to bring the Matchoko family to Canada was successful. This was a wonderful ministry to bring them here.

Warden's Report

- Bob Williams has been given the "go ahead" to establish the St. James Seniors Drop-in Centre. They will meet each Friday in the Parish Hall from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. for a light lunch and socializing.
- The Caledon Inn has offered coupons for our parishioners for \$1.00 off for their Sunday Brunch. This will be sent out with other coupons from advertisers in our directory.
- We would like to find suitable gifts for our confirmands.
- We are now able to have 2 Synod members and 2 alternates.
- We are looking into barricades to keep people out of inappropriate areas when there are social events going on.

Ministry Areas

Social

- The next Theatre Night is March 4. Twenty-seven people have signed up to attend.

Service

- Nothing to report.

Property

- Gordon has contacted a company in London for repair of the storm window on the west stained glass window. The intention was to use plexiglas.
- Paul Kuster recommended laminated glass. Gordon will call Paul to discuss this.

Worship

- The Worship Committee met on January 24. Christmas was reviewed and Easter and Lent were planned.

Pastoral Care

- The New Members Committee will meet tomorrow night.

Education

- The Nursery has been slow lately – also the Sunday School.
- The Pancake Supper is February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Communications

- There was an article and picture in the newspapers about the Sunday School Penny Drive.
- The Newsletter deadline is Sunday.

Bulletin Board

- February 11 Mystery Dinner
- Emphasis on Stewardship continues
- February 12 Vestry
- February 12 Chamber Concert
- February 14 John Stephenson is away for 10 days.
- February 18 Men's Breakfast
- February 19 Morning Prayer
- February 28 Shrove Tuesday
- March 1 Ash Wednesday
- March 4 Theatre Night
- April 1 Area Ministry Day at St. Brides
- April 13-16 Holy Week
- April 23 Confirmation at the Cathedral

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 7
7 P.M.