

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
June 6, 2006**

Present: Bruce Neville, Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Cobina Price-Jones (Chair), Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), Deirdre Fowler, Robin Holder, Bob Williams, Heather Sabbagh, Karen Carley, Gordon Morton.

Regrets: Carl Kinzinger, Kim James, Dee McEnaney

John Stephenson opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the May 2, 2006 Meeting

- Karen Carley moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Bruce Neville 2nd.
- Passed

Business Arising

- The Daycare sale was cancelled.
- The couches are still downstairs. It was suggested that a pick-up truck be used to take them to the Restore. Cobina will ask Irene Stephenson if Denis would be willing to use his truck.
- The brochure developed by Heritage was wonderful
- Planting by the Sunday School went well.
- Linda Moon put window boxes on the church porch.

New Business

- John S. attended a LHIN local meeting. (Local Health Integrated Networks) Our health care is being revolutionized. John was the only clergy present. This is a great opportunity for citizens to have input in formulating policy.
- The Cemetery Committee will convene the Corn Roast on September 10. Jonathan will be asked to participate with the youth. Sunday School will peel corn.
- Tomorrow night is the information session for Israel.
- The Worship Committee wants to go ahead with the Blessing of the Animals. It will be October 1 at 3 pm. John would like help. We need advertising, invitations and coffee hour for pets. Heather will write an article. Bob Williams and Karen Carley offered to help.
- The population forecast for the town is being presented Monday night at 7:30 at the Complex. There is no accommodation for social or seniors housing. By 2021 growth in Caledon East will be finished. As a church we should be interested in social measures.
- None of the current members of the Fund Raising Committee will take responsibility for the Silent Auction this year. New people are needed for this committee – also new ideas. A request should be placed in the bulletin for volunteers. We are not living up to the fund raising obligations in the budget. This committee (Advisory Board) should not have to deal with ideas. These should come from the Fund Raising Committee.
- As an institution, we must meet specific requirements in regards to safety and health. John has purchased 2 safety kits to be placed in the kitchen and in the church.

Bulletin Board

- June 10 – C. S. Lewis and His World of Narnia.

- June 11: Dr. Ian Storey, Guest preacher; Sunday School Presentation; Parish Picnic.
- June 17: Diocese of Toronto – Financial Synod.
- July 23: Patronal Feast.
- John’s vacation: June 25 (Rev. Mary Ranger); August 6 (TBA); August 13 (Morning Prayer – Jonathan Massimi, preacher); August 20 (Rev. Claire Wade).
- August 25: Massimi/Milley Wedding
- Sept. 10: Episcopal Visit and Annual Corn Roast and Contemporary Service Resumes
- Sept. 23: Car Rally
- Oct. 1: Blessing of the Animals (3:00 pm).

Incumbent’s Report

- This was a heavy month for illness, death and hospital visits. Two people not from the church but from the wider community were visited in hospital.
- The Karen Payn memorial service was a tremendous support for the Taylor family..
- We had a successful Heritage Day and Cemetery Day. Thanks to John Carley for the holder on the Chancel wall to hold the new processional cross.
- It is a problem when Sidespersons and Readers do not show up when they are on duty. Gordon suggested a call from the chair of the appropriate committee in the following week to those who have missed, asking if there was a problem.
- Sariana presented a great report from the Youth Synod.
- Valerie Jones, Carol Armstrong and Norm Taylor are all healing wonderfully.
- The Vision Documentary on St. Stephen’s in the Fields is vicious. The diocese is looking into legal action... People should be assured that there are 2 sides to the story.

Warden’s Report

- We have set a number of priorities for maintenance jobs. It is crucial to keep up our properties. They are:
 - Exhaust fan in the Daycare Kitchen
 - Fence for St. James House
 - North Window storm and repair of Judge window
 - Back lawn at the rectory
- The Demographics workshop was postponed. It will hopefully be held next week.
- John mentioned the broken oven door. It needs to be replaced. Dee is looking after this.

Ministry Areas

Social

- Dee sent a message reminding that people should not take church items away for private use.

Service

- Nothing to report. An Outreach meeting will be held at 9 am next Saturday.

Administration

- We are now using the new Processional Cross.
- A heritage brochure was produced for Heritage Sunday.
- We are in need of new green antependia.
- The records have been sorted and recorded in the basement.

Finance

- We have \$300 in the bank. Daycare has not paid \$5700 yet. Therefore we are on budget.
- There have been many requests for envelopes in the last few months.
- Some new members have requested PAR.

Property

- Extractor Fan for Daycare. There was an old quote that will need to be updated. Ducting is what will be difficult.
- Fence for St. James House. Measurements have been taken and are in the process of being priced.
- North Window. McCauslands were asked for a quote. It was twice the amount of Edward's quote. Gordon will recommend Edward's to the wardens. The possibility was raised of asking descendants for contributions to the expense.
- Lawns. The Bells have sent a quote on topsoil and seed of \$700 to \$800 for the rectory lawn. A crew is needed for the work.

Worship

- No report.

Pastoral Care

- Thanks were expressed by Heather to those who helped to make the Newcomers Breakfast such a success. There were 25 people from all 3 services and they were appreciative. John thanked Heather for all her work and for those who helped.

Education

- Thirty-four tickets have been sold for the picnic next week.
- Sunday School will do a presentation in the church next Sunday.
- People have been asking questions about the library which is encouraging.
- Bev deSavigny will not be teaching next year, and Wendy McLeod is in doubt. We will need new teachers.

Communication

- The web-site is tailing off at about 850 hits.
- Two newcomers, John & Ann Neidre have offered to help with newspaper ads.

John issued thanks to Joe Campbell, Alan Keyes and Alan Bracken for their work in the cemetery on Saturday.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 12
7 P.M.