

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
October 3, 2006**

Present: Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, Cobina Price-Jones, Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), Robin Holder, Heather Sabbagh, Dee McEnaney, Kim James (Chair), Alan Whike, Carl Kinzinger, Jonathan Massimi, Bruce Neville, Diedre Fowler, Bob Williams.

John Stephenson opened the meeting with a reading from Oswald Chambers followed by prayer.

Minutes of the September 12, 2006 Meeting

- Carl Kinzinger moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Bruce Neville 2nd.
- Passed

Business Arising

- There have been two responses already to the ad that has been placed for an organist.

New Business

- A **Demographic Study** presentation was made by Bruce Neville.
- A demographic workbook was received from the Diocese – part of a study analyzing every parish in the diocese. We were asked to put together a team to do a study that should be shown to the general congregation.
- Bruce passed out copies of our study. He was complimented on it, particularly the clarity and asked what his next action will be.
- The wardens are working on a survey for the congregation – what they are pleased with and what they would like to see changed. It is very detailed in order to see what the people of this parish want in terms of worship services and practices.
- What results were there from the Stewardship program run in the spring? There has been some increase in treasure and some new volunteers. The results were below expectations.
- There has been no feedback from the warden's letter sent out last week.
- Is it appropriate to present the report in church? Yes – we should give careful thought to the best Sundays to present it. Advent might be a good time.
- How should we engage congregation members? Should we have every member visitations?
- Do we have goals? Yes. John passed out "Forward to the Future" letter from last spring. A committee needs to be struck to discuss our goals and find ways to facilitate them.

- **Youth presentation** by Jonathan Massimi.
- Jonathan is entering his third year here. This year he is working to establish a structure for an ongoing Youth Ministry.
- He distributed an outline of purpose, makeup of attendees and values.
- There will now be an Alpha course for youth on Sunday mornings and a special event once a month.

- **Scheduling.** John noted that everything must be scheduled on the calendar. There have been problems with cleanup after events. When we have our own events we must clean up after ourselves. Because the premises are being used all the time, things must be put away.

- **Service Schedule.** Bob Williams moved that we should have our Remembrance Day service on November 12, at the discretion of Dr. Stephenson. 2nd Bruce Neville. Passed. One abstention.
- All Saints, on November 5, will involve 3 baptisms, the lighting of remembrance candles and guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. David Neelands.

Incumbent's Report

- We had 4 weddings in 3 weeks in September.
- The Bishop visited the Sunday of our Corn Roast and seemed to love being here.
- Harvest Home was again a small crowd this year.

- The Blessing of the Animals was a great first attempt. John was disappointed that only about 10 of our own people came. Thanks to all who worked for this service.
- Volunteers are still an issue. There are not enough.
- For All Saints, November 5, David Neelands will be our guest.
- The Remembrance Day observation will again be held. John will check with other parishes to see when they plan to hold their service.
- The Prayer Workshop is starting tomorrow night. Adult education is crucial for the health of the parish.
- A decision on the Israel trip is being decided on this week.
- Baptismal preparation is ongoing. This and marriage preparation are very time consuming.
- John has been asked to chair the Spiritual Care Committee at Headwaters Hospital.
- We continue to get many visitors at services.
- We give thanks for the health of Cathy Lacey who we have been praying for.
- Lauren Gator, the newborn we prayed for, is able to be baptized November 5.
- John expressed his feeling of being burdened by the Toronto Star article this week about the performance of a same sex marriage in a Toronto Anglican church.

Warden's Report

- The chairs of all committees, after their meetings or events, need to put away chairs, tables and make sure lights are out and doors locked.
- We have had the offer of air conditioning for the church. We need to obtain quotes.
- For the budget next year we need to set aside 10% of all rental income for maintenance.
- We are going to have a large bulletin board to list all of the activities in the week going on at the church premises.
- Cobina is helping Sandra Morrison with the Shop and Support program.
- The sound system has been assessed and some of the microphones need to be replaced.
- In communication – all articles for the newspapers must go through Heather.
- The wardens met with Diana Trainor on Saturday to go over her role as sexton.

Ministry Areas

Finance

- Alan passed out figures and a chart.
- We are down substantially and if this continues we will be in serious trouble by the year end.

Property

- Edwards Glass removed the Judge window and installed the frame on the North window. The glass for this is being tempered. Within 2 months we should have this finished. The Judge window won't be back until the New Year. The Sunday School will be making a window to go in this spot in the meantime.
- We need a general clean-up. A Men's Breakfast should be held with the work being done afterwards.
- Gordon also reported on the Car Rally. Eight vehicles participated. Seven returned for dinner and the results. It was enjoyed by all and is planned to be run again on September 29, 2007. \$470.00 was raised. Thanks to Dee and Phil McEnaney who donated the food for dinner.

Social

- The Players and chef have been booked for February 10, 2007, for the Mystery Dinner.

Because of the lateness of the hour, it was decided to forgo the remaining reports.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 7
7 P.M.