

Vestry Meeting
February 4, 2007 St. James Hall

44 Parishioners were in attendance.

1. The Rev. Dr. John Stephenson opened the meeting with prayer at 12:25 pm.
2. Ruth Sowrey was appointed Vestry Clerk.
3. Karen Carley moved acceptance of the agenda. 2nd Dee McEnaney. Carried.
4. George Judge moved acceptance of the minutes of the February 12, 2006 Vestry meeting. 2nd Jim Cassell. Carried.

Karen Carley moved acceptance of the minutes of the special vestry of March 26, 2006. 2nd Diane Allengame. Carried.

5. Dr. Stephenson pointed out the Pastoral letters inserted in the Vestry Reports and recommended them for private reading.

6. Reports

Incumbent's Report

Dr. Stephenson presented his report. Bruce Neville moved acceptance. 2nd Bob Williams.

Q. Bob Waller asked how Baptism had been handled this year.

A. All candidates went through an education program. John listed all the candidates involvement or activity in the church.

Q. Was anyone refused?

A. No.

The Incumbents Report was passed.

Warden's Report

The Report was presented by Robin Holder.

Dee McEnaney moved acceptance. 2nd Debra Quarrington.

Q. Dee asked how many in the parish support "Shop and Support"

A. Eight families regularly.

Q. Gordon Morton asked about the results of the challenge issued last year for PAR support.

A. This will appear in the envelope report.

Q. Shona Sibbald asked if we are securing Jonathan for a longer stay.

A. Jonathan is moving on to other things. We will lose him in June.

The report was passed.

Envelope Secretary's Report

The report was presented by Neil Price-Jones. He pointed out the disparity between April and August – from high to low. One quarter of our revenue comes in the last month due to Christmas. In answer to Gordon, we did not make the challenge.

Bob Waller moved acceptance. 2nd Jim Cassell.

Q. Gordon wondered if there would be a change in givings if all were on PAR.

A. Neil is not convinced it would be more.

Heather Sabbagh encouraged people to participate in PAR. It is unnecessarily hard on the wardens and finance people waiting for money to come in December. She thanked Neil for his work. This was followed by a round of applause.

John Stephenson commented that this was not a unique pattern of giving in churches but we should attempt to move away from it.

The report was passed.

Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Alan Whike.

Howard Jones moved acceptance. 2nd Anne Allengame.

Q. How much of the mortgage is left?

A. Approximately \$425,000. We still owe \$12,500 to Trinity.

Q. Was the bank loan paid at the end of the year?

A. Yes.

Q. John Swinden inquired to the health of Trinity today.

A. They have about 20 committed parishioners and a priest for a limited time each week. The Diocese wants to hold on because it is in a crucial spot for growth.

Q. Gordon Morton asked if we were again in financial difficulties and have to defer payment to Trinity, what other obligations do we have?

A. Alan would disappoint the bank before Trinity.

The report was passed.

7. Consideration of the Budget for 2007

Alan presented a Narrative Budget prepared by John Swinden.

Howard Jones moved acceptance. 2nd Bob Williams.

Q. Margo Young wondered whether they (parishioners) could consider what % they could increase their givings.

A. Bruce Neville said that best practice is 2% of gross income. We are getting less than 1%. People should look at their tax return and consider whether they are giving appropriately. Alan said we should give enough to eliminate the necessity of fund raising. Bruce added if we were getting 2% we wouldn't need fund raising.

Bob Waller thought we should pass the budget and discuss givings and fund raising under "New Business."

Q. Jim Cassell asked about insurance coverage.

A. Yes, we insure all our properties and the tenants in St. James House and Daycare have their own contents insurance.

Q. Are we breaking even on St. James House?

A. There is a hidden benefit. When the tenants arrived it was a mess. They have vastly improved the house at very little cost to us. We are doing well at \$900 a month and no headaches.

All were in favour of the budget.

Property Manager's Report

The report was presented by Gordon Morton.

Acceptance moved by Bob Waller. 2nd Howard Jones.

It was felt that the Property Report should be done separately next year.

All were in favour.

Reports

Duncan Quarrington moved acceptance. 2nd Carl Kinzinger. Carried.

Cemetery Report

The report was presented by Ruth Sowrey.

Acceptance was moved by Diane Allengame. 2nd Marg Forbes.

Q. John Swinden asked if government forms were up to date.

A. Yes

There will be a grave opened in a few months for Helen Howard who died this week.

All were in favour.

Appointment and Election of Officers

Diane Allengame is the new Deputy Warden.

Moved by Bob Waller, 2nd John Swinden.

We must now find an Envelope Secretary to step into Neil's spot.

All in favour.

New Business

It was moved by Robin Holder and 2nd Howard Jones to reopen the agenda to add items. Passed.

➤ Bob Waller added the discussion to increase givings.

Margo Young moved that members of the congregation consider increasing their givings. 2nd Eric McNeice.

Anne Allengame said it should be communicated to the whole congregation, not just those who are present.

16 were in favour. 6 opposed. Carried.

➤ Diane Allengame commented on last fall's survey.

42 out of 125 were returned. People felt that they liked the number, time and type of services we were having. The answers are being posted on the bulletin board and are being used by the selection committee to help choose a new incumbent. Please make input to the Selection Committee in a timely fashion.

Q. Shona Sibbald wondered whether there was positive comment in the survey about maintenance.

A. Yes. Bruce mentioned there were plans for a raffle to fund raise for repair of the facilities.

➤ Motion 1 – as per handout.

Moved by John Stephenson. 2nd Dee McEnaney. Carried.

➤ Motion 2 – as per handout.

Moved by John Stephenson. 2nd Bruce Neville. Unanimously approved.

Robin presented Karen Carley with a bouquet of carnations. Karen thanked Vestry. She feels she grew herself through the four years and encouraged others to also serve. She also thanked her husband John, who stands behind her and does so much.

➤ Motion 3 – as per handout.

Moved by John Stephenson. 2nd Bob Waller. Unanimous.

➤ Motion 4 – as per handout.

Karen moved to have Neil Price-Jones added to the list. 2nd Jim Cassell. Unanimous.

Carl Kinzinger moved to adjourn at 2:20 pm. 2nd Howard Jones.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Vestry Meeting
December 9, 2007 St. James Church

The meeting took place immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service in the church.
59 parishioners present.

Bruce Neville presented the motion.

Resolved that St. James Anglican Church Caledon East accept donated shares as receiptable charitable donations and that such shares may be sold and the proceeds deposited to St. James Anglican Church bank or investment accounts as directed by the churchwardens.

2nd Carl Kinzinger.

Q. Eric McNiece questioned whether keeping stock would be of more financial benefit.
A. Bruce answered that the Finance Committee had thoroughly discussed this and decided “no.”

Motion carried.