

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting  
November 6 2007**

**Present:** Cobina Price-Jones (chair), Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), Heather Sabbagh, Bruce Neville, Carl Kinzinger, Diane Allengame, Robin Holder, Debra Quarrington.

Bruce Neville opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes of the October 2, 2007 Meeting**

- Bruce Neville moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Debra Quarrington 2nd.
- Passed.

**Business Arising**

- The Rectory lease has been signed.
- The sale of paperbacks has started.
- Four attended the Magnetic Church Conference and came back with lots of good ideas.
- John Heighton has agreed to chair a spring fund raiser.
- An \$8000 cheque was received for Adopt-a-Road.
- The downstairs bathroom at the rectory will hopefully be fixed before Christmas.
- Joanne (Theology student) has been a wonderful addition to the 9:30 services. Unfortunately she will only be here a short time.

**New Business**

- A parishioner has suggested a railing for the front entrance walkway and stairs and offered to pay for it.
- Discussion as to placement and style ensued and it was felt that it should be tasteful and in keeping with the appearance of the church.
- Bruce will pursue manufacturers and more information.

**Incumbent's Report**

- Wendy is away this week.
- In her stead, Bruce reported that he and Wendy attended a pre synod meeting. Finances were discussed and at Synod on November 17, a new Suffragan Bishop will be elected.
- Wendy is planning a video presentation in place of the sermon on the 18<sup>th</sup>, to be followed by a Q.A. and I. session.

**Warden's Report**

- Only Diane was able to make the warden's meeting last week. There are no big items to report.
- Carl asked whether the chart on Advisory Board membership had been started to be worked on. No – it probably won't happen before Christmas. Carl feels it is the responsibility of the Advisory Board and not the rector alone.
- The Men's Breakfast was very successful. A good number turned out and a lot of work was accomplished. The large dead pine tree near the Daycare entrance was felled and prompted discussion of setting up a team for felling trees as a fund raiser.

**Ministry Areas**

**Service**

- The Advent Tree is upcoming. There will be a story in the Newsletter.
- The Sunday School will be doing a penny drive again.

**Finance**

- See report received from Neil.

- Diane spoke to her idea of “Friends of St. James”, with a separate targeted address list of past members, or those who were married or baptized here as a source of fund raising.
- We are fortunate to have a wonderful Finance Committee and all are very hard working.

### **Worship**

- We had our first meeting with Wendy and planned through Christmas.
- There will be three services on Christmas Eve. The time has changed slightly for the Children’s Service – 5 pm instead of 5:30.
- The Remembrance Day service will start at 10:55 to accommodate the silence at 11:00.
- The Sunday after Christmas will be a service appropriate for the end of the year and the beginning of a new year – “Memories and Dreams.”
- Diane made a request for regular parishioners to attend the 2 early services on Christmas Eve because they are largely attended by visitors and it would be nice to welcome them. Also it would be helpful to have people familiar with the services and practices.

### **Pastoral Care**

- One meeting has been held in the parish concerning the Magnetic Church Conference and further are to be held. Changes will be forthcoming.

### **Communications**

- Youth material is needed for the website – also a word from Wendy.
- Donna is preparing the Advent Newsletter. Unfortunately colour printing is too expensive.
- Diane will do the letter for “Friends of St. James” and it will be in colour.
- Diane is also preparing the Christmas Flyer.

Carl asked if the Vestry date was chosen. No it hasn’t been.

### **Bulletin Board**

- Youth Spaghetti Dinner – 6 pm. November 14, 2007
- Theatre Night – November 17
- Carol and Hymn Sing – November 25
- Bishop Poole’s next visit – April 20, 2008

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8:50 pm.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 4, 2007**  
**7 P.M.**