

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
October 2 2007**

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Heather Sabbagh, Bruce Neville, Carl Kinzinger, Diane Allengame, Deirdre Fowler, Robin Holder, Bob Williams.

The Rev. Wendy Moore opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Meeting

- Bruce Neville moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Bob Williams 2nd.
- Passed.

Business Arising

- The Trust Committee of the Diocese has approved the lease of the rectory. The lease will be signed next week.

Incumbent's Report

- Wendy asked our prayers for Darian Sibbald, who has undergone surgery this week.
- Youth – Sariana Sabbagh will be the Youth Leader with Adam Neville as assistant. Wendy met with her today and is pleased to be bringing leaders up from within. Joanne, a theological student from Wycliffe, was a welcome surprise addition. She has wonderful musical talents and is encouraging the youth to participate in music. She cannot be with us always, but will be a wonderful addition when able.
- A fundraiser was suggested for the youth. The congregation is asked to bring in books and paperbacks . A basket will be put out with suggested prices.
- A section on the website was requested for the youth.
- Molly Bince will be baptized in November.
- For November 11 we need to decide how to handle the 11 am. start of the service.
- The Magnetic Church conference is being held in Aurora on October 26, 27. It is worthwhile to attend.
- A session of Questions, Answers and Ideas will be presented after the 11 o'clock service.
- The website Outreach Canada has a good questionnaire to help us decide where we want to head.

Warden's Report

- The Wardens met last week.
- They are working on saving on the money to be paid to the Diocese in future allotment payments.
- There is a desperate need for fundraising. It is too late to do this fall. We should be working on a spring event.
- A PAR campaign is needed.
- The formation of a group "Friends of St. James" is suggested. It would be for peripheral people to encourage them to contribute yearly.
- A Men's Breakfast will be held October 27. The pile of topsoil and a general clean up will be done.
- We still have to submit the police forms.
- Adopt-a-Road needs to be revitalized and notice made for the fall clean up.
- The Remembrance Day service will be coordinated with the Heritage Committee. Carl asked for a member to be at the worship meeting next week.

Ministry Areas

Social

- Theatre Night is November 17. The usual pot luck dinner will be beforehand.
- The Mystery Dinner will be held February 16. Set up will be on the 15th.

Service

- The position of chair for Outreach and Mission needs to be filled. Wendy asked for recommendations. Please keep it in mind and bring back names to the next meeting. A job description should be formulated and Cobina will put it on the website. Could we ask people for recommendations rather than asking directly for a volunteer.
- Wendy would like a Wedding Assistant to help with the details of weddings.
- The wardens and rector should sit down and discuss the make up of the Board and report back.

Finance

- See report received from Neil.
- The Finance Committee met last Friday. John Swinden composed a synopsis and suggested it should be presented to the congregation. Diane will be composing a letter.

Property

- Bruce reported that there are still a couple of things to be done at the rectory.
- Some kind of public acknowledgement should be made to John Carley, Gordon Morton, Alan White and Travis Fowler. The Sunday of October 28 will be an Appreciation Sunday.

Worship

- The Worship Committee will be meeting with the new rector next week. Carl particularly wants the heads of committees to be present.

Pastoral Care

- Heather would like to regroup the Newcomer's Committee under a new name.

Education

- Claire Olorenshaw has successfully taken over the Sunday School. More new teachers are needed.
- The Nursery has had several volunteers.
- Bob Williams asked whether the Sunday School would like the old television downstairs – yes.
- The search for S.S. teachers should be included with the other search.

Communications

- The website hits were down this month.
- Cobina will facilitate the rector's email.

Bruce mentioned that the light was bothersome from the south windows at the 9:30 service in the hall. John Heighton is looking into blinds.

Bulletin Board

- Worship Committee – October 9
- Wendy's Induction – October 21, 2007
- Men's Breakfast – October 27
- Bishop Poole's next visit – April 20, 2008

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8:40 pm.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 2007
7 P.M.