

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
April 1, 2008

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), the Rev. Wendy Moore, Diane Allengame, Carl Kinzinger, Irma Proctor, Dee McEnaney, Karen Carley, Stephen Smith, Robin Holder, Bruce Neville.

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the March 4, 2008 Meeting

- Karen Carley moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Dee McEnaney.
- Passed

Business Arising

- None

New Business

- None

Incumbent's Report

- Joanne Redhead would like to continue to work with us. She does not want any salary.
- A "Come and See" Sunday is planned for September, the same day as the Corn Roast. All the ministries would have a display for people's information and for recruiting.
- The Caledon Ministerial is planning a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Tables for six can be sponsored for \$120.00. The sponsor would get two tickets.
- The band "Remote Control" will be entertaining for the Family Dinner.
- We hope to divide the parish into a grid. Wendy would like to see a coffee party in each grid that she could attend.
- The Palm Sunday blitz to deliver palm crosses was tremendously effective.
- Via Media starts tomorrow morning. The evening session will start next Thursday.

Warden's Report

- Bruce reported on the Warden's meeting of this past Sunday.
- There are a lot of property issues. The Fire Safety measures that were required have been taken. A student is working on a fire plan for us.
- The Seniors group received their grant. The hall is being painted. Blinds are to be put on the windows. Cupboards are to be built in the hallway, over the coat racks.
- We would like to create a youth space. The present library is being considered. The book shelves could be moved to the Alan Whike Room. Opinion seemed to be that it would make a very comfortable, attractive setting for the library. The donor of the shelves must be consulted. The need for a youth room was questioned. It was felt that everyone else had their space and that the youth should have a dedicated space. Establishing standards for the upkeep of the room were suggested.
- Wendy brought up the question of the Choir Room. The CCAC are no longer using it, so Wendy wondered whether it could become the Music Room. Joanne will be staying on with us and will need some space and there is a need for storage for the 9:30 music equipment. This seemed possible.
- In finances we are down a small amount. We did prepay the insurance for the year.
- The diocese is mounting a campaign to raise \$100 million. This will involve raising quotas.
- Planning for the spring fund raiser "Spring Fling" is underway. Tickets are \$15 each. We hope to sell 120 -150.
- Wendy would like to see an addition to the website. Buried within the site, the particular needs of an individual (no names used) would be listed. These needs could be widely variable (shopping, errands, financial, drop-in company) People could contact Wendy with their ability to respond. It could expand beyond the parish to the wider community. This could be extended through the Prayer Chain.

- A meeting was held today to institute the Prayer Chain. There was good attendance and many parishioners are interested in being part of the chain. Dee has agreed to head the chain. The initial call will start with Dee and finish with Dee so that it is guaranteed the message was circulated.
- The parish is going to be divided into a geographic grid. Wendy would like to organise a coffee party in each grid that she could attend.
- The idea for the grid came out of the Palm Sunday blitz to deliver palms. This was a tremendously effective endeavor.
- Via Media starts tomorrow morning. The evening session starts next Thursday night.

Ministry Areas

Finance

- See report received from Neil.
- Carl needs to talk to Neil about the Mystery Dinner profit.
- How much was made from the Himig Singers? Approximately \$200.00. This event was enjoyed and thought to be very worthwhile.

Social

- The next Theatre Night will be May 17. The production is “Enchanted April.”
- The new Coffee Roster for May and June is ready. Consideration must be made for the Picnic on June 8 and the “Thank You” Luncheon on June 22.

Worship

- Bishop Poole will be here April 20. We will have a regular coffee hour after the service.
- May 25 is the next Baptism. There are two candidates.
- June 8 is the Picnic. We need to find a place for it. Wendy would like to hold the Sunday service there.
- June 15 was considered for a Cemetery Day. It could be thought of as an occasional event to be held every three or five years. It will be discussed next year.
- June 22 Wendy would like to have a “Thank You” luncheon for all those who contribute to worship. (deacons, servers, readers, intercessors, choir, chancel etc.)
- October 5 will be Harvest Home and at 3pm The Blessing of Animals.
- The Festival Team is important to put in place to work on special events. They will influence music, readings, hospitality and decorations. They should be working on events well ahead of time.

Communications

- The Newsletter Deadline is April 20.
- There were 1350 hits on the website last month.
- Cobina would welcome any new photographs forwarded to her for the website.
- New pew cards have been put in place.
- Lettering has been put on the walls in the hall entrance, narthex and outside the office.

Outreach

- Irma reported that the search for a twin parish is underway. There is a St. James in Keewatin that looks interesting.
- Murray McCaddem will be here on Sunday, talking about Social Justice.

The Youth have the 30 Hour Famine this weekend.

Carl suggested we sponsor a road ourselves.

Bulletin Board

- **Bible Study—Via Media:** April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 @ 11:00 am., April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 6:00 pm.

- **30-Hour Famine** – April 4/5
- **Newsletter Deadline** – April 20
- **Young Families Dinner** – April 12
- **Bishop Poole's Next Visit** – **April 20, 2008**
- **Spring "Fun"raisor** - May 3
- **Adopt-A-Road Clean-up** – May 10
- **Theatre Night** – May 17

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
7 P.M.