

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
December 2, 2008**

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Irma Proctor, Heather Sabbagh, Debra Quarrington, Bruce Neville, Robin Holder, Carl Kinzinger.

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the November 4th, 2008 Meeting

- Bruce Neville moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Heather Sabbagh
- Passed

Business Arising

- The insurance on the rectory was questioned. The \$5000 is for the five appliances we own in the rectory.

Thank yous

- Kay Peacock for the wonderful knitted items under the Advent Tree.
- Carl's sister, Gail Clowater for the knitted toys that will appear under the Tree next week.

Incumbent's Report

- Wendy has just returned from a conference of clergy who are under Bishop Poole. There will be a "Back to Church Sunday" on September 27, 2009. There is information on the web from England where this was initiated with success. The premise is that everyone invites someone to come to church with them and offers to pick them up and bring them.
- Our estimate of our Faithworks contribution needs to be sent in. The diocese is worried about being short because of the economic situation.
- St. Bride's in Mississauga is offering a course on financial planning in difficult times. Is this something to be considered here? It is felt by some that money is the spiritual crisis of our generation.
- The clergy in Brampton are concerned about dropping attendance in the last few weeks. They blame the sales being offered in the plazas.
- The Bishop would appreciate knowing how we are doing with our budget. He wants to keep abreast of it in case of trouble.
- There is a push by the Caledon Ministerial to become incorporated as a non profit organization. There was some doubt expressed for the need of this.
- It is conceivable that we will have people in trouble in the near future because of the economy. Could we have grocery vouchers? How would Outreach like to handle this? Wendy has a discretionary fund of \$125.00. This will not go far. We need parameters – a policy. We need to help those in our own parish or area. We could set up "Working Connections" again. This has worked in the past. There are many ways we can help that don't involve handing out money. We can help in little ways. We are not CCS. The Outreach Committee could discuss this and come up with suggestions.
- \$95,000.00 was given to this area as our portion of Faithworks. This is for various ministries.
- The trip to the Holy Land for clergy is to be in 2010.
- Donations for CCS will not be collected at the St. Nicholas dinner.

Warden's Report

- The rectory floors have been fixed, a new storm door installed at the front and an electronic door opener on the garage.
- Our mortgage has been renewed as of December 1. It is at 5% (prime plus 1) variable. The payments are \$3550.00 amortized over 13 years. If we can keep up the payments and have luck with the variable it could be 11 years.

- We need to do a December appeal to members. We get approximately ¼ of our givings in December. The wardens will look into a letter.
- There will be a financial meeting next Wednesday. The 2007 statements are not final. A lot of work and documentation needs to be done before an auditor is brought in. We need to work towards this for the future.
- Bruce announced that the Nevilles will be in Caledon East for at least the next year. He is willing to take on the position of People's Warden for the remainder of Stephen's turn. Greeted with joy by all!!!

Treasurer's Report

- See report from Neil.
- We are \$8000.00 behind in regular givings.
- Thank you was expressed to Neil for the awesome job.

Ministry Areas

Social

- February is the next Theatre Night. Because of the weather, a matinee with dinner afterwards is being considered.

Communications

- Hits to the website were down – 1150.
- Donna took any parishioner's phone #'s out of the newsletter. All inquiries and information will go through the office.

Pastoral Care

- The deliveries of holly, a card and the newsletter were made on Sunday.

Hospitality

- Karen reminds us all to make sure to be welcoming to visitors and newcomers over this busy season.

Christian Education

- There is a Women's Retreat available in January. It is \$185.00. Carol Langley is facilitating. There will be a notice in the bulletin and information on the bulletin board. Carol should be asked to make an announcement this coming Sunday.
- We are booking Marion Taylor for Lent.
- Wendy has emailed Holy Blossom Temple and the mosque on 427 to inquire about visits. This would be after Easter.

Outreach

- We have received thank yous for the donations made to "Shoes for Children" and "Feeding the Children."
- The Advent Tree was put up by Anne Allengame and Pam McKinnon.
- \$100.00 will be sent to Choices before Christmas.
- "Caledon Kids" will be receiving \$150.00 from the Bridge Club.

Youth and Young Families

- Thirty-eight to forty have signed up for the St. Nicholas dinner.

New Business

- There was considerable damage done to the walls in the hall during the Robert F. Hall retreat. This has never happened in their past retreats. Ruth has spoken to Brenda Holtkamp, Chaplain at R.F. Hall, who coordinates the retreats. She was horrified and has assured that any repair expense over and above the damage deposit will be taken care of. She also hopes that this will not affect their

future use of the hall. They have been wonderful tenants in the past and this should not affect their future use.

- Bruce recommends that in the Budget for 2009 the numbers for organist and choir director be removed. It was felt that our heartfelt thanks should be expressed to Mary and Irene for the huge contribution of their time and talent.
- Wendy outlined the possibility of an Art Show as a fund raiser. Conflict with all the other craft shows and studio tours was expressed. We would have to organize well ahead to give artists a chance to accumulate sufficient work.

Bulletin Board

- **Taize** – December 7
- **Parish Family Dinner** – December 6
- **Sabbath Rest Service** – December 13
- **9:30 Healing Service/11Children's Pageant** – December 21

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.