

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
January 8, 2008**

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), Ruth Sowrey (Secretary), the Rev. Wendy Moore, Heather Sabbagh, Robin Holder, Debra Quarrington, Bob Williams, Diane Allengame, Dee McEnaney.

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the December 4, 2007 Meeting

- Bob Williams moved acceptance of the minutes.
- Robin 2nd.
- All in favour.

Business Arising

- “Hospitality of the Kingdom” workshop has been scheduled for January 19.
- The piano for the February concert is now in the Gathering Space.
- The financial information has been taken out of the bulletin.

New Business

- Bob has keys for the back door and access to the Seniors T.V. He would like the same provided to Alec Rodrigues and Donna Davies. Bob lives a distance from the church and is not always available to come to open up. Gordon should be spoken to and also asked if there is a record of who has keys. Ruth will get in touch.
- The Diocese has informed us that we have made no contribution to Faithworks for 2007. Cobina got Neil to look up the amount contributed - \$1,841.00. Wendy told us that %15 may be deducted for local outreach.

Incumbent’s Report

- Wendy expressed thanks to all those who had contributed to the Christmas services.
- For a first time the Posada went quite well. About 15 households participated. The Carol Sing is worth trying again with more advance notice. As far as the Christmas Services were concerned, Heather felt that the Deacons and Servers should be informed a week before of any different expectations. Although we did the same promotion this year, the externals were different and the numbers were disappointing. The Baptist church has opened their new facility and the United Church has a minister they enjoy.
- Wendy recommended that the early Children’s service be an Evensong, not a Eucharist. This idea was received positively.
- A number of pastoral visits have been made. No one wanted home Communion for Christmas. Some counseling has been done.
- There have been two baptisms.
- The Caledon Ministerial is planning a Mayor’s breakfast for May 7th.
- A board meeting was attended for Choices. Future vision was discussed.
- The ‘Hospitality’ workshop is underway in planning. Phone lists were handed out so all the congregation will be notified. Wendy has asked people to bring in material from other churches. (brochures, newsletters etc.)
- The Worship Music Team will be meeting next Thursday. These will be people who will help out with the 9:30 service. This is not an every week commitment.
- In education, we will be studying Matthew in January on Wednesday mornings. In Lent, starting February 13, it will be “The Rule of Life.” At 9:30 on Sundays, we are going to tackle some tough issues in the near future.
- Wendy will attend two workshops in January and February. The first is Youth Leadership and the second Church Planters.
- The Screening is taking place to try to meet the Diocesan deadline.

Warden's Report

- The Logo Team is meeting tomorrow night. This is to try to establish consistency in all published materials and an identifiable "look" for St. James. Terry Frost has expressed a willingness to be involved.
- An additional Deputy Warden will be added this year. The present Wardens will stay on another year for consistency for Wendy.
- C.C.A.C. will be leaving the Leon Read Room as of March 31.
- Our cost for accountancy will increase because of upgrading our audits to meet Diocesan standards.
- The transfer of stocks went smoothly in December. Because of this the donor is considering doing it yearly.
- We ended the year in the black and have money in the bank.
- The Budget will be ready two weeks before Vestry and a pre-vestry will be held to discuss it.

Ministry Areas

Social

- The next Theatre Night will be held February 23rd.
- Tickets for the Mystery Dinner are now on sale.

Finance

- See report received from Neil.

Property

- Diane reported that Margo Young offered to get anything for us at wholesale for interiors.
- Dee asked if consideration had been given to cleaning the chandeliers. Also some of the "candles" have blackened and should be checked.
- The Seniors covered the cost of carpet cleaning.

Education

- Wendy's handling of the Children's Chat is being enjoyed. Appreciation of the Pageant was also expressed along with Clair's work with the Sunday School.
- Visitors are planned to visit the Sunday School to talk about what they do in the church. (eg. Ruth and Dee)
- Different families are to be asked to take the Children's Chat for a Sunday.

Communications

- The deadline for the next newsletter is January 20.

Bulletin Board

- Bible Study – The Gospel According to Matthew – January 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:00 am.
- Workshop – "The Hospitality of the Kingdom of God" – January 19, 2008
- Friday Night at the Movies – February 1 – "The Gospel According to Matthew"
- February 3 – Pancake Breakfast in the Hall between 9 – 11 am.
- Bible Study – Lenten Series: The Rule of Life and Other Things – February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12 at 11:00 am.
- Mystery Dinner – February 16, 2008
- Annual Vestry – February 24, 2008
- Friday Night at the Movies – February 29 – Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth"
- Bishop Poole's next visit – April 20, 2008

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2008
7 P.M.