

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
June 3, 2008**

This meeting took place at the home of Karen Carley.

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Diane Allengame (Secretary), Irma Proctor, Dee McEnaney, Karen Carley, Robin Holder, Stephen Smith, Debra Quarrington, Heather Sabbagh, Ruth Sowrey.

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the May 6, 2008 Meeting

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

Business Arising

- The weeds in the church lawn are unsightly and could get out of hand. It was suggested that weeds be pulled after the sale next Saturday.

New Business

The Fire Safety Plan is nearly done. It will require a thank you.

Warden's Report

- There are several property issues:
 - the raccoons and squirrels have been evicted.
 - the daycare door needs work.
 - landscape plan is being worked on and copies made.
- Curbs are to be sprayed
- Natalie Price-Jones will help out in the office in August.
- Database for the parish is being worked on.

Ministry Areas

Finance

- See report received from Neil.
- There is still an outstanding issue with St. James House. (double payment)
- Income is behind budget.
- The Shop & Support balance doesn't reflect the inventory of cards available for purchase.
- R.F. Hall school has expressed the intention of using the Hall again this fall.
- Expenses are close or under budget.
- A "Welcome Bag" is being worked on. Karen showed us samples.
- Two new PAR accounts have been set up.

Social

- Dee reported on the last dinner/theatre night. There will be a display in the fall for welcoming back.

Worship

- Heather brought up concerns regarding lack of servers. We need training and enthusiasm to bring in adults. Wendy suggested talking it up before September and having a sign up list in September. She would also like to try to establish a pick up/delivery service for kids.

Communications

- There were 1300+ hits on the website in May.

Pastoral Care

- The prayer chain is being well received and used.

- There has been positive feedback on the visiting Wendy has been doing.

Hospitality

- On September 14 we will have our traditional Corn Boil and BBQ. There will also be displays of all the church activities to promote them and recruit help.
- The 2009 envelopes have been ordered.
- The Blessing of the Animals in October is being worked on.
- Karen would like to know birthdays, significant anniversaries etc.

Education

- We have two additional Via Media evenings. The last night will be a pot luck dinner.
- The Book Club, noted in the Newsletter, will begin the last week of June. The first book will be “A Thousand Splendid Suns.” The selection of books will be broken up by videos.
- Irma mentioned that book club sets were available from the library.

Outreach

- The Lawn Sale will take place this coming Saturday.
- Thanks to Dee for connecting the Outreach Committee with a friend who has experience in the north. The Committee got good information.

Youth and Young Families

- A meeting was held last week.
- We were looking at September planning.
- A list of children with ages, schooling etc has been prepared.
- The Picnic and Youth Service is this Sunday. The service is planned for outside. Mary Hutton is coming to provide the music. It will be a contemporary Morning Prayer.
- Sarah Bince is going to set up a Moms and Tots music program on Wednesdays, and plans to form a Junior Choir for ages 3 and up.
- A comment was made about Christmas Eve. When it is a working day the time of the Children’s service should not be too early.
- We will hopefully be setting up a single parents group in the fall.

Incumbent’s Report

- The single Parent group is to be opened up to the community.
- The Rev. Carol Langley has been approved as our Honorary Assistant. She has recently retired from Holy Family, Brampton.
- A Marriage Co-ordinator is being sought. This is a volunteer position to work with the Bride and Groom.
- Paul Robertson spoke at the Mayors Prayer Breakfast. He has been asked to speak to us in the fall regarding parenting. It would be open to the public.
- A suggested schedule for services has been prepared and is attached. A Saturday night service is included to allow people their Sabbath rest. Discussion ensued and ideas were shared.
- Irma would like an opportunity to discuss sermons.

Bulletin Board

- **Bible Study—Via Media** - June 5 @ 6:00 pm.
- **Lawn Sale** - June 7
- **Parish Picnic** – June 8
- **Thank You Luncheon** – June 22
- **Welcome back to Sunday School Feast** – September 12
- **Come and See Sunday** – September 14

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

7:00 P.M.