

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting  
May 6, 2008**

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

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes of the March 4, 2008 Meeting**

- Bruce Neville moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dee McEnaney.
- Passed

**Business Arising**

- None

**New Business**

- A number of “thank yous” are due this month:
  1. Michelle Jones and Debra Quarrington for the organization of the Family Dinner. Approximately 50 came.
  2. John Heighton, his committee and all those who worked on the “Spring Fling”
  3. Kathy Wells for gardening.
  4. The men who spring cleaned after their breakfast.
  5. The women who spring cleaned the kitchen.

**Warden’s Report**

- We finally have the wheelchair door fixed.
- The Men’s Breakfast was held last Saturday, followed by a spring clean-up. Some raking could not be done because of the rain. The lawn was reseeded and the pews from the back of the church moved.
- June 4 – 7 (Wed – Sat) the hall is being painted. The curtains will come down to be cleaned and blinds put on the windows. A request to clean the chandeliers at the same time was made. The “blackened “candles have not been checked on. Maybe we should look into modern energy saving bulbs.
- We lost an amount of gravel in the parking lot during the winter snow plowing. We would like to tar and chip but it is difficult to get. Phil McEnaney may have a source.
- Ena Badger was delighted to have the library moved to the Whike room.
- A job description is being developed for a Maintenance Team to back Gordon up.
- We would like to develop a directory for professions of people in the parish and also their involvement in various societies, e.g. Alzheimer’s Society.
- We had a good meeting with Daycare. They have had an increase in rent because of the increase in the cost of living.
- The ladies did a remarkable job of cleaning the kitchen.

**Ministry Areas**

**Finance**

- See report received from Neil.

**Social**

- Twenty-one are scheduled to attend Theatre Night.

**Communications**

- The Newsletter is out and on the website.

### **Pastoral Care**

- The prayer chain was put into effect this week for the first time and seemed to go well.

### **Hospitality**

- Karen commented that our numbers are low and there are few new people. There is concern about our “old” people not being here. Diane wondered whether there could be a targeted message for the families who are not coming out, recognizing the busyness of life and maybe suggesting the Taize Service.
- Wendy hopes that there will be a special service starting in the fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for parents. The little ones would have their own program and the youth a special table at the Trailside Café for their own meeting.
- A ‘Come and See’ meeting with Wendy will be held to make plans.
- Michelle and Debra are working on youth and young families. Wendy picked up some great direction and reading material last week at her course and this can possibly be acted on in the fall.

### **Property**

- The roof of the church looks horrible. Can anything be done about the peeling paint? Diane will speak to Gordon about it.
- Would round tables be feasible for the hall since we rent them for many occasions? Storage would be a problem.
- The Ambry light is out. Possibly it is just the bulb.

### **Education**

- Via Media is continuing on. Unfortunately attendance at the Thursday night session dropped off after the 1<sup>st</sup> night. It has been very interesting and well received.
- A Book Club for the summer was written about in the Newsletter. There has been no response yet.
- The idea of “Chick Flicks” has also been mentioned for Fridays.
- On Saturday, May 24, there will be a lecture on Henri Nowen at L’Arche.

### **Outreach**

- On May 31, the Lawn Sale proceeds will be donated to Outreach.
- An email from Irma about our interest in twinning has been forwarded to St. James, Keewatin in Kenora.

### **Youth and Young Families**

- Debra reported that many comments came out of the family dinner. These are going to the Task Force via Michelle.
- Michelle and Debra intend to contact families to compile data – e.g. Birthdays, where young people are in their schooling, milestones.

### **Incumbent’s Report**

- A letter has been received from Bishop Poole asking when he could come again. He was so well received it would be good to have him on an occasion to mix with a family or youth event.
- Come and See Sunday is planned for September 14. A meeting with Karen is planned for this week to discuss it.
- On September 12, Wendy would like to have a meal to welcome children back to Sunday School.
- Wendy will be on holiday for July. She would like a young person to assist for the month of August. Ruth will be off for this month. It means the office will not be closed in the summer.
- The concern for attendance continues.
- Is there something we could do for mothers and daughters? Would Mothering Sunday be appropriate? This will be under hospitality.
- It would be good to have a celebration of St. Nicolas day in Advent for grandparents.

## **Bulletin Board**

- **Bible Study—Via Media:** May 7, 14, 21 @ 11:00 am., 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 6:00 pm.
- **Adopt-A-Road Clean-up** – May 10
- **Theatre Night** – May 17
- **Welcome back to Sunday School Feast** – September 12
- **Come and See Sunday** – September 14

The meeting closed with the Grace.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**This will be a barbecue at Bruce Neville's.**  
**Wardens will provide the burgers. All others please bring a salad or dessert.**