

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
November 4, 2008**

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

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the June 3rd, 2008 Meeting

- Bruce Neville moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Diane Allengame
- Passed

Business Arising

- Our insurance has been settled and filed. There is \$150,000 on the contents at the church and \$5000 for the rectory. The pianos are included in this. The organ is covered by the building insurance.

Thank yous

- Michelle Jones for the organizing of the Youth (or Intergenerational) Service this past Sunday.
- The men who did the cleanup after the Men's Breakfast on Saturday – in particular Brad Canning, Norm Taylor and Randy McLeod for felling the tree and removing the debris.
- Sarah Bince for her work with the Junior Choir and their first performance on Sunday.

Warden's Report

- Stephen Smith is resigning as a Warden. We will need two new Wardens in the New Year.
- The mortgage is to be renewed in December. It will be one year fixed.
- Elizabeth Morton has resigned as Assistant Treasurer.
- We conducted an inspection of the rectory on Sunday. The floor still has not been fixed. A fan is needed in the bathroom and kitchen. A garage door opener is to be installed. There are still two windows to be replaced and eaves troughs improved.
- The Seniors are applying for another grant. They would like to provide backsplash for the kitchen and a lockable cabinet to hold the TV in the hall.

Ministry Areas

Finance

- See report received from Neil.
- Under Parish Hall Management, we have spent a lot with Orangeville Fire to bring us up to code. A door is still needed for downstairs.

Social

- A family church supper is planned for the Feast of St. Nicholas, December 6. It will be pot luck and there will be some fun Christmas events. (eg. Christmas Jeopardy) Food and gifts for Choices will be collected. It was suggested that money be collected instead and used for Shop and Support Cards as gifts.
- Diane suggested that those who head committees should submit a report if they cannot make a meeting. Cobina will send the agenda a week ahead and Ruth will send out a reminder.

Communications

- November 16 is the deadline for the Advent Newsletter.
- The new design is up on the website. There were 1240 hits last month.

Pastoral Care

- There will be a delivery blitz on November 30 for Advent, similar to the one done on Palm Sunday. It will consist of a sprig of holly and a card. We need volunteers for driving and delivering.

Christian Education

- It is hard to get people out in the evening. Saturday morning was suggested as an alternative.
- A Women's Breakfast is a possibility. The World Day of Prayer could be thought of as a time frame for the breakfast.
- Diane thought there was an opportunity for education on the website.

Outreach

- A meeting of the committee was held and we decided on spending \$96 on Shoes for Needy Children, \$100 for Choices, \$300 on an ongoing feeding program, \$200 for Kids Caledon.
- The December 6 Family Dinner will have an Outreach offering as previously mentioned.
- We still have not heard from the North.

Youth and Young Families

- Last Sunday's Youth Service was fantastic. Many newcomers were there. With young people involved, parents, grandparents etc. come out.
- Confirmation should be considered for spring.

Sidespersons

- Rent cheques will no longer be deposited by sidespeople. This will be done by the treasurer or wardens.

Shop and Support

- Could we have 5 minutes at the beginning of the Sunday service for a Christmas Promotion? Yes.
- We need a place for the box and orders. The Davis Lounge should be used.

- The "Blue Christmas" was discussed. A different name was suggested, but the basic idea was to be carried out. A tree that people could place personal ornaments with names or specific losses on was mentioned and will be looked into. The tree that is used for the Advent gifts in the Gathering Space was suggested since the gifts will have been removed by the last Sunday of Advent.
- On December 28 there will be one service – Memories and Dreams at 11 am.

Bulletin Board

- **Sabbath Rest Service** – November 8
- **First Sunday of Advent** – November 30
- **Parish Family Dinner** – December 6
- **Sabbath Rest Service** – December 13
- **9:30 Blue Christmas Healing Service/11 Children's Pageant** – December 21

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
7:00 P.M.