

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
October 7, 2008**

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Diane Allengame, Dee McEnaney, Robin Holder, Stephen Smith, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Carl Kinzinger, Irma Proctor.

Regrets: Debra Quarrington, Heather Sabbagh, Bruce Neville

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the June 3rd, 2008 Meeting

- Irma Proctor moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Stephen Smith
- Passed

New Business

a. Thank yous

- Karen Carley for the hospitality at the Blessing of the Animals and for the work involved in the "Come and See" Sunday.

Incumbent's Report

- On the Come and See Sunday/Weekend (Friday to Sunday) 8.9% of those attending were new.
- No one came to the Single Parents dinner.
- Seven Junior Youth came out to their event and seemed to enjoy themselves.
- The Senior Youth had three for their Trailside meeting.
- After the Wednesday morning Eucharist, the book of Acts is being studied. It has been moderately received.
- Eight am Sunday has about four attendees.
- The first Sabbath Rest service had two in attendance. The next is this coming Saturday.
- Music, Mom and Me on Wednesday mornings has been well received. There are about 10 – 12.
- There were 6 for the first practice of the Junior Choir.
- Bible Study on Sunday was well attended with about 8.
- Wycliffe College is offering a course next March with Marion Taylor, an amazing lecturer. We can get it on DVD. If we can get 10 people it would be a wonderful Lenten Study. It will be about the Old Testament. If the Christian Education budget would pay ½, each person would pay approximately \$20.

Warden's Report

- There are repairs needed in the new rectory to the parquet flooring.
- Gordon has officially handed in his resignation as Property Manager. We need a team to replace Gordon. This is a big job and shouldn't be one person.
- We will be meeting with Daycare shortly.
- We have signed a winter maintenance contract with Green Day Landscaping. It will be split into 3 equal payments totaling \$1600.00.
- There will be a Men's Breakfast on November 2 and maintenance will be taken care of.
- We are buying a new photocopier with a service contract. It will be \$7212.00, plus 1.1 cent per copy for the maintenance agreement.
- Our insurance has a current value of \$20,000 for the contents of all the buildings. There is an inventory needed. There was one done a few years ago. It should be reviewed.

Ministry Areas

Finance

- See report received from Neil.
- Paul Robertson should be under Christian Education.

- Results from catering the bridge tournament are not listed.

Social

- Nineteen are coming to Theatre Night.
- If we have 15, the price goes down one dollar; with 25 two dollars.

Communications

- Hits to the website are going up again after the summer.
- Do people have trouble with contact phone numbers being published on line in the Newsletter? It was thought all inquires should go through the church office. Cobina will talk to Donna about forming a simple policy and format.
- Is it worthwhile to change the phone message for every Sunday? Can we press 3 to bypass the long recording and leave a message?

Outreach

- Faithworks needs to be discussed and publicized.
- We still haven't heard from the North about twinning.
- Wendy is on the board of The Bridge. They are looking for volunteers to go into the prisons to visit.

Bulletin Board

- **Sabbath Rest Service** – October 11
- **Youth Night** – October 11
- **Training for Servers/Deacons/readers** – October 19
- **Youth Service** – November 2
- **First Sunday of Advent** – November 30
- **Sabbath Rest Service** – December 13
- **9:30 Blue Christmas Healing Service/11Children's Pageant** – December 21

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
7:00 P.M.