

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
September 9, 2008

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Diane Allengame, Dee McEnaney, Karen Carley, Robin Holder, Stephen Smith, Debra Quarrington, Heather Sabbagh, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Carl Kinzinger, Bruce Neville, Michelle Jones.

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the June 3rd, 2008 Meeting

- Carl Kinzinger moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Debra Quarrington
- Passed

New Business

a. Thank yous

- Natalie Price-Jones for a job well done in the office for the month of August.
- Cathy Wells in the gardens.
- John Carley for the kitchen cupboards over the refrigerators.
- The Seniors for the painting of the hall and the new window blinds.
- Alan Keyes and John Carley for grass cutting in the cemetery.
- Alex White for the fire plan. (also Gordon Morton)
- Michelle and Brad Canning for moving the book shelves from the library to the White room.

b. Portable Microphone

- Wendy has ordered a new microphone and Diane can pick it up.

Youth and Young Families

- The Super Supper is well under way for this Friday evening.
- The Youth have been divided into two groups – Junior for grades 6 to 8, and senior for grades 9 to 12. The second Saturday of the month the groups will be combined for a worship service. The fourth Saturday of the month the senior group will go to the Trailside Café. They will have a topic of interest each week and will be facilitated by Erica McNeice. The Junior group will either meet at the church or have an excursion.
- The Sabbath Rest service will provide a babysitter so that parents can enjoy the service.
- We are joining with Caledon Hills Baptist Church to present two seminars this fall. They will feature Paul Robertson, a specialist on youth. He is considered a Youth Culture Specialist. The first night will be here and will be for parents – “Why They Do the Things They Do.” The second night will be at the Baptist Church for youth – “How to Use Your Head to Guard Your Heart.”
- Sarah Bince is forming a Junior Choir. They will join the regular choir for special events. Sarah is also starting a Mom’s and Tot’s music program on Wednesday mornings.
- A single parents group is to be formed. It is still unsure as to numbers and the form it will take.

Warden’s Report

- Natalie did a great job in the office this summer.
- We are searching for candidates for the positions of Warden and Property.
- We have decided to give Mary Hutton an honorarium to cover her gas expenses to travel to the healing service.
- The need for greeters was discussed, particularly a parking lot greeter. Wendy thought George Judge would be wonderful for this.
- There is excess furniture in the youth room. It was decided to give it to Linda Moon to sell. Linda will give a percentage back to the church.
- Bruce met with Gillian Boyd of the Fire Department to discuss the building. There were four things to be fixed.
- The Weedman has been contracted to fix the lawn.

- The Norway Spruce on the front lawn is in bad shape. It is on Town property, so the works department should be contacted.
- John Carley and Alan Keyes have been cutting the cemetery grass – Thank you.
- A one year lease has been written for the rectory, but the tenants intend to stay for 3 years.
- Possibly the Dorothy Plewes memorial funds can be used for the new microphone.
- The mortgage on the hall has declined under 400, 000.00 and will be renewed this fall for 15 years.
- The bell tower needs repair. An estimate has been received for 15,000. The roof is in bad shape again – peeling. Fund raising is needed for these.

Ministry Areas

Finance

- See report received from Neil.
- An additional deposit on August 31 is not recorded.
- We did not go in the red this summer.

Social

- The Credit Valley Bridge Club (120 people) need catering for 2 days at the complex. September 20, 21. Soup, sandwiches, muffins, cookies are required. Dee needs help.
- The first Theatre Night will be November 15. The production is “Sylvia”.

Worship

- There are many special dates coming up:
 Oct. 5 – Blessing of the Animals
 Nov. 2 – All Saints (a Youth Service)
 Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day
 Nov. 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 14 – Lessons and Carols
 Dec. 21 – Pageant
 Dec. 24 – Only 2 services – 7 and 11 pm.
 Dec. 29 – Memories and Dreams

Communications

- The newsletter deadline is tomorrow.
- Website hits are down over August.
- There is a new visual look for St. James for some applications.

Pastoral Care

- A meeting is needed for the prayer chain. There were some problems this summer.

Hospitality

- Folders are being prepared for each family for “Come and See” this Sunday. They will contain information and contacts for each group. There will be a contest involving collecting words from each table. The prize will be butter tarts made by Lois Taylor.
- Karen showed the gift bags being prepared for new members.
- A reminder should go out to the email parish list about Come and See.

Education

- Although the numbers were small for the summer book club it turned out well and was enjoyed. The weeks alternated between books and film.
- Heather hopes to see something planned for Advent.
- A Prayer Workshop is coming up in York Mills in October. There are some interesting topics.
- A Women’s Retreat is being considered and looked into.
- Please let Heather know any ideas or inspirations you may have.

Outreach

- Anne Allengame is supplementing clothing for Choices by shopping at Chez Thrift.
- There has been no response from St. James, Keewatin, on twinning.
- We are supporting a woman in Brampton with food until Christmas.
- Congratulations to Anne and Pam on the success of the Lawn Sale. \$1700.00 was raised.

Bruce announced that Diana Finch was the new Treasurer for the Diocese of Toronto.

Bulletin Board

- **Welcome back to Sunday School Feast** – September 12
- **Come and See Sunday** – September 14
- **Parents Night** - September 24
- **Senior High Youth Night** – September 28

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
7:00 P.M.