

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting**  
**February 3, 2009**

**Present:** Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Debra Quarrington, Robin Holder, Carl Kinzinger, Dee McEnaney, Karen Carley, Diane Allengame, Donna Davies.

Regrets: Heather Sabbagh, Irma Proctor

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes of the January 6, 2009 Meeting**

- Karen Carley moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Kinzinger
- Passed

**Business Arising**

- The snow removal on Sunday was unsatisfactory and dangerous particularly for the elderly. The pathways and entrances are not properly cleaned and the driveways not plowed to the curbs. It is hard to make changes at this time because a contract has been signed for this year. Diane has made note of the complaints. Wendy suggested we ask parishioners for recommendations of someone good who could be approached to take over the job of snow removal next year.

**New Business**

- Thank yous: Randy McLeod for the clearing of the parking lot and pushing back the snow banks. Steve Smith for shoveling snow on Sunday mornings.
- Wendy passed around a letter from the Bishop with suggested prayers for Advisory Board in various areas of ministry. This would be for after Vestry.

**Treasurer's Report**

- The report submitted by Neil is up to January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Carl questioned the titling of a few items. Any questions will be answered on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Coffee Hour, after the budget has been distributed on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministry Areas**

**Social**

- Theatre Night has been changed back to the evening.
- Coffee Hour is sometimes a source of trouble when people cancel at the last minute. Robin suggested that Dee shouldn't have to pick up the slack and if people don't show up we just have tea and coffee.
- Dee gave a short report on the last Area Council meeting. There were a number of items mentioned: Bishop's Dinner, "Vital Church Planting" workshop at St. Paul's Bloor St., Warden and Treasurer's Workshop, Area Ministry Day on April 25, Lay Pastoral Visiting at All Saints Kingsway starting February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications**

- The newsletter deadline is this Sunday. It was decided to have it professionally printed in colour again.
- The Communication Committee met and discussed the new logo, newsletter and flyers.

**Pastoral Care**

- There was disappointment expressed by some parishioners that they had not known about Audrey Spurr's death and funeral arrangements. It shows a need for better communication and possibly email and grid captains could get the message out efficiently.
- The Prayer chain needs to be reviewed. It is not working properly. Messages are not moving through the chain smoothly.

### **Property**

- There is no property team yet. The wardens are working on it.

### **Outreach**

- The Outreach Committee has decided to collect skates for children and send them with the bales that Collingwood will be sending to the north. This should be in the newsletter.

### **Youth & Young Families**

- There are three Youth services coming up. They are March 1, June 7 and participation for Pentecost on May 31.
- We have some new people with young children and Wendy would like to do something for them after Easter.
- Debra is working on a Green Plan. It will hopefully be instituted next fall.

### **Warden's Report**

- The wardens have agreed on a contract for Weed Man for the summer months.
- Three motions have been prepared for Vestry.
- Some changes have taken place with Screening and need to be looked into. This will be done by a private company, handled directly through our office.
- The Garden Plan was discussed and Robin and Diane are to meet with Cathy.
- We are increasing the rent to Daycare April 1, as per the cost of living index. A meeting will be scheduled with them.
- The lease was signed for the rectory.
- February 22 will be a Pancake Lunch before the Vestry meeting.

### **Incumbent's Report**

- Wendy passed out a report of the Lent and Easter worship services as attached.
- We have six confirmation candidates. They are enjoying the experience – especially the food! They are interacting well with the Christ Church Youth.
- Erica McNiece has developed a great program for the Senior Youth and Michelle Jones for the Junior Youth. The response has been disappointing and very poor. There is doubt that it is worth carrying on. It is a shame to cancel but also a shame for people to go to a lot of work to no avail. Wendy presented several ideas for intergenerational activities that would take the place of these. This has been done at Trinity Streetsville and has worked well.
- Wendy passed out a number of Biblical quotations and spoke about the importance of maintaining a positive attitude in these difficult times.

### **Bulletin Board**

- **February 8 – Vestry reports due. Budget ready**
- **February 14 – Mystery Dinner – Lethal Luau**
- **February 15 – Questions and answers about the budget**
- **February 22 – Pancake Lunch & Vestry**
- **February 28 – Theatre Night**
- **March 1 – Intergenerational Service**
- **April 5 – Palm Sunday and delivery blitz**
- **May 31 – Pentecost – Intergenerational participation.**
- **June 7 - Intergenerational Service**

The meeting closed with the Grace.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M.**