

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting**  
**June 2, 2009**

The meeting was held at the home of John and Karen Carley followed by dinner.

**Present:** Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Diane Allengame, Irma Proctor, Karen Carley, Donna Davies, Michelle Jones, Bruce Neville, Dee McEnaney, Duncan Quarrington.

Regrets: Heather Sabbagh, John Walsh

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes of the May 5, 2009 Meeting**

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

**Business Arising**

- The Seniors are planning a demonstration of the defibrillator on June 12. All are welcome. We should consider something for the fall to instruct the wardens and other principals in the parish.

**Incumbent's Report**

- Wendy likes to push boundaries, try innovative things and pray for the best solutions for conduct of St. James. The inspiration came to her that the church is tired, burned out and the solution is to stop and rest, as in keeping the Sabbath holy. Although we would be quiet we would still be nourished. People would be set free of jobs, obligations and only do what they love. Wendy is proposing that we enter into a year of Sabbath Rest and put away all worries and anxieties with the hope that we will feel refreshed and renewed by the end of the year.
- At the last meeting we discussed the service time. Wendy took Mary Judge out for lunch. A new time of 10 am. would not work for her. Wendy proposes meeting at 10 am for a breakfast and the service would remain at 11 am. There would be no 9:30 service, Taize or Sabbath Rest. 8 am. would remain the same. The Sabbath Rest service would be rolled into the 11 am. first of the month service with Taize music and hopefully the Taize musicians. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month would be a BAS Eucharist and healing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Wendy plans to teach in the Sunday School and Michelle Jones and John Swinden have agreed to preach this day. Wendy is working on developing topics to be carried through from Church to Sunday School.
- There was much discussion and the fact that there was worry over our financial position was expressed. We need to communicate to the congregation that we are doing well in consideration of other parishes and the diocese will not control decisions. We need to communicate the idea of "Year of Rest."
- Maybe we need to talk to people in positions to see if they are happy to remain in them.
- Wendy's prayer is that at the end of the year we will be able to do a church plant.

**Warden's Report**

- Met on Sunday.
- We received the resignation of Cathy Wells from the Garden Guild. It was accepted. A letter will be written to thank her for all her work.
- Wendy has given her parking spot to Dee who is always carrying things in to the kitchen.
- Work is needed at the rectory. A new "man" door has been purchased for the back of the garage. The main door of the garage also needs fixing or replacing. Money must be spent each year to keep the property up.
- We are being considered as a location for O.M.B. hearings on the Rockfort Quarry. This would have to be approved by the Diocese.
- Combining our Confirmation class with Christ Church Brampton went very well. A summer youth program is in planning with Michael Clark. It would be intergenerational. A variety of events are planned – visit to Centre Island, ball game, hike, scavenger hunt. Everyone is invited to a barbecue on Friday, June 12, at Michael Clark's in Brampton to bring kids together to talk about events.

**Treasurer's Report**

- See report submitted by Neil.

**Ministry Areas**

**Social**

- We had a smaller group at the last Theatre Night. Are people interested in carrying on? Yes.

### **Communications**

- Donna has been putting our events in the newspaper.
- The next newsletter will come out September 22.
- Wendy will talk about the concept of Sabbath Rest in June and then put this on the website. The September newsletter will also have an explanation.

### **Pastoral Care**

- Karen questioned the need to revamp the prayer chain. Wendy will meet with Karen and Dee to discuss.
- Appreciation for the reduced names on the bulletin prayer list was expressed.

### **Hospitality**

- There are a number of weddings in the fall with connections with the parish. They are going to be included in the monthly cake schedule. Invitations to church should be extended to couples involved.

### **Christian Education**

- The Summer Book Club will be underway. Interest in a winter club was expressed.

### **Outreach**

- Because of concern about the financial situation, the donation to Kidz Caledon was delayed. Irma was told the donation should go ahead because there have been funds allotted to Outreach and they should be used.

### **Youth**

- Michelle expressed what a struggle looking after the youth has been for her. She will pass on it for the year of Sabbath Rest. Her passion is for young children and families and moms. There is still a dinner in planning for September. The date to be decided.

### **Property**

- Alignment curbs in the parking lot have been a problem. The men put markers on the curbs to prevent people driving over them.
- The window in the White room was not caulked properly and has been leaking. It will be caulked again.
- New hardware for the garage door has been obtained and a used door from the Restore for the back.
- New taps were installed in the Daycare kitchen. They were expensive, but a proper industrial set.
- The cost of the closer for the Daycare exterior main door is prohibitive.
- Bruce asked if the bills for Daycare repairs had been taken care of properly. Daycare pays us towards the cost of repairs. This had not been explained to Joe.
- The “non freeze” pipe in the basement under the church (for the exterior outlet) needs insulation.
- The estimate for repair and reroofing of the belfry is approximately \$6000.00. A crane could remove the belfry to a farm wagon. It could then be moved to another location for repair. The wardens are to consider this.

Karen announced that she and Desiree intend to organize a group, “Weighting for God.” It would be for people struggling with their weight and would start with a daytime meeting. If there was enough interested it could be at night.

### **Bulletin Board**

- **June 7 - Intergenerational Service & Picnic**
- **June 7 to 21 - Gifts of Grace Silent Auction**
- **June 14 – Caledon Fair**
- **July 1 – Caledon Strawberry Festival**
- **July 26 - Patronal Feast**

The meeting closed with the Grace and we adjourned to dinner.

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 7:00 pm.**