

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

**Present:** Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Duncan Quarrington, Diane Allengame, Irma Proctor, Joe Campbell, Michelle Jones.

Regrets: Heather Sabbagh, Karen Carley, Dee McEnaney

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes of the February 3, 2009 Meeting**

- Duncan Quarrington moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Campbell.
- Passed

**Business Arising**

- The snow removal has seemed to improve since our complaint was made.

**New Business**

- It was decided to postpone the election of Chair until the next meeting when a larger number of members should be here.
- Thank yous: Ruth Sowrey for the extra work entailed in preparing for Vestry.  
Carl Kinzinger for organizing the Mystery Dinner.
- The new suggested Agenda was considered. There is not significant change, but the addition of timing should help keep the meetings concise. Cobina suggested we think about it and discuss it further at the next meeting.

**Incumbent's Report**

- The new flyer for Lent and Easter was circulated. It is in colour and was professionally printed. There were limited numbers printed and it will be for insertion in the pews and for the congregation to pass out.
- There are a number of new volunteers who need screening by the police, and a number who need new certification. Wendy suggested that the parish pay for this. Diane made a motion that the parish cover the cost of police checks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Duncan. All in favour.
- Wendy conducted an exercise for "Back to Church Sunday." What are the characteristics of Jesus that attracted people to him? Many answers were given, including: dedicated, forgiving, welcoming, accepting, open, good listener, generous, compassionate, radical, charismatic, gregarious, teacher, story teller, sensitive, engaged, selfless, authoritative, leader, understanding, magnetic, loved unconditionally. We discussed what of these qualities St. James demonstrated.
- We will look at one item per month of the five core values of St. James. There will be mention of one in the bulletin each week that will run for a month. There could be discussion at coffee hour and there was an interesting suggestion made of changing the configuration of the set up of tables. If the buffet table was put across the bottom of the room, tables for sitting could be placed together in a much more congenial arrangement.

**Warden's Report**

- Diane mentioned how delighted the wardens were to welcome Duncan and Donna as deputy wardens.
- Donna is away on holiday, but on her return Diane suggested a "walk around" and the providing of keys.

**Treasurer's Report**

- See report submitted by Neil.
- The Par deposit is still to be added and some amounts need to be redistributed to other accounts because of changes to the budget.

## **Ministry Areas**

### **Social**

- “Babettes Feast” will be held on Saturday morning for the confirmation class.

### **Worship**

- All the Easter Services are laid out in the flyer.

### **Communications**

- Easter Services have been put on the website.
- The Newsletter has been published and put on the website.

### **Pastoral Care**

- Wendy will be visiting for Easter and people should pass on names of those who need a visit and might otherwise be missed.

### **Hospitality**

- Karen will be providing a birthday cake for coffee hour around the middle of the month for those celebrating each month. She provided a list for March to be posted on the bulletin board and asked that anyone who had been missed add their name.

### **Property**

- Joe Campbell, the new Property Manager, questioned the budget provisions for property –how much was available to make repairs and improvements.
- He feels there is much work to be done in the church – pews cleaned, floors refinished and the narthex cleaned and painted, particularly the interior doors.
- He would like to make up work parties for specific jobs.

### **Christian Education**

- Michelle has just finished her first “Yoga for Lent” class.
- Tomorrow is the beginning of the Old Testament Marion Taylor course.
- “Simply Christian” by N.T. Wright is starting to be studied on Thursday.

### **Outreach**

- Plans have fallen through for transportation of skates to the north. This will be on hold for the time being.

### **Youth & Young Families**

- The youth choir practices will be starting up on Sunday.

### **Sidespersons**

- John Walsh is taking over the position of coordinator.
- There is a need to get together for instruction and a walk through of procedure.

## **Bulletin Board**

- **Yoga for Lent – March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 at 7:00 pm.**  
**March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 at 9:45 am.**
- **Lenten Study Series (Old Testament) March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:45 am**
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- **Junior Choir Practice – March 8, 22, April 5 at 10:00 am.**
- **Palm Sunday – April 5-Junior choir performance – April 12 at 11:00 am.**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 9 at 6:00 pm.**
- **Good Friday – April 10**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12**
- **Intergenerational Service – June 7**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8:45 pm.

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**