

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
May 5, 2009

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Diane Allengame, Irma Proctor, Joe Campbell, Heather Sabbagh, Karen Carley.

Regrets: Donna Davies, Duncan Quarrington

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Meeting

- Karen Carley moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Irma Proctor.
- Passed

New Business

- Thank yous: Marjorie Wilkinson & Rhoda Cochrane for organizing the catering for the Bridge Tournament. Veronica Price-Jones and Hayley Smith for their help at the event.

Incumbent's Report

- The Picnic is being planned. Cobina gave a review of how it has been handled in the past. Wendy will phone the Town to reserve the park.
- The Core Foundation this month is "Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life." We must keep the focus on Jesus and not dogma. Jesus and Christianity are not necessarily the same thing.
- Who will we invite to Back to Church Sunday? It needs careful consideration and we should be thinking about it now.
- Is 11 am on Sunday a good time to have a service? We have tried 10 am one summer and it was not well attended. Some young families have expressed a desire for an earlier service. It is an important question but there are many problems in moving the service.

Warden's Report

- The new defibrillation unit has been installed. When the unit is opened it will talk you through its use. Diane will report fully at the next meeting.
- The backsplash is being tiled in the kitchen by the Seniors through grants they have received. There is a possibility of new taps and instant hot water dispenser.
- Summer schedule has been reviewed for staffing.
- Michelle Jones has asked whether insurance is needed for continuing yoga classes.

Treasurer's Report

- See report submitted by Neil.
- Outreach would like to know how much they have to work with. John Swinden would have the answer.

Ministry Areas

Social

- Theatre Night is this coming Saturday.

Worship

- A meeting of the Festival Committee will be done over the internet.
- A Hymn Sing is scheduled for this Sunday.
- The Intergenerational Service is June 7.

Communications

- The Newsletter goes out this week.
- Donna has sent upcoming events to the newspaper.
- Website hits were at a low this last month.

Pastoral Care

- There have been no comments about the reduced prayer list in the bulletin.
- Wendy sent a letter for young people in transition last year. It is a lovely idea and would be appreciated again.

Hospitality

- Birthday and Anniversary Cakes are going over well. Because of the Victoria Day holiday it will be earlier this month – the 10th, Mother's Day.
- Karen extended an invitation to have the June meeting at the Carleys.

Property

- Work accomplished: shelves in kitchen, daycare door, lawns seeded & cleaned up, clean up at cemetery.
- Being worked on or planned: Bell tower, interior doors in Narthex are going to be stripped and refinished naturally, eaves troughs on the east side of the church need fixing.
- Heather Sabbagh moved that more winter greenery be planted around the church. 2nd Karen Carley. Carried.

Christian Education

- The Summer Book Club will be in the Newsletter. Two spaces are available.

Outreach

- It has been decided to support Caledon Kidz this summer.

Sidespersons

- Training for volunteers is encouraged by the wardens.

Fundraising

- A meeting was held last week.
- Events that were known about were scheduled. (found in minutes of meeting.)
- There will be another meeting in the fall.

Bulletin Board

- **Intergenerational Service & Picnic – June 7**
- **Patronal Feast – July 26**
- **Back to Church Sunday – September 27**

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 6:30 P.M.