

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting
October 6, 2009**

Present: Cobina Price-Jones (chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Diane Allengame, Bruce Neville, Heather Sabbagh, Michelle Jones, Dee McEnaney, Donna Davies.

Regrets: Karen Carley

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the September 15, 2009 Meeting

- Dee McEnaney moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd Heather Sabbagh.
- All in favour.

New Business

- Thank yous: John Carley for his continuing help in setting up for the OMB Hearings.
- Diana Cooper for set up and take down of OMB with an over and above effort.
- Bruce Neville for untold hours spent here involved with the fire and OMB.

Warden's Report

- Bruce reported on the fire of September 16th. It has been discovered that there were actually four fires: wiring to the alarm panel, wiring to the fuse panel, wiring in the hallway, the electrical room fuse box to the grounding wires. Servicemaster were called in immediately and commenced the cleanup the next morning. It was a \$5 fire with \$85,000 of water damage although the fire department was great in their effort to direct the water out of the building. With the speedy cleanup there is no mildew and 2 estimates have been received for repair. The electrical inspector suggested it may have been caused by lightning since there have been a number of incidents in Caledon. He directed that every circuit in our buildings must be checked within 30 days, "meggar", before signing off on safety. This is not quite finished but no major problems have been found. There will be no reconstruction until we know no electrical problems exist. When it does take place it will not be between Mondays through Thursdays so as not to interfere with OMB. The insurance company has been cooperative. We have now realized we have an alarm system that is not monitored. This must be done. We must quietly raise money for the \$2500 deductible on the insurance and the cost of monitoring the alarm system – approximately \$1600 installation and \$25 per month. In the event of a power break we have no alarm system. We will install battery powered smoke detectors. We have learned a lot through this mishap. We need to upgrade the wiring of the alarm system. The present system is designed to save people not the buildings. We must consider a sprinkler system. Bruce emphasized that everything had been done properly and to code at the time of building. We don't have an emergency plan. Diane will work on a binder with phone numbers, salvage priorities, vital records and a reciprocal agreement with the United Church for use of space etc. This will be after Vestry in February.
- The Seniors have made plans for buying a microwave for the kitchen.
- They would also like to buy round tables. The wardens have suggested they buy 6 – 8 to try them. Storage is a problem and we will always need some rectangular tables.
- We need sandboxes for the parking lot for winter. They will be placed at strategic places. The snow clearing contract is the same as last year but we will have to pay a larger proportion than usual because of the OMB usage.
- Bruce met with Marjorie and Rhoda to plan the catering for the Bridge Tournament.
- Dee asked if we could donate the piano in the basement to the Senior's building. It is not being used and was originally donated by Dee. Yes.

Treasurer's Report

- See report submitted by Neil.
- We should have the fall Adopt a Road cleanup announced in the bulletin.

**Ministry Areas
Social**

- The first Theatre Night is November 7th.

Communications

- The Newsletter was published. Heather expressed thanks to Donna for the great job.
- Hits on the website are up again (1300 – 1500) after a low in July.
- Donna wanted to reiterate that we are St. James, Caledon East. There is no apostrophe after “James.” Discussion ensued and it was decided there should be no comma between St. James and Caledon East.

Christian Education

- There has been no response to the notice of the lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls. It should be put in the bulletin.

Outreach

- The committee have decided to spend \$2000 per year on their projects and not agonize over allocation of funds in the books.

Youth & Young Families

- We have introduced Luis, the Guatemalan boy we are supporting, to the Sunday School.
- Daniel Quarrington and Robin Holder will work on book selling.
- We would like to resurrect the Junior Choir for Christmas. We need someone to coordinate.
- After the success of the combined confirmation class last year, we are expanding to include Holy Family Brampton and Christ Church Bolton.
- A meeting was held at the Neville’s last Sunday. We would like to challenge the youth with outreach in the community. The Jeremiah project was suggested. Used athletic equipment, bikes and produce from gardens could be shared. The first event will be 28th of November. All sorts of equipment for sports or extra curricular (eg. Dance) would be collected, cleaned and repaired. They can be stored at Rylan Montgomery’s home.
- Confirmation classes will run again. They are not only for youth. Those who are interested in the activities or wish to reaffirm are welcome.
- It was decided to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th with a dinner and craft.
- There will be no delivery blitz for the beginning of Advent. There will be a mailing with an invitation to the St. Nicholas dinner.

Sidespeople

- They met on Sunday and worked through a number of accounting issues with Karen Carley.

Fundraising

- The Bridge Tournament is well in hand.
- Shop and Support needs promoting. Christmas is going to have to be ordered earlier since it is taking longer to receive orders.

Bulletin Board

- **50th Anniversary of Norm & Lois Taylor**
- **October 18 – Baptisms**
- **October 31 – November 1 – Catering for Bridge Tournament**
- **November 28 – Youth Event**
- **December 5 – Advent Dinner – Feast of St. Nicholas**

The meeting closed with the Grace.

It was agreed that the meeting would change to the second Tuesday of the month.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 10, 2009, 7:00 pm.