

**St. James Advisory Board Meeting**  
**April 13, 2010**

**Present:** The Rev. Wendy Moore (chair), Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Dee McEnaney, Robin Holder, George Judge, Helen Swinden, Joe Campbell, Howard Jones, Sue Thomas, Robert Bell, Bruce Neville.

**Regrets:** Cobina and Neil Price-Jones, Diane Allengame, Donna Davies

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes of the March 9, 2009 Meeting**

- Helen Swinden moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> George Judge.
- All in favour.

**New Business - Updates**

- **Christian Education.** Wendy proposed two ideas for study. 1. Understanding other religions. 2. Reviewing the Anglican story. These were both well received and it was decided to have the Anglican story in the Fall and other religions in the New Year. **Helen and Wendy to follow up on this**
- **Worship.** It would be encouraging for young people to involve them in worship. They could participate in the readings and help sidespeople with greeting etc. **Wendy to set up and organize**
- **Hospitality.** Robin and Wendy are to meet to discuss the preparations for Back to Church Sunday (Sept. 26) **Wendy to set date with Robin**
- **Social.** Freezer meals are needed for Sue and Bob for ease on the days he has been to Princess Margaret. We also will need meals for Carl and Sandy when she is home from the hospital.
- **Wardens.** Catering for the Bridge Tournament is underway on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Notice is needed in the bulletin. Volunteers are needed to man the booth and make sandwiches. **Bruce coordinates this**  
The Roofing Committee is underway and getting quotes.  
The insurance is not totally settled over the fire. The lost revenue from Daycare and resetting of the alarms by Orangeville Fire are still to be reconciled.
- **Property.** The Spring clean-up is to be done soon – raking of gravel, seeding and fertilizing of lawns. Clumps of native trees and shrubs would be nice along the fence line. The men will help with some jobs in the gardens. **Joe to organize for April 15th**
- **Pastoral Care.** New geographic areas for the parish list are needed. **Wendy, George and Ruth to work on.**
- **Outreach and Mission.** **Sue and Lauren Thomas** have been working on organizing a day of working on Adopt-a-Road. People will meet at the church at 9 am., May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bags will be handed out with water, hand sanitizer, granola bars etc. Pick up will last about 2 1/2 hours. Back to the church for lunch.
- **Incumbent.** Wendy reported that our attendance is up for the first quarter of 2010. In 2009 we averaged 59.5 people. In 2010 it rose to 67.5.  
We need to thank Joanne for filling in on the piano these last few weeks. Are there any suggestions for anything special we could do for her? **Wendy to do this**  
Easter went very well and the special bulletins for Palm Sunday and Good Friday were appreciated. The bishop seemed to enjoy his visit and sent a letter to that effect.  
Helen asked if we had sent a letter to thank him for his donation. **Wendy will write a note to him.** Diane Allengame has prepared a wonderful form letter to thank people who have donated on various occasions. Helen passed copies of these letters on. The Envelope Secretary should pass the relevant names on when they appear in her report from the sidespeople. **Wendy to contact Karen re process.** The office can then send out a letter.
- **Finance.** As per Neil's report
- **Newcomer Readiness questionnaire.** Everyone filled this out and it prompted some interesting discussion. Through this discussion it was decided that **we need signage.**

Wendy feels that the back door is the most frequently used and lacks any appeal or welcome. She suggested painting with a whimsical image of a window filled with faces welcoming people in. **Ruth will so a trial draft.** It would also be nice to have a portico over this door. There are already plans for the gardens in this location. Newcomers and visitors usually use the front door of the church so a new light in the porch and narthex are necessary to alleviate the air of neglect.

The window frames on the church exterior are in deplorable condition. They were repainted only 4 years ago but the wood is rotten. They need replacing. **Diane should be asked to look into pricing.** The entranceway should be prepared by September for B2Ch. **Bruce and Wendy will oversee this.**

Wheelchair access – the curb should be cut away at the front doors of the hall. Joe is to look after this. P.S. this should be revisited at the next meeting.

### **Worship as of September**

- We reviewed our present schedule.
- A part of the congregation really values the traditional.
- The Sabbath Rest service has been very successful and should be maintained.
- The numbers are always lower on Morning Prayer mornings. Bruce suggested we only have Morning Prayer on the fifth Sunday.
- It was decided that **Howard and Helen** would prepare a study for the next advisory meeting. They will need a copy of the last congregational survey from Bruce and the numbers at the services from Wendy.

### **Wish List**

- We were asked to think about and add to Wendy's wish list. It is as follows:
- Fireplace for White Room                      \$200 for electric                      \$4-5000 for gas
- Exterior light fixture for main entrance      \$200+
- Interior light fixture for Narthex              \$200+
- Water Softener                                      \$3000
- Reverse Osmosis for Kitchen                  \$1300
- New Roof                                              details to follow
- Touch up and painting                              volunteers?

### **Picnic**

- Sue brought up the location of the picnic. It has been on our own property for the last few years and she feels it doesn't allow for as many games. It would be nice for the children to be able to invite friends to join them.
- Several locations were suggested: Glen Haffy Conservation, Albion Orchards, Scott Mission Camp. **Wendy to look into these possibilities**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9:00 pm.

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 7:00 pm.**