

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
March 9, 2010

Present: Cobina Price-Jones(chair), The Rev. Wendy Moore, Ruth Sowrey (secretary) Dee McEnaney, Robin Holder, Michelle Jones, George Judge, Helen Swinden, Joe Campbell, Howard Jones.

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Meeting

- Dee McEnaney moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd George Judge.
- All in favour.

Business Arising

- The handing out of the appropriate service books by the sidespeople has not been instituted yet. The problem of storage needs to be addressed for each doorway. There should be a reminder to sidespeople not to bring children up on the first Sunday. Could there be a reminder in the bulletin or a notice at the doors as a reminder. Howard made a suggestion that they should check with the priest early each Sunday for anything special.

New Business

- Election of a new chair. Donna Davies was nominated in absentia. We will need confirmation from her. Wendy will take her place until she returns. Her acclamation was unanimous.
- Thank yous: Cobina Price-Jones for her faithful steering of this board as chair. Gordon Morton and Neil Price-Jones for the repair of the computer in the office. Dee McEnaney for organizing the World Day of Prayer.
- Michelle Jones will take over the "Thank Yous" from Diane Allengame.
- Diane and Duncan were not properly thanked for their service as wardens at Vestry. This will be done at an appropriate time. Wendy suggested the end of the month. The Bishop will be here and commissioning of the new wardens can be done too.

Incumbent's Report

- The Caledon Ministerial is again having a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 19th. Wendy is on the committee. Churches and organizations are sponsoring tables. Could we participate? George Judge moved that we spend \$120.00 out of Outreach to pay for a table at the breakfast. All in favour.
- Fall is going to be very busy with Back to Church, Blessing of the Animals, Thanksgiving and Harvest Home. The Blessing of the Animals will take place the afternoon of Harvest Home.
- Irene Stephenson is resigning from directing the choir. What should we do for her? There will be a luncheon for those involved in worship. The luncheon will be May 30.
- The picnic will be June 13.
- There always seems to be a lot of time at Vestry spent on talking about the past year. Wendy would rather hand out minutes and financial information early (a few weeks) and spend more time talking about the future – visioning. Michelle commented that it would greatly change the face of the meeting. Howard cautioned that it would have to be carefully crafted to prevent endless talk. Individual plans could be presented by various committees. Cobina moved that vestry reports will include information about the previous year, as well as a vision/plan for the following year, and will be disseminated two weeks before Vestry. 2nd Howard. All in favour.
- A broom has been hung by the front door. It is unsightly for a front entrance. Could we have it moved?
- On Easter Sunday could we have breakfast in the Parish Hall? Could the choir practice downstairs before the service? Yes, it will be worked out.
- Helen Swinden, Howard Jones and Wendy are going to get together to discuss a replacement for Irene.

Warden's Report

- Helen and Wendy went to a Diocese workshop for new wardens.
- Insurance, Finances of the Church, Human Resources, being good stewards of Real Property were discussed.
- Bishop Poole commented that 70% of income should come from the pews.
- Helen is going to look at our documentation to make sure it is correct.

Treasurer's Report

- See report submitted by Neil.
- The budget figures are not in yet.

Ministry Areas

Property

- A committee has been struck to look at the roof. Estimates are being received. If we cannot afford new, we can refasten the steel and recoat. Is there any danger from steel flying off? No.
- Wendy gave the estimate received for a steel roof as \$43,000. We must remember that the parish is not paying the mortgage – Daycare is. Last year we paid off \$30,000. There is no way we would pay for a roof from the pews. There will be no lotteries. It is not proper or moral. We could borrow against the mortgage with permission from the Diocese without any money from the pews. Only a few years would be added to the mortgage. This needs to be discussed by the committee.
- Wayne Ptacek and Wendy will clean the chandeliers.

Fundraising

- A Car Rally was suggested

Communications

- Will there be something extra for the pews at Easter? Yes.

Young Families

- A tactful letter has been composed for parents raising the issue of running around and safety.
- We are planning a visit to a sugar bush next week for Spring Break.
- A day for road clean-up for Adopt-A-Road is planned for May 1. It will be as intergenerational as possible and a barbeque will take place afterwards.
- A line in the budget was questioned – “Youth.” Should it be Youth and Young Families?

Christian Education

- Wendy started the Lenten Study. It is not too late to join.

Bulletin Board

- **Yoga for Lent** March 12,19, 26
- **Lenten Study** March 14, 21, 28
- **Sugar Bush Visit** March 16
- **L'Arche Visit** March 19
- **Palm Sunday & visit of Bishop Poole** March 28
- **Maundy Thursday** April 1
- **Good Friday** April 2
- **Easter Sunday** April 4
- **Adopt-a Road Cleanup** May 1
- **Theatre Night** May 15
- **Luncheon for those involved in Worship** May 30
- **Picnic** June 13
- **Back to Church Sunday** September 26
- **Harvest Home and Blessing of the Animals** October 3

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9:00 pm.
Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:00 pm.