

St. James Advisory Board Meeting
May 11, 2010

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

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

Wendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the April 12, 2009 Meeting

- Bruce Neville moved acceptance of the minutes.
- 2nd George Judge.
- Christian Education. We are still exploring options. David Neelands has been booked to come on October 24. Out study should get underway at the beginning of October and end before Advent.
- The Children have not been worked into the worship yet. **Wendy will work on it.**
- Hospitality. Robin and Wendy have met and discussed many aspects including B2C Sunday.
- Some frozen meals have gone to Sue and Bob. The Swinden's are willing to be a "go between."
- The catering to the Bridge Tournament was very successful and earned \$2063.00.
- Insurance. The Proof of Loss document has been signed and submitted. We should be receiving a cheque for the remaining insurance for the fire.
- Grounds. The lawn still needs fertilizing and over seeding.
- Parish Grid. Carry forward
- Road Clean up. Sue and Lauren did a great job organizing. We had a good crowd out and a successful day. Unfortunately there are still roads to be cleaned.
- Wendy wrote to the Bishop with thanks and spoke to Karen about handling donation cheques.
- Wendy reviewed our "Newcomer Readiness."
- Unfortunately the next Bridge Tournament is the same date as B2C and the Caledon Fair the same day as our picnic.
- Minutes passed. All in favor.

Walkabout

- We walked as a group around the grounds to discuss our appearance and signage.
- *****Suggested signage is bolded.**
- **Wheelchair Entrance** - A sign could be placed on the wall.
- **Main Entrance (Hall and Office)**
- **Church Parking**
- **Church Parking (One Way)** on West Entrance.
- The Municipal numbers are confusing. 6029 (Daycare) should be moved from the church entrance to the driveway. We do not have our own number, 6025, displayed. We need to get the sign.
- The portico and trim are scruffy, with paint peeling. They need to be cleaned up and painted.
- **Welcome to St. James** was suggested.
- **Hall & Church Entrance** for the back, east corner.
- **Welcome** for the back door.

New Business – Updates

- **Brochures** Wendy is working with Diane and Donna on a welcoming brochure.
- **Wendy would like to meet with the greeters.** At present this would be the sidespeople.
- **Newcomers.** Some acknowledgement of newcomers was discussed. Helen suggested that they could be invited to a regular breakfast where they would be acknowledged. This would be better than a once-a-year occasion.
- **Growth.** Could this be mentioned by the intercessors? **Wendy will speak to them.** We could approach growth marketing in a businesslike manner, with a plan, goal and action plan. It was felt that spiritual growth was more important than growth in numbers.

- **The Parish Grid** needs to be worked on to pass news on of those in need.
- **Worship.** Parish Statistics were studied to determine if people were avoiding certain services. Attention was concentrated on the 11 am service – Morning Prayer, BAS Eucharist, BCP Eucharist, Sabbath Rest. Figures were studied for both 6 and 18 months. For 18 months, BCP Euc. 1st, BAS Euc. and BCP M.P. was very close. For the 6 months since the 11 am. Sabbath Rest Service has been instituted: SR. 65, BCP Euc.. 59, BAS Euc. 58, BCP MP. 55. While the Sabbath Rest has proved the most popular, there is no service that is obviously being avoided. Howard feels that all services could stand tweaking to make them flow smoothly. Possibly with more modern music for the BAS service. **Howard and Helen will sit down with Wendy to discuss how this could be done.** Involving children in the services may change the figures. We will hold to our present pattern of worship and review in January 2011.
- **Choir Director.** The 30th of May is the last day for Irene Stephenson. There is no budget for the position of Choir Director. Could we find someone within the congregation? No. After meeting and discussion, a team has been put together – Joanne Redhead, Gordon Morton, Valerie Jones and Howard Jones. Howard will be the convener. They will lead the choir in rotation through the month – BCP Morning Prayer (Gordon), BAS Euc. (Valerie), BCP Euc. (Howard), Sabbath Rest (Joanne). These will be flexible because of holidays etc. We will simplify. e.g. Not as many anthems. This is an interim solution for one year, starting the 1st of June. We have to consider whether we want a Choir director/organist and money is in the budget to allow for a search. It would cost considerably more to have a 2 separate people. Howard has not thought about this but will have a discussion.
- **Thank yous.** Susan and Lauren Thomas for the great job of organizing the road clean-up day.
- **B2C Sunday.** Wendy would like to see tables for various groups and activities like we had for “Come and See”. The format for that service should be intergenerational. The Bishops are planning a National Coffee Hour a few days before the Sunday. **Wendy would like to have coffee for parents of Daycare and anyone else who passes by. Michelle will help.**
- **Finance.** As per Neil’s report
- **Youth and Young Families.** There is a chance of videos for group activities involving families. E.g. Marriage and healthy eating. This could be offered with B2C.
- **Fall Flyer.** Should we have a Fall Flyer? It could include all activities including B2C. Yes.
- **Wish List.** Could it be in the Newsletter? Yes. An addition to the list could be monitoring for fire detection. **Bruce will check on the availability of wireless.** We must be careful because of the large cost of false alarms.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 14, 2010, 7:00 pm.