

Vestry Meeting

February 28, 2010 St. James Hall

40 Parishioners were in attendance.

1. The Rev. Wendy Moore opened the meeting with prayer at 12:30 pm.
2. Ruth Sowrey was appointed Vestry Clerk.
3. Rev. Moore added a motion to amend the Advisory Board to be presented before the Appointment and Election of Officers. All were in favour of acceptance of the agenda.
4. Howard Jones moved acceptance of the minutes of the 2008 Vestry meeting. 2nd George Judge. Carried.
5. Rev. Moore read the Pastoral letter from Bishop Colin Johnston.

6. Reports

Incumbent's Report

Rev. Moore presented her report, a review of 2009, as per Advisory Reports document. Karen Carley moved acceptance. 2nd Sue Fletcher. Carried.

Warden's Report

The Report was presented by Diane Allengame. Dee McEnaney moved acceptance. 2nd Howard Jones. Carried.

Envelope Secretary's Report

The report was presented by Karen Carley. Heather Sabbagh moved acceptance. 2nd Mary Judge. Carried

Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Neil Price-Jones. The Financial Statements were prepared on a fund basis by John Swinden, for which we thank him. 2009 was a "status quo" year. Income and expenses were basically the same. We should be aware that expenses are rapidly rising. John Walsh moved acceptance. 2nd Joe Campbell. Carried

7. Consideration of the Budget for 2010

The report was presented by Neil Price-Jones.

Q. Alan White questioned the payment from Adopt-a-Road.

A. Yes, \$8000 is correct and we need everyone behind the road cleanup for it to be attained. David Finch spoke to the importance of the program and the support of the parish in participating. Heather Sabbagh thought we should designate a specific day and go out in groups and have a social gathering afterwards.

Q. Karen Carley noted that there were no major expenses for the rectory.

A. There were some repairs done. Because we do maintenance, the Diocese allows us to keep the entire amount of the rent. We need to show improvements. There are some substantial things that still need doing. e.g. large windows in the living and dining rooms.

Q. Mortgage repayment was questioned.

A. In the budget, \$36,000 was not split out into principal and interest. We paid \$33,000 in principal in 2009 by going with a variable rate mortgage and keeping the payments the same. We are lowering the payments this year to facilitate carrying.

Q. The figures for Parish Hall Management and Daycare Maintenance were questioned.

A. Daycare pays an allotted amount for utilities each month. The extra maintenance shown is for taps, toilets etc.

John Walsh moved acceptance. 2nd Robin Holder. Carried.

8. Property Manager's Report

The report was presented by Joe Campbell.

He reiterated the desire for fire alarm monitoring and the importance of repairing the bell tower.

Q. Is the floor safe to ring the bell?

A. Yes, but you will notice that the floor is "springy."

George Judge moved acceptance. 2nd John Walsh. Carried.

Remaining Reports

The Garden Guild should be mentioned. Thanks to all those who worked in the gardens this year.

Mary Judge moved acceptance of the reports. 2nd Howard Jones. Carried.

Motions

The Advisory Board of St. James

Current Situation:

- Position on the Advisory Board do not seem to have any predetermined term of service associated with them leaving the same people in the same positions for years. Organizational practices suggest that it is better to have people serve for a fixed term, and then move on or into a different ministry, allowing for fresh ideas and approaches.
- It seems that the Board is open only to appointed and elected members of the advisory board.

The Motion

That the vestry of St. James Caledon East recommend that terms on the Advisory Board be no more than 2 years.

Moved by Michelle Jones. 2nd Helen Swinden. Carried.

That all parish members are invited to attend the advisory board meetings of the parish. Those eligible to vote are only those members of the board who have been elected or appointed to do so, or in their absence, their appointee.

Moved by Karen Carley. 2nd Dee McEnaney. Carried.

9. Appointment and Election of Officers

Alan Whike moved acceptance of the slate as presented. 2nd Joe Campbell. Carried.

Rector's Warden: Donna Davies Deputy: Helen Swinden

People's Warden: Bruce Neville Deputy: Robert Bell

Lay Delegate to Synod: Karen Carley

10. New Business

Rev. Wendy Moore spoke to the necessity of a new roof for the church.

Much discussion followed about the uncaring, unkempt appearance in the village, and the problem of finance.

It was felt that it was unsuitable to discuss at this meeting. It should be passed to the wardens and a committee, and then brought back to a special vestry. The bell tower should be handled separately.

John Walsh moved acceptance. 2nd Norm Taylor. Carried.

Volunteers for the Roof Committee:

John Walsh, Joe Campbell, Alan Whike, Gordon Morton, Brad Canning

John Swinden moved to adjourn at 2:05 pm. 2nd George Judge