

St. Mark's Parish Council

Draft until approved by next meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

7:30 pm, BRH

Present: Les Cundell, Jane Delroy, Cynthia Greer, Will Knight, Margaret Lodge, Penny Miller, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Georgia Roberts, Coralie Sheehan, Suzanne Wilkins

Regrets: Joy Bowerman, Kathy Chu, Brian Kauk, James Kelly, Gillian Martin, Pam Rogers

1 Call to Order: at 7:35 by Les Cundell

2 Opening Reflections: Les read a poem called *Eternal Life*

3 Approval of Agenda: Georgia and Jane

4 Approval of minutes:

- under Property it should read “the HVAC with an inspector from Francis Fuels”
- under Membership after “Terms of Reference” insert “for the Vitality Working Group”
- approved as amended (Coralie and Jane)

5 Business arising from previous minutes:

- Margaret reminded PC that it had not decided on Lenten Outreach choices to be presented to Vestry
- the following will be presented:
 - Diocese of Jerusalem - Princess Basma Centre for disabled children
 - St. Luke's Table
 - Bales for the North

6 Rector's Report: NTR

7 Wardens' Report

- Suzanne reported that a bequest of \$9,316.50 had been received from Brian James' estate
- an application made to the diocese to use the bequest for capital projects was approved
- PC members will provide food for Vestry

8 Treasurer's Report

- a corrected copy of the budget was sent to PC members; there is \$50 more in total expenses than that shown on the web site; Joy will address the issue at Vestry
- the James bequest is included in “other assets” on the balance sheet

9 Property Report:

- work on the basement has begun
- the main area has been cleaned, the stage cleared and shelving inserted into the storage room where there had been mold
- we are picking up the castors for the bases that hold the stacks of chairs

- thanks to Les for clearing the roof snow along the link walkway

10 Membership:

- the Vitality Working Group report was received from Cynthia (Appendix A)
 - Betty Caughlin is taking names of those interested in the Lenten book study
 - Brian Harrison paid for the cards and postage
 - the group will provide light refreshments after the Feb 22 evensong service
 - a movie night is prohibitive in cost at present; we can revisit following the parish survey
 - there may be a St Mark's day lunch (possibly sandwiches) on 26 April

11 Stewardship:

- it has been a long time since the PAR/envelope list was updated; Mike will do so for April. The Church of the Assumption regularly promotes PAR from the pulpit
- re the email from Mike about ministries (Appendix B) - Mike is chair of the diocesan task force looking at priorities for building and parish ministries. The diocese wishes to manage our buildings as part of stewardship.
- PC to give Mike all our ideas about current and desired ministries. Suggested that each ministry be written up for the newsletter. Once the list is compiled, the ideas can come to PC for validation.
- Cynthia is forward the Matthews' email re stewardship and Georgia the MAP information
- we need to ask people what their dreams are, not necessarily PC's
- one can check Facebook for posting of events around the diocese
- Georgia stated that we need to check our insurance re events for outreach

12 Choir:

- a choral evensong takes place at 4:30 on 22 February to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of St. Mark's; Ariane and Rev Joan Riding are in charge of content
- there will be a display of memorabilia of the pre-building and actual building in 1955

13 Outreach:

- there will be a multicultural potluck at Carleton Memorial Church at 6:00 on 7 March; the Brookfield High School choir will perform; there is a free-will offering in support of Debra Dynes
- some east end churches are looking at a summer event for all churches (all faiths) in Ottawa. An organizational meeting with free breakfast will be held at Parkwood Hills Presbyterian

14 Letter from Carleton Memorial Church: (Appendix C)

- St Mark's should be represented at this round table discussion on 3 March at Carleton Memorial Church regarding local partnership opportunities.
- Cynthia is interested in attending the meeting; Gillian Morris is also interested but in the morning session only.
- Suzanne will reply to Mr Wilson
- will address vestry about the Parish Nurse situation - not enough money to continue beyond this year

15 Other Business:

- our web site - Will received a few responses to his survey with some good feedback

- the survey has been revised and is ready to go out to the community
- he will communicate it by publishing the survey link in the bulletin, in the newsletter

and on

the web site; it will also be announced on Sunday as well as an email to Joy

- PC notes:

- web survey
- ask congregation what they see as their ministries and tell Mike Perkin
- multicultural potluck supper

16 The next meeting will be March 11, 2015 in BRH.

17 The meeting was adjourned (Will and Gillian) at 8:52 with the Grace.

Submitted by Coralie Sheehan