

# St. Mark's Parish Council

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Wednesday, October 9, 2013

7:30 pm, BRH

## **Present:**

Joy Bowerman, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Jane Delroy, Brian Kauk, Jenny Morphew, Michael Perkin, Suzanne Wilkins, Coralie Sheehan

## **Parish Members:**

Lorne Bowerman, Betty Caughlin, Carol Dicks, Arnold Duke, Edna Duke, Cynthia Greer, Kate Greer-Close, Brian Harrison, James Kelly, Bruce Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Jan Oswald, Ray Oswald

**Regrets:** Audia Barnett, Georgia Roberts, Pam Rogers, Gillian Morris

1. **Call to Order** at 7:35 by Les.

2. **Opening Reflections:** by Brian Lectio Divina on John 15:12-16

“This is my commandment, that you love on other as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends....

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Approved (Allen, Suzanne)

4. **MAP Process**

Brian gave an introduction to the MAP discussion. The MAP Report titled “Stage 3: The Story” generated over the summer and the “As heard” report generated at the planning conference have been distributed. St Mark's had the largest representation at the planning conference. The next step in the process is for the discernment team to be struck. Terms of reference for the discernment team were distributed. The goal is to present preferred options for presentation at vestry in February. The Rev. Ross Hammond of the Parish Growth and Renewal Committee (PGRC) will facilitate the process. The report of the discernment team is due in December.

All individuals present were invited to speak on issues close to their heart regarding the MAP process. During discussion, concerns were raised about accuracy and scope of data and the designated time frame for the process. After the meeting had continued almost 2 hours, it was determined that the issues could not be resolved at this meeting and the general feeling in the room was assessed. The results were:

a. Nobody in the room is willing to make a final decision in February.

b. When asked the question: Who would be prepared to move forward? 11 answered yes, 9 answered no.

The consensus was that the leadership team needs to come back to us again taking into account a longer time frame. It was also felt that more information and reviewing the accuracy of the information was needed. More discussion needs to occur within St Mark's.

Brian expressed thanks to the participants for their sharing at beginning of evening and heartfelt participation over the evening and urged everyone to continue to stay engaged with the process.

The open portion of the meeting closed at 9:30 with Doxology.

**5. Motion for tabling the agenda**

Moved that the rest of the agenda be tabled and any reports be submitted electronically to this night's recording secretary for distribution to members of parish council.

Approved (Brian, Allen)

**6. Business was concluded at 9:40.**

Submitted by Joy Bowerman