

St. Mark's Parish Council

Draft until approved by next meeting

Bishop Reed Hall

June 12, 2013

Present : Les Cundell, Brian Kauk, Jenny Morphew, Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Gillian Morris, Georgia Roberts, Suzanne Wilkins, Coralie Sheehan, Jane Delroy, Pamela Rogers, Sheila Vaudrey, Joy Bowerman, Audia Barnett

Apologies : Michael Perkin, who was attending a "Conversations Session" at St James Church in Carleton Place.

1. Call to Order : 7 31 p.m.
2. Opening Reflections prepared by Michael Perkin, and read by Father Brian : Jesus calls us to be like little children, willing to see things anew. Reminding us that once we see things rightly, the rest follows and all things become possible.
3. Approval of Agenda
The Agenda was amended to include "Musical Resources during the summer" under "Other Business", after which approval of the agenda was moved by Georgia and seconded by Coralie.
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
The Minutes of May 08, were amended to include Jenny's name that had been omitted. The approval of the Minutes was then moved by Allen and seconded by Suzanne.
5. Business arising from Previous Minutes
Progress on Ministry Assessment Process (MAP)

Father Brian circulated a handout which provided a graphic overview with explanatory notes on the MAP update. He pointed out that the results from the Town Hall meeting had been analysed, that relevant questions had been prepared, and a timetable proposed for the remainder of the year and early 2014. He further stressed that September will require everyone's time and efforts as it was planned to have the findings about buildings, finances and ministry ready and printed. September 18 was earmarked for discussing the findings among the three churches while September 27 & 28 for the Planning Conference for developing options.

Save the Date : September 18 (Tri-Parish Event to discuss findings)

September 27, 28 (Planning Conference to develop options)

September 29 (Joint Celebration)

Father Brian concluded noting that a "Discernment Team" will be tasked with distilling the options into a recommendation, using a process agreed upon by all three parishes. The PC

meeting to be held on October 9 will be open to all who wish to attend. It was likely that there would be a Congregational Meeting in January 2014, and the decision formally accepted at Annual Vestry. The Update will be released June 13 by email and copies will be available in Church on Sunday. It is being considered to have the discussion of it as part of the dismissal at the services on June 23.

6. Rector's Report

Further to the policy regarding weddings outside the church, Father Brian reported that to date there had been no problems, however, PC should still keep it on the radar.

He shared that while conducting his self-evaluation, it became quite evident that there had been a large number of persons employed last year as well as many activities undertaken, and thanked everyone for the efforts made. He also advised that Michael Perkin planned to take a year off supervising Sunday School and had prepared a note on what his involvement in the children's ministry has meant to him :

"It has been a truly amazing journey, one that has allowed me to bring God into the lives of our children. It has also allowed me to expand my knowledge of our Lord and how utterly amazing our God truly is. I take this break greatly enriched by the experience and by what these awesome children and youth have taught me over the years."

Father Brian will be on his annual vacation leave from June 25 to July 25.

7. Wardens Report

a. Recognition of Volunteers

Georgia reported that the volunteers from St Mark's who got volunteer pins at the Perley this year are:

Donna Cundell - 5-year pin

Helen McGill and Irene Parboosingh - 10-year pins

Sheila Pitt - 15-year pin

b. Signage for St. Mark's Church

An update on the cost for replacing the sign (including a directional arrow to the parking lot) was provided and the motion to approve the purchase at a cost not exceeding \$500.00 from Capital Resources was moved by Coralie, seconded by Gillian and passed.

c. Memorial Funds

Further research had been conducted regarding the purchase of an AED. Based on consultation – including with St. Stephen's, the recommendation of the Warden was not to purchase yet as there were still a few concerns considering that St. Mark's rents the facilities to several groups.

8. Treasurer's Report

Joy presented the report, starting with the Budget comparison which was favourable. She noted that net income was approximately \$7,000 ahead of projection, and that Collections income to the end of May was within \$2400 of budget. Lenten Outreach income (including pennies) will be consolidated by the end of June. The HST Rebate claim had been submitted and is being audited. The water usage remains a concern and further investigations are planned. Joy advised PC that Rona Hardware is offering a 5 % discount to all special card holders, and St. Mark's would also receive 5% on purchases. An announcement will be made in church the following Sunday.

9. Property Report

Suzanne provided the report :

Trevor and Lorne repaired the downspout of the eavestrough on the Link side of the office. It turned out to be an odd-ball 3" square size pipe so none of the typical solutions were available. In the end, the downpipe was extended up into the eavestrough, cut at each of the four corners, then screwed into place and made waterproof with car repair tape. Two extra supports were installed as well.

Overnight on May 14/15, two plastic garbage pails with some shrub trimmings were carried to the parking lot and burnt. They burnt hot enough to melt the plastic and the asphalt, which would indicate some accelerant was used. It was reported to the police: the report was 13-122767.

We lost our Internet on May 18th for an unknown reason. When it was finally re-established five days later the wireless router that sends to solar energy production information from the workshop to the office router for forwarding to the Enphase website could not be started again. Trevor and Lorne concluded that the best solution to get it going again would be to run a wire connection through the basement to the Rummage Room, then to the Office crawl space and then up through the floor to the router. A tough job. Kudos to Paul and Les who did the job. Lorne did his usual chair sitting while Allen helped. It took two days to send all the back information to Enphase, but we are now up and running.

Well done to Paul who handled the interface with MDR for their Festival. No damage was reported or seen.

Connie and Helen have been busy on the flower beds and they look good. Alyssums and asters re-seeds were very plentiful this year.

10. Membership Report

The Chairman advised that Cynthia Greer had resumed duties for this, however would not be attending meetings. This was accepted by PC. The report prepared by Cynthia was read by the Chairman:

I am continuing as Chair of membership, but have declined to attend P.C. meetings.

New parishioners are still joining us, and remaining with us. In fact I had mentioned that it was time for a newcomers' luncheon. Time has slipped away. I don't like to have a lunch combined with something

else, because you don't get a chance to learn about the newcomers. So it looks like September will be the time.

Margaret Pirnat is making a few more of the pew leaflets, just to tide us over until the fall.

The parishioners' directory is moving along. Margaret p. has started making up the list.

We need to have a page which explains the rationale behind it, and who will get a copy and so on. I don't know if Keith Wilkins is interested in that part of the work.

I have phoned as many parishioners as possible, some of them multiple times. I have also left messages if necessary. There are just under 40 members whom I could not reach, or who would be unable to take a meaningful phone call. Sometimes I have discussed this with their families.

There are also 10 members who have declined to be on the list.

This directory will be updated, once or twice a year, and only those in the directory will receive one.

11. Stewardship report

The report as prepared by Michael indicated that the GIFT continuation plan was underway and that he would be attending GIFT mentoring training. The features for the Continuation phase were noted. (Attached)

12. Choir

The Choir is winding down for the Summer with June 23 being the last Sunday before the break. The organist from St. Richard's and St. Michael's will perform duties in the ensuing weeks. There may be some differences in the Order of Service during the shared worship over the summer; however, the same rules that we have used in past summers for singing in the choir on a Sunday morning will be used – with anyone from any of the three choirs being present for a short practice at 9:15 if they wish to sing. The possibility of having guest musicians over the period is also being explored.

13. Outreach

Gillian reported that 4 boxes at an estimated value of \$1790.00 were prepared for dispatch in the bales. There was a good response to Debra Dynes for Mother's Day. As DDFH prepares more than 50 emergency lunches for children each school day, food items such as granola bars, instant noodles would be appreciated.

14. Other Business

a. Opening Reflections :

September 11 - Allen

October 9 - Brian

November 13 -Jenny

December 11 - Sheila

b. Music Resources during Summer

Father Brian indicated that he would like to use the opportunity (and some of the savings incurred by having joint services during the Summer) to explore the possibility of bringing in guest musicians.

15. PC Notes for Bulletin

- Father Brian will be on vacation June 25 – July 25
- Michael taking a year off Sunday School duties
- Perley Honours - Donna Cundell, Helen McGill and Irene Parboosingh, Sheila Pitt
- Rona Offer
- Cynthia resuming duties as Coordinator of Membership (although not a member of PC)

16. Next Meeting : September 11

17. Adjourn: 8:55 p.m. Jenny, Joy