

**St. Mark's Parish Council**

**Draft until approved by next meeting**

**Bishop Reed Hall**

**May 08, 2013**

Present: Les Cundell, Michael Perkin, Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Georgia Roberts, Suzanne Wilkins, Coralie Sheehan, Jane Delroy, Pamela Rogers, Sheila Vaudrey, Joy Bowerman, Audia Barnett

Apologies: Brian Kauk, Gillian Morris

1. Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.
2. Opening Reflections by Audia: Taken from Ephesians.1:15 -23 on the importance of seeing the unseen. The better we can see with the eye of faith into the invisible, spiritual realm of God, the better we will see the visible world for what it really is.
3. Approval of Agenda  
The Agenda was amended by deleting "Lenten Outreach" from Other Business, after which it was approved on a motion by Allen and seconded by Joy.
4. Approval of Minutes of April 10  
The Minutes were approved: Jenny, Coralie
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Georgia stated that the MAP Committee had met the previous week and reviewed feedback from each Parish on the questions that had been proposed to be explored during the process. Responses indicated that the 3 churches were all at different points. Peter John Hobbs was present at the meeting where he spoke on the process and offered support of the Diocese. The Committee plans to start collating facts on the different parishes (financial etc.).

Regarding services during the summer, Rev. Linda Privitera has organized to have a workshop on "what makes for a good welcome". Rev. Cannon Sally Gadd will run this workshop at St Michael's at 7pm on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Jenny made the general point that some persons who did not live in the community but attended St. Mark's, may not be motivated to come to church if the service is not at St Mark's (e.g. during the Summer months).

6. Rectors Report

The documents prepared by Fr. Brian were circulated. One was an advance copy of a letter inviting participation in the special Diocesan event -“Conversations :Embracing God’s Future”. The event will seek to discern God’s dream for our church, with all its communities, as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus into the future. The aim is to have at least 5 attendees from each church. Fr. Brian had requested that PC provide suggestions of persons to receive this invitation letter. Approximately 12 names were submitted.

#### 7. Wardens Report

It was reported that there was a change of date of the Rummage Sale to June 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> due to a time conflict with Madonna’s Annual Festival. The request by Father Antonio to use St. Mark’s parking lot during the festival was granted except for when it will be used on Saturday morning by St. Mark and St. Monica and on Sunday morning by St. Mark’s. For both mornings, someone will be in the parking lot to let churchgoers in. Fisher Ave will be closed.

Corporation made a decision to split a recent donation of \$5,000 between Ministry and Capital Reserves.

#### 8. Treasurer’s Report

Joy presented the report, starting with the Budget comparison which was favourable. Envelope receipts were within \$1500 of expectations, whereas rental and solar income were above expectations. Overall the net income at the end of April was -\$4,243 as compared with the budgeted -\$13,800.

She noted that the Ministry Reserve balance now sits at \$14,641 and Capital Projects at \$31,640 since the transfer of the \$5000 donation (mentioned in the Wardens’ Report), which appeared as “Other general income” on the budget sheet at the end of March.

Concern was expressed about the water bill which was 4 times what the last one was. It was agreed that the Property Committee will be advised of the anomaly so that they might investigate the reason.

#### 9. Property Report

Suzanne gave the report. The roof and fascia have been repaired by Lucas Contracting. The damage to the eavestrough was pronounced an “Act of God”, and therefore repairable at our expense. Paul Greer found however that the trough was not properly installed and corrected it. We still have a problem with the down spout which will be fixed.

In late April we had the Eastern Spruce tree near the bus stop sign cut down. It was a surprise to all. It turns out that it had blown over and the City took it down as it was on city property. They will grind the stump in due course.

A class of kids from St. Rita’s came one morning and picked the garbage from our ditches and property. Lorne happened to be there and gave them lots of thanks and praise. They even took the bags all away.

Connie and Helen have been busy in the gardens and we are in good shape.

Paul and Les have done more than their share of changing light bulbs. Allen and Les have done regular maintenance around the property.

We produced 1.32 MWh (about \$1,082) of solar energy in April.

10. Membership – no report

11. Stewardship Report

Michael advised that :

- a. St. Mark's had been invited by NRORC to participate in a documentary video to be done by kids.
- b. Follow-up with Bleekers regarding the stereo equipment ( which is being investigated for GIFT)
- c. Michael has volunteered to act as GIFT Mentor for another church other than St Mark's, possibly St Richards or St. Michaels.

12. Choir Report - None

13. Outreach Report – None

14. Other Business

- a. Jenny noted that she attended the AGM of the diocesan ACW where it was confirmed that bales will continue to be sent. There had been a reduction in donations – possibly because of doubt of whether the initiative was still on.
- b. Sheila advised that there will be an Aboriginal component to St Michael's June 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Service. All are invited and this will be in bulletins of all 3 parishes.
- c. Jenny reminded PC that it was St Julian's Day (of Norwich).

15. PC Notes for Bulletin

- Welcoming Workshop
- Change in date for Rummage Sale
- Special Service at St Richard with Aboriginal component
- Morning Prayer (Ref- Brian's note)

16. Date of Next Meeting : June 12 ; Opening Reflection - Michael

17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with the Grace (Joy, Gale).

