

# DRAFT

## St. Mark's Parish Council

Draft until approved by next meeting

Bishop Reed Hall

April 10, 2013

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

Apologies : Michael Perkin, Gillian Morris.

Absent :

1. Call to Order : 7 :32 pm by Les.
2. Opening Reflections by Jenny : What God is like? The story was shared about the sheep owner. Like the sheep owner – God put on a human form that we would not be afraid of him.
3. Approval of Agenda  
The Agenda was amended to include the PC Notes for Item #14, making Date of the Next meeting #15 and Adjournment #16 on the agenda.  
*The agenda was approved as amended.*
4. Approval of Minutes from March 13  
The Minutes were approved : (Georgia and Pam)
5. Business arising from previous minutes  
  
Georgia noted that the Parish Calendar was available online at <http://stmarksottawa.mhsoftware.com/>. Fr. Brian said that there will be print copies of the monthly calendars for persons who do not have access to a computer.
6. Rector's report
  - a. Fr. Brian informed PC that he would be away from the Parish during the week of May 5. No Sunday is involved.

b. He reminded members about Rev. Linda Privitera's family's health issues and requested that she and her family be remembered in PC's prayers.

c. Fr. Brian also circulated a draft letter which would serve as the cover letter for a parish mailing of his Report to Vestry. He noted that Vestry wanted everyone to be informed about the conversations taking place among St. Mark's, St. Richard's and St Michael's through the Ministry Assessment Process (MAP). Points were made in the letter about MAP being both a Business model and a Spiritual process. In the letter Fr. Brian emphasized that he was available in person, by email and by phone to pass on information and invitations about MAP activities. He encouraged prayer for the MAP team.

d. Fr. Brian also pointed out the Summer Worship calendar on the reverse side of his cover letter. Members were in agreement that the calendar should be done in colour to highlight the respective venues for the services. Fr. Brian reminded PC that the rationale for mid-week services was to offer as many worship opportunities as possible for persons who go away (e.g. to the cottage) on weekends. During his absence in the summer there would be a 5:30 pm service on Wednesdays at St. Michael's, and when he is back, Fr. Brian would have a 5:30 pm service on Wednesdays at St Mark's.

e. Volunteers were needed to place the letters in envelopes which were already labelled. Sheila and Jenny volunteered to assist on Friday.

#### 7. Warden's report – None

#### 8. Treasurer's report

Joy presented the report, noting that income in March was good. This may have been due to the fact that March had five Sundays and Easter. A bequest of \$5000.00 was received in March (Other General Income). Another bequest was previously received – reflected under "Open" Income, and is being used for budgeted expenses and for purchasing linen for the traveling communion set.

The problem with a photocopier bill has been solved.

The supply Organist will be available until June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Arie Vandenberg will have a look at the organ when he is in the vicinity.

#### 9. Property Report

Suzanne presented the report : Lorne was still on the sideline for doing work. Les and Allen were continuing with call-in assistance from Paul Greer and Russell Wilkins. The Easter and Art Show signs were put up and the regular magnetic signs were found to have been stored by the "Kicked the Habit" group. Allen met with the group and the signs are now back safe and sound. Georgia and Russell cleaned windows and dusted in the Hall in preparation for the Art Show. The plants survived the winter in relatively good shape as was seen when the snow melted. The wardens are considering whether something should be done with the Anglican Church Welcome sign at the parking lot entrance since it is not in good shape. Some possibilities are to repaint the words or purchase a new sign. Screws will be

added to the sign on the front lawn to address the buckling of the plexi-glass. Lorne has contacted Lucas regarding the flat roof and the fascia.

Pam brought to the attention of the PC that more cleaning products, especially bleach, were needed for the kitchen. Pam has agreed to get some bleach and will ensure that only a formulation for domestic use is purchased.

10. Membership Report – none

11. Stewardship Report – None

Michael, who was on vacation in Barbados, sent an email with a message that peace and serenity come from a heart filled with spirit and love and not a pocket full of cash and a life full of stuff.

12. Choir Report

Jenny advised that the choir was trying to cope with several changes occurring in a short time, such as Barbara's farewell and the loss of David. 2 members of the choir (tenors) dying in a relatively short time is difficult to absorb for many.

13. Outreach Report - none

14. Other Business

Coffee Roster will be sent out by Georgia.

15. PC Notes for Bulletin

The notes from last month will be put in as these didn't get out. In addition : information on the Supply organist (biodata); Summer Calendar now available; Congregational Resource Day May 4, Registration deadline April 15.

16. Date of Next Meeting May 8, Opening Reflections - Audia

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