

**ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of 8 March 2017
7:30 pm, Bishop Reed Hall
DRAFT MINUTES**

In attendance: Fr. Jim Roberts, Laurie Slaughter, Maria Padin, Jenny Morphew, Kate Greer-Close, Penny Miller, Heather Simpson, Gillian Morris, Cynthia Greer, Suzanne Wilkins, Margaret Lodge, Fr. Jim Roberts, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Georgia Roberts, Ray Davidson, Bruce Lodge

1. Opening the meeting

- a. **Call to order** – since this is the first parish council following Vestry Fr. Jim chaired the first part of the meeting which was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
- b. **Opening Prayer/Reflection**- offered by Father Jim
- c. **Regrets**: none
- d. **Election of new Chair**- Bruce Lodge was nominated by Cynthia Greer and seconded by Penny Miller acclaimed
- e. **Election of recording secretary**- Janis Perkin was nominated by Margaret Lodge and seconded by Jenny Morphew acclaimed
- f. **Approval of the Agenda**
Moved by Bruce Lodge seconded by Gillian Morris; carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting(s)

A request from Margaret Lodge made at the previous PC meeting was missing- A report from the GIFT committee has been requested and will be covered by the appropriate person.

Motion to approve minutes: moved by Michael Perkin; seconded by Ray Davidson; approved.

3. Business arising from previous meeting(s)

GIFT

Michael Perkin pointed out that the 5 year GIFT Campaign is finished and that there may be a few 100 dollars that may come in. There should be approximately \$29,000.00 in the St. Mark's share. We need to look at how to use the monies as they relate to the case that St. Mark's created at the beginning of the Campaign. Any proposals for the use of these funds need to be submitted to the GIFT Committee who then bring the recommended proposals to Parish Council for review.

4. Regular Reports

a. Rector's Report

Fr. Jim received a phone call from a young person who wanted to share some DVDS produced by a professor at the University of Toronto. The DVDS present a discussion regarding faith and science. Fr. Jim will be meeting with him to view them.

Today4Tomorrow is the Bishop's new appeal. Janis Perkin is the parish representative. St. Mark's is seeking a speaker and we are waiting for a response from Jane Scanlon.

b. Warden's Report/ Property

It was moved by Bruce Lodge and seconded by Cynthia Greer that there should be a person who would be responsible overall for property issues. They recommended Paul Greer who already does a lot of work around the property. Parish council were in agreement.

Property:

Roof.

Paul Greer continued to remove snow and ice very carefully off the flat roof. The roofing contractor came to look at it, and they used a hose to direct water and found there was a hole. They suggested patching it with the black roofing goop, which Paul did. So far, no more rain has come in, but it might only happen when there is standing water. i.e. if it isn't on the level part, but up the side.

We'll see. He might have to come back and repair / renew a section.

Special lighting effects for the pancake supper.

The lights dimmed and some went off altogether. There was nothing wrong with the upstairs panel. One of the big main fuses in the basement went. We couldn't have checked it ourselves. The electrician found it and replaced the fuse. Now we have a spare, so it can be checked if that ever happens again. He found no problem with the wiring.

Cause? Sudden surge of power likely from dishwasher plus something else, happening at the same moment. No change in load from other years.

Emergency lights.

The main emergency light in the hall didn't work properly. Paul replaced the battery, which had cracked, as had 5 others around. They will all work now in an emergency. Various lights have been replaced. Including the exit light over the doors to the link.

Kitchen taps and pipes

There was water on the floor and in the pans in the cupboard this morning. Paul went over, and tightened the connections under the sinks, and he thinks the faucet was also loose. This happens every so often.

Mouse activity

There hasn't been any mouse activity lately. If you find a mouse in a trap, remove it if you are willing, but if not ask Paul, Steve or James. Let Paul know if you removed one, so we don't get too complacent.

Cynthia Greer

c. Treasurer

Georgia Roberts reviewed the February 2017 budget figures. It was pointed out that Solar Panel Income doesn't always come in on the same date every month. User fees appear higher because the person teaching Kung Fu has paid his rent up to his year-end which is in June. These types of things affect the bottom line each month.

d. Membership / Vitality / Communications

Membership

1 new member

1 death

Presently have 188 family units

Parish Events

February 28 Pancake Supper thanks to Kate & Steve Close and friends for another great event

Parish events coming up in the next month

March 8 to April 5 - Wednesdays in Lent – 10am Lenten prayer and study – Fr Jim Roberts

March 12 – Parish Breakfast – 8.45am - City Councillor Riley Brockington is guest - Brian Harrison

April 1 – Art Show – 10.30pm – Georgia Roberts / Jackie Sorfleet

Vitality

There have been a few changes from the previous report.

Following the announcement of Fr Jim's retirement for the end of April, we are incorporating that special occasion within our St Mark's patronal celebration April 23, and include an evensong and supper rather than lunch. The Wardens are also involved in that process now.

New event on May 13 – Capital Chordettes concert at 7:30pm

Possible switch of dates for the Canada 150 celebration in June

Definite dates:

April 23 – St Mark's (25th) patronal / retirement evensong and supper in recognition of Fr Jim's retirement – details to be announced

April 26 – Card Party - Carol Russell and Pat Sinclair

April 30 - Songs 4 the Soul 2 – parish choral workshop with Choir/vitality planning

May 13 – Capital Chordettes concert 7:30pm

Garage Sale in May 27 – 9am to 2pm

June 3 - Big Give in June – this might be part of a weekend Doors Open project, application has been submitted

Possible dates:

June 18 or 25 – Canada 150 tea and evensong – still being planned

1 parish supper (fall)

1 or 2 non-parish entertainment program (fall).

Communications:

Mark This Word newsletter Lent issue has been distributed – time to plan for the June issue

Margaret Lodge Membership

e. Stewardship

Michael Perkin mentioned that with a new incumbent coming in he would be reviewing Stewardship at St. Mark's with that person.

f. Choir

There will be a joint function coming on April 30th called Songs for the Soul 2 shared by the choir and members of the parish.

Junior choristers received plaques at a Sunday Service for various achievements.

g. Children and Youth(Sunday School)

For Valentine's Day the Sunday school created cards that were given out to parishioners. They were also shared at the Perley and with our shut-ins. Kate and Cynthia received lots of thanks for the cards.

Although the youth in the parish appear to be less visible they were very present at the Pancake Supper where they helped out in the kitchen and where ever they were needed.

St. Mark's 72nd Scouts celebrated the 60th anniversary of scouting at St. Mark's in February. Cynthia Greer and Margaret Lodge helped out in the kitchen.

h. Outreach

Ministry Outreach Proposal:

In January, the St. Mark's Ministry Consultation group reported on its preliminary work which was carried out from March to June 2016. Father Jim proposed a possible focus related to the findings of the group's interviews in the community which indicated a perceived need. The support of senior citizens or the elderly that need help, could be a direction that St. Mark's takes as its single mission in our community through a shared partnership.

The question remains: What is the exact or greatest need of this population in our community and how can we in partnership, meet it?

Discussion and direction regarding our approach and how to proceed needs to emanate from Parish Council, which was supportive at our January meeting.

Of the six persons that comprised the Consultation and Advisory Group, three remain. They are: Georgia Roberts, Jan Oswald and myself. At our January meeting, Michael Perkin was added to the exploratory group. The group would like to proceed, in consultation with Father Jim who has health care contacts in the area, so that we may define the precise needs. The specific areas that are not being addressed for those older people needing support in a focussed and organized way, could then become St. Mark's focus.

We could become the elder support centre of our community.

"Tulipathon" Walk :

As mentioned last report, advertising, in order to have a good showing from St. Mark's, will start early April and continue to the beginning of May. We want to make our presence and our contribution as good or better at the walk this year on May 7, in keeping with our support for affordable housing for low income families and our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Slaughter

Laurie asked for Parish Council approval to continue doing research etc. so that St. Marks can define what exactly they can do in terms of eldercare in our community with our own resources and those of our future partners. We would build on what we already do so well within the parish.

5. Other Business

Notes for the Bulletin

A Reminder- If anyone is adjusting the thermostats when they are in any areas of the church building please return them to the run program so that we can keep our heating costs low.

Parish Council wants to thank everyone for their continued financial support which is keeping us basically in the black.

Next meeting: April 5, 2017

Margaret Lodge will be the recorder in Janis's absence. Please note the time change: 7:30 pm following the Corporation meeting at 6:30 pm. (This is going to be a permanent change so please adjust your calendars accordingly)

6. Adjournment

The Agenda being completed the meeting adjourned with the Grace at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin, Parish Council Secretary