

# St. Mark's Parish Council

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Wednesday, February 13, 2013

8:15 pm, BRH

## **Present:**

Audia Barnett, Joy Bowerman, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Gale Dering Jane Delroy, Cynthia Greer, Brian Kauk, Penny Miller, Jenny Morphew, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Georgia Roberts, Pam Rogers, Sheila Vaudrey

**Regrets:** Gillian Morris

## **Absent:**

1. **Call to Order** at 8:15 by Les.
2. **Opening Reflections:** Ash Wednesday Service
3. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Under other business add:
    - Health Committee
    - Nominating Committee
    - Budget
    - Thank yous

Approved as amended (Allen, Sheila)

4. **Approval of minutes.**  
Approved (Georgia, Penny)

## 5. **Business arising from previous minutes**

### a. MAP consultation:

- A report to vestry was distributed. A motion is found on page 3.

Motion: The vestry of St Mark's receives the report on the recent conversation with St Michael's and St Richard's from the organizers and is in favour of continuing these discussions using the Ministry Assessment Process suggested by the diocese; and this vestry supports Georgia Roberts and Judy Darling as St Mark's representatives to the Ministry Assessment Process Team, continuing to liaise with the two partner parishes St Michael's and St Richard's and seeking volunteers to implement MAP at St Mark's.

- b. Thank you to everyone who helped after the ecumenical service. It was a good service but not the greatest time of day for St Mark's people.

## 6. **Rector's Report**

- a. Summer worship: A proposal was put forward to try joint worship over this summer with St Michael's and St Richard's. This would be for 9 weeks, beginning Canada day weekend through to Labour Day. The joint services would start at St Mark's on June 30 for 3 weeks with Rev. Margo Whittaker and Rev. Linda Privatera conducting the services and providing clergy coverage while Brian is on holiday. St Richard's and St Michael's would hold mid-week services at 10AM on Thursday during this time frame. The next three weeks, the Sunday services would be at St Richard's, with the mid-week services at St Mark's and St. Michael's. The last three weeks would be at St Michaels, with mid-week services at St

Mark's and St Richard's. This would allow clergy coverage for all three churches over the summer while the respective incumbents take holidays and a reduction in expenses.

- Motion: Parish council recommends that St Mark's shares worship in the summer months with St Richard's and St Michael's for 9 weeks beginning June 30, 2013. The schedule will be worked out between the three clergy. Passed(Allen, Sheila)
- b. St Michael's & St Richard's are planning a joint service on Maundy Service with the service being held at St Michael's. St Mark's is invited. The service is quite different. It is centred around a meal. Perhaps we could reciprocate by inviting the other two parishes to Easter Vigil. Brian is willing to see if we can contribute music to Maundy Thursday. We would come back here afterward to strip our own altar. It will be announced as a plan to see what feedback comes.
- c. A joint worship service for the three churches, sharing food afterward is being explored. Trinity Sunday is being considered, perhaps at Andy Hayden Park.

**7. Warden's Report**

- a. We have received a donation of \$5,000 from Susan Ormsby, Pam Zoubie's daughter.
- b. We have purchased an online calendar to assist with scheduling in the church and with rentals. It is working out well.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

- a. There is nothing unexpected in this month's financial report. This month's collections income was \$1,600 below what was expected.
- b. We received a \$5,000 donation from Susan Ormsby which is listed under Other Income. Because of that, we ended the month with a deficit of only \$673.

**9. Property**

- a. Our Sacristy and Nave roof near the Sacristy have had minor leaks. As well some fascia has blown off the west end of the roof near the chimney. Lucas has been contacted and he will fix them in warmer weather. It is far too dangerous to do the ladder work now with all the snow and ice on the ground.
- b. The toilet in the Ladies' washroom in BRH has been repaired.
- c. The bottom part of the cupboard that came from the Conference Room has been moved to just inside the office foyer under the polishing drop down table. Les, Len Cundell, and Vaughn did the job. Sheila Pitt took the top part of the cupboard.
- d. Bulbs have been replaced in a number of exit signs.
- e. The monthly energy production for January was 917 kwh.

**10. Membership**

- a. The directory is ongoing. Cynthia is doing the calls but it takes 20 to 30 minutes per call. Georgia suggested that the church phone, email and address be included in the directory.

**11. Stewardship**

- a. GIFT Initiatives: Bleekers is coming in the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> to asses the possibilities for linking shut ins to the Sunday services. Michael has been invited to St Richard's when they carry out a similar walk around there.
- b. Michael has been examining the Daring to Dream results and the results from the visioning on February 2 to see if there are areas of overlap between the two.

**12. Choir**

- a. Jenny will continue as parish council representative.

**13. Outreach**

- a. No report at this time.

**14. Other Business**

- a. Organ. The organ situation was discussed at corporation. We may have temporary solution with a suggestion from Don Marjerrison. We are hoping to have it looked at again by Arie Vandenberg with specific details on the problems. Barbara is putting together information on leasing an organ in case of emergency.
- b. Music Director. Barbara's last day will be Easter Sunday.
- c. Refreshments for vestry
- Sandwiches – Michael, Gale, Penny, Jane, Georgia
  - Vegetables – Joy
  - Chips – Sheila
  - Fruit - Jenny
- d. Health Committee In November, the Health Committee asked Janet to investigate having an AED at St Mark's. At the January meeting, she reported and highly recommended that we have one, since it has been shown that, in many civil places, they have saved lives, and since, with rentals and all, we have so many people going though St Mark's. She estimates the cost for the equipment to be \$1200 and training to be \$25 per person. The Health Committee thus recommends that, when memorial funds become available, we consider the purchase. Janis raised the issue of replacing the batteries and recalibration once it has been used.
- e. Nominating Committee The only position not filled is Membership.
- f. Budget  
The following changes were made to the budget:
- Reduce Organist Fill in to \$150
  - Reduce Clergy Fill in by \$1000
  - Reduce Salaries by \$1500
  - Eliminate Special Projects
  - Eliminate Book Repair
  - Increase Open by \$4850 to reflect the donation by Susan Ormsby
- This reduces the deficit to \$5944.  
Motion: The amended budget for 2013 be passed to vestry. Passed(Georgia, Allen)
- g. Thank yous  
Thank you to everyone for participating and a particular thank you to those who are stepping down at vestry. Penny has finished her term as Synod delegate; Janis has finished her term as warden; Cynthia has finished as Membership chair. Sheila, Audia and Les have finished their terms and have agreed to serve again. Also a thank you goes to ConnieBowerman who has been envelope secretary for 40 years.
- h. Jenny reminded everyone that this year's service for the World Day of Prayer will be Friday March 1 at St Bonaventure. This year the country is France with the theme: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

**15. Parish Council Notes:**

- a. World Day of Prayer  
b. Shared services in summer  
c. Organist last day.

**16.** The next meeting is March 13 in BRH.

**17.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 with the Grace. (Allen,Janis )

Submitted by Joy Bowerman