

# St. Mark's Parish Council

Draft until approved by next meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

7:30 pm, BRH

## **Present:**

Audia Barnett, Joy Bowerman, Les Cundell, Jane Delroy, Brian Kauk, Penny Miller, Jenny Morphew, Gillian Morris, Georgia Roberts, Pam Rogers

**Regrets:** Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin

**Absent:** Sheila Vaudrey

1. **Call to Order** at 7:35 by Les.
2. **Opening Reflections:** The reflection was sent in by Janis and read by Les. Janis talked about an Epiphany activity called the chalking of the lintel. Following Eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door. For this year it would be: 20+CMB+13 The 20 and 13 represent the year. The CMB represents both Christus mansionem benedicta (Christ bless this house) and the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar. The + represents the cross and is read as "Christ, bless this house" and the second + as "and remain with us throughout the new year".
3. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Under other business add:
    - Use of memorial funds
    - Ecumenical serviceApproved as amended (Jenny, Penny)
4. **Approval of minutes.**
  - a. Audia Barnett was present.
  - b. 6a Friday spelled incorrectly, add closing parenthesis
  - c. 7f photocopier has died, Lorne and Les went to Advanced Business ImagingApproved (Gillian, Georgia)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
  - a. None at this time
6. **Rector's Report**
  - a. St Mark's successfully joined again with St Richard's and St Michael and All Angels for an Advent Lunch and Learn program. All parishes were equally represented, with each of the three clergy taking a turn leading the program. A follow-up event was held January 9 with author Robert Sibley.
  - b. Brian prepared a printable calendar for the month of February, hoping it might be helpful in community with our members. Parish council agreed it was useful and agreed that a calendar every month would help communicate the activities of the parish.
  - c. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Ash Wednesday. To resolve this conflict the Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm with parish council immediately following.
  - d. St Mark's, St Richard's and St Michael and All Angels will do pulpit exchanges on January 20 and March 3. On January 20, Margo will come to St Mark's and Brian will go to St Michael and All Angels. On March 3, Linda will come to St Mark's and Brian will go to St

Richard's.

- e. A joint program for Lent with St Richard's and St Michael and All Angels is in the planning stages.
- f. A shared mid-week service in Lent is being discussed, likely at St Richard's.
- g. There was some discussion about different traditions in the three churches during Holy Week and whether there were some opportunities for joint worship.
- h. In November 2009, Brian brought forward recommendations for change to parish policies regarding weddings. He has made some further revisions and clarifications to make this document more user-friendly. A good discussion was had on the document and it will return to council in February or March for ratification.

## **7. Warden's Report**

Vestry will be on February 24

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Net Income for 2012 was -\$1,981, which is not too bad considering the projected deficit of about \$15,000. This was the result of a combination of factors: a reduction in Parish nurse costs, due to a delay in hiring a nurse, a decrease in office hours and increased income from the solar panels and from rentals.
- b. Collections income dropped radically in the last quarter of the year. In September, we were on track with our projected income. By the end of December, we were \$15,000 behind.
- c. We never received our CTF dividends last year. Apparently they went to St Mark's, Cumberland by mistake and are now on their way to use. It is approximately \$1,000. Council agreed that when they are received they will be applied to last year's deficit.
- d. For the first time in a very long time, more money was spent on flowers than was received. Council recommended that this be communicated to the parish and that a Flowers report should be in the vestry report.
- e. Motion: The budget for 2013 be passed to vestry. Passed (Georgia, Jenny)

## **9. Property**

- a. It has been a busy month of trying to fit around the various events. Russell and Lorne finished the nursery cupboard in early January instead of just before Christmas. It looks good and provides a huge amount of storage space. The cost was as expected.
- b. Rose stripped and waxed the Hall floor just before Christmas. It was a lot of work but well worth it in the end. The hall looks very good.
- c. Russell joined Lorne and Les to repair the bi-fold doors in the Sacristy and the Choir Room. They are all back in working order. While Russell was there, he was introduced to the art of pew setting, a standard task of the property workers.
- d. Paul Greer adjusted the cross wall spotlight to that it shines on the back pews of the choir. The lighting is satisfactory. We consider the project closed, or at least on the back burner.
- e. Paul Greer did all the outside Christmas lighting this year, including the Link door. Many thanks.
- f. The colour copier is installed and operating. Training was provided on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- g. On January 8, the roof in the Sacristy began to leak. It was at the same point that it leaked last year before the new roof was installed. Lorne emailed Lucas O'Connor who got back to him within the hour. Lucas sent a crew to start shoveling on January 9 at 7:00 am. Lorne met them and showed them the leak. At the time of preparing this report, the cause of the leak was not apparent.
- h. There was 523 kwh of solar power generated in December.

- 10. Membership**
  - a. The directory is about half done but it is the easy half that is done.
  
- 11. Stewardship**
  - a. GIFT CAMPAIGN review of all outstanding visitations underway, strategy on how to approach, timing for approach etc under consideration.
  - b. GIFT announcements and updates will be monthly or less starting in February
  - c. Diocesan GIFT goal of \$12 million very close to being achieved. Last formal update had the campaign at \$11million and climbing
  - d. Establishing youth/ senior liaisons was discussed at the seniors lunch. Response was good, Michael will be following up with details of the program later in January before establishing a listing of those on both sides willing to participate. Michael is working with Janet Helmer to ensure we take the appropriate measures in consultation and linking.
  - e. Stewardship has had meetings with NROCRC (Nepean Rideau Osgoode Community Resource Centre). There is a potential opportunity to have them come over and inform us about some of their activities underway in the community, perhaps a display at coffee hour.
  - f. There is an ongoing review of the Daring to Dream data to determine opportunities for further exploration.
  
- 12. Choir**
  - a. There was a successful 9 Lessons and Carols Service on December 23. Thanks to Georgia and Penny for organizing the food.
  - b. The Christmas services were very enjoyable.
  - c. Thanks to Lorne and his crew for doing the doors in the choir room.
  - d. The choir would like to draw attention to the ecumenical service and reception.
  
- 13. Outreach**
  - a. Carleton Memorial invited us to the Multicultural supper on January 26 at 6 PM at Carleton Memorial United Church. Carleton Memorial and Debra-Dynes are involved in this. There will be a much shorter program than last year.
  
- 14. Other Business**
  - a. MAP consultation – see attached document. Parish Council is strongly urged to attend and all members of the parish are encouraged to attend.
  - b. Lenten Outreach – Suggestions for Lenten Outreach were received. Two will be selected at vestry.
    - St Luke's Lunch Club – need bridge funding to make the transition from parish to community ministry (Brian)
    - Debra-Dynes (Georgia)
    - PWFDF – Famines in Africa (Jenny)
  - c. Memorials – There was only \$380 received in Memorials last year. Altar cloths are outstanding from previous memorial list. Suggested projects for this year are:
    - Funeral table cloths
    - Folding machine
  - d. Ecumenical Service
    - Concern about food and congregation. There will be representatives from Mar Thoma, St Mark and St Monica and perhaps St Mesrob. Georgia will coordinate the reception.

Brian will check out liquor license.

**15. Parish Council Notes:**

- a. Vestry meeting
- b. MAP Town Hall meeting
- c. Bottom line this year with note about CTF
- d. Pulpit exchanges Margo from St R in 20<sup>th</sup> Linda from St M. on March 3.
- e. Flowers
- f. Nursery cupboard

**16.** The next meeting is February 13 in BRH after Ash Wednesday service with no reflection.

**17.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 with the Grace. (Audia, Gillian)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman