

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

7:30 pm, BRH

Present:

Joy Bowerman, Stephen Coaker, Judy Corbishley, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Cynthia Greer, Fr. Brian Kauk, Jenny Morphew, Penny Miller, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Sheila Vaudrey

Regrets: Mani P Mani

Absent: Wanda Bowman

1. **Call to Order** at 7:28 by Judy
2. **Opening Reflections** Les Cundell offered a story called Keep your fork about faith in the life hereafter.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved (Les, Jenny)
4. **Approval of previous minutes.**
In Item 4, change Janis Perking to Janis Perkin
Approved (Gillian, Michael)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
No business arising.
6. **Rector's Report**
 - a. St Mark's received a funding request from the Carlington Community Chaplaincy, . This has not received action, since money was not set aside in the budget for this group. If anyone is interested in pursuing this or promoting the needs to of the Chaplaincy to our members, please speak to me. We should note that a major Diocesan Capital Campaign is underway, and that St Mark's will be expected to take part in that campaign. Their chaplain, Linton Worrell, has resigned and is going back to school.
 - b. St Mark's received a thank you letter from Anglican Social Services Centre 454. It will be posted in the link.
 - c. St Mark's received a request to renew our principal membership in the Multifaith Housing Initiative, at which Brian Harrison serves as the parish representative. This is in the budget, and will be acted on.
 - d. Brian will be away from the parish the first week of May, but will be back in time for Sunday services.

- e. Please remember the Diocesan Prayer conference in Kemptville May 13-14. Group registrations of 5 or more people receive a substantial discount. I have asked some people if they would like to attend, but no one has accepted. Deadline for Group Registrations is April 29th.
- f. We have received the letter from the Financial Affairs committee of the diocese. They approved the roof with a cost up to \$65,000. They approved in principle the installation of solar panels and approved the withdrawals from the CTF. We need to go back to Financial Affairs when we have the offer from OPG. The committee chair had a nephew who had used Wakefield Bridge shingles and had considerable problems. We have researched the problem extensively and it looks to be a problem with the installation. We have contacted a church in Thessalon which had the shingles installed 2 years ago and has had no problems with them. Research is ongoing but we see no reason at this time to change our plans.

7. Warden's Report

We have received a letter from Madonna della Resurrezione asking for use of our parking lot during the MDR Festival Friday, May 27 through Sunday, May 29. We will reply that they are welcome to use it when we are not using it so they will not have the use of it Sunday morning.

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. There was nothing startling this month. Our net income was less negative than predicted. Collections income about what expected.

9. Property Report

- a. All ten folding tables from the basement have returned. We do not know who borrowed them, but we are glad to have them back.
- b. The glass globe in the hall has been replaced. We have two spares plastic ones now.
- c. During the storm earlier in the week, some water came in above the Altar. It was covered with plastic so there was no damage.
- d. Jenny Morpew discovered a leak from the hot water heating pipes above the book shelf just inside the link doors of the hall. Lorne put a pail under it and collected about 5 litres of water. On Monday, Lorne and Allen examined it further and discovered that the air bleeder valve was burbling out a small amount of water. Lorne closed the valve which was had been left open and will follow up with the heating contractor when the boiler is serviced this summer.
- e. Allen and Russell Wilkins cleaned the hall windows in preparation for the Art Show.
- f. Russell also trimmed some of the overhanging spruce branches above the art show sign.
- g. Les removed the Wednesday Eucharist notice on the sign in front of the Church.

10. Membership

Cynthia is considering a new members gathering and looking for suggestions. It could be something very simple.

11. Stewardship

Over the next month, collection and selection of the stewardship team will occur. Michael is now part of the Carleton Ecumenical Chaplaincy Board.

12. Choir

Last Sunday, we said goodbye to Marla Haring who has been playing the violin for us over the past couple of years. Thomas Pilson and Marla played the prelude on Sunday morning. Later in the hall we sang a blessing and presented her a farewell card and a music stand and a case with her name and St Mark's Lion on it.

13. Outreach

Mother's Day is May 8. There will be a notice in the bulletin for gifts for the children of Debra-Dynes to purchase for their mothers. Operation Come Home has moved to Gloucester St.

14. Other Business

- a. Report on congregational meeting. There was a good turn out: 43 people were there although some people left early. There was an opportunity for questions of clarification. This was followed by concerns which were expressed. A consensus model was used based on the colours red, yellow and green. In the summative vote, the results were: 1 green, 8 yellow, 27 red. In conclusion, it is felt that there is not the support in the parish to proceed with this proposal. However, the consensus building model worked well and it was a really good meeting.
- b. Moved that we do not pursue the proposed Seniors' Residence any further, (Brian, Janis)
Passed
- c. After soliciting proposals for the use for memorial funds, a list was circulated. It was decided to delay for a month to see if more proposals come forward.
- d. Accumulated memorial funds. What do we do with them? Most often donations given to a charity are used for the work of the charity. A suggestion would be to spend money as something comes up which is needed. Money that hasn't been spent by the end of the year could be placed in the ministry reserve. This would walk the line between remembering someone with a tangible item and using the money for the mission of the parish. When talking to the bereaved family, we can ask whether they wanted the donations steered in any particular way. The function of the Ministry Reserve fund was clarified. The Ministry Reserve functions as the Ministry counterpart of the Capital Reserve fund. While the Capital Reserve fund provided flexibility in managing the physical structure, the Ministry Reserve fund provides flexibility in managing the ministry of the parish. We will consider this topic again later. Corporation could draft a policy for conversation with Parish Council later.

15. Next meeting May 11, 2011 at 7:30 pm in BRH

16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 with the Grace. (Allen, Jenny)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman