

St. Mark's Parish Council

Draft until approved by next meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

7:30 pm, BRH

Present:

Audia Barnett, Joy Bowerman, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Cynthia Greer, Penny Miller, Jenny Morphew, Georgia Roberts, Pam Rogers, Sheila Vaudrey

Regrets: Brian Kauk, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin

1. **Call to Order** at 7:30 by Les Cundell.
2. **Opening Reflections:** by Sheila Vaudrey A reflection from Forward Day by Day for the Monday of Holy Week was read.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Add information about PWRDF Poverty Lunch to Other Business
Add PC Notes after Other Business
Approved (Georgia, Gale)
4. **Approval of minutes.**
Approved (Allen, Penny)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
 - a. A few suggestions for the use of memorial funds have been received. 1) New plastic covers for hymn books -These may not be available, Jenny will inquire. 2)White vestments to complement the hangings, 3) New snuffer for candles, 4) spiffing up women's washroom. A suggestion from around the table was updated lighting in the chancel including lighting the cross. These options will be priced out and brought back to parish council. A new altar cloth has yet to be purchased from last year's memorials. Likewise, the new round table for the conference room is still being investigated.
 - b. There was a good turnout from St Mark's for the ordination on March 28.
6. **Rector's Report**
 - a. The Lenten Learning Lab held in conjunction with St Mark's, St Richard's and St Michael and All Angels went extremely well. Participation rates were high, and anecdotal feedback is very positive. Now that Holy Week is behind us, analysis of feedback forms will be underway. For me, the success we have seen demonstrates that a high level of cooperation between our churches does not have to be at the expense of our individual congregational identities, and has the potential to yield great benefits for the ministry of our communities.
 - b. Holy Week and Easter were wonderful celebrations of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. Many thanks to all who worked so hard (particularly the choir, readers, intercessors and assistants, and the Altar Guild) to make this a beautiful experience of worship, devotion and praise.
 - c. As previously announced services of worship on Sunday April 15 will focus on the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Please remember and help promote the Poverty Lunch that will take place after the 10:00 am service. Thanks in advance to Jenny

Morpheus for her assistance and leadership on this event.

- d. In relation to the above item: I had originally planned to continue the experiment with the Service of the Word in April on Sunday the 22nd. This now looks a little too close to the special celebrations of Easter and the PWRDF. I propose to continue on the next available Sunday in May instead.
- e. Nash Smith's Ministry Internship is drawing to a close. We have not chosen a day yet to mark the end of this part of his journey with us, but it may come before the next Council meeting. We will still see Paul and Nash at worship, and Nash will continue to take part in lay ministries at St Mark's until he is placed somewhere else for further learning.
- f. Ariane Dind will be away from April 17 to 27th visiting with her son in Edinburgh, Scotland. Our prayers are with her for a safe journey.
- g. Sunday services on the last Sunday of April will be covered by the Reverend Don Tudin while I am away at ACPO.
- h. I am planning to take my annual vacation leave in July this year. The Reverend John Stopa has agreed to take Sunday services on July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29.

7. **Warden's Report**

- a. The Madonna Festival is from May 25-27th. They have requested the use of our parking lot on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. The wardens will write a letter back to allow them to use the parking lot except on Sunday morning.
- b. Due to financial considerations, office administrator hours will be reduced to 12 hours beginning June 11. There will be no paid office staff during July and August.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Our deficit to the end of March is about \$7,000. This is ahead of where we expected to be.
- b. Our offerings are still down about \$2,000. This is no further behind than we were at the end of February.
- c. Our next month's financial statement will start to show solar income as we have received the cheque for February.
- d. Slim & Trim is above normal. The \$200 is money that didn't make it in last year. We also received \$1200 from the ACW last month.

9. **Property**

- a. The biggest news for the period was that we got our first solar generation cheque for the month of February. It was almost \$900. That is excellent.
- b. Paul Greer did an above and beyond the call of duty job when he installed the new sump pump in the cistern. Of course, it waited to fail until Paul was away on vacation. A good job well done. Many thanks to Paul.
- c. It was a lot of work, but the new water lines to both washrooms were finished. What should have been a day, took almost a week because of the awkward arrangement of the pipes in the attic. Another good job well done. Many thanks to Trevor, Les, Allen, and Lorne.
- d. The link flower bed has been almost brought back to normal. Trevor and Les shoveled off some of the surplus ice, snow, and gravel that came from the office roof. Les and Lorne used the wet/dry vacuum to vacuum most of the small stones from roof. Connie picked rocks. Connie was very pleased that there was not too much damage.
- e. And a hearty round of applause to Allen for sorting the surplus books from the basement. He took most of them to Value Village and those that were in grim shape were recycled. We still have lots of books left.

10. Membership

No report at this time.

11. Stewardship (GIFT campaign)

- a. Of the first round of visits, 52% have been closed
- b. Some have had to be closed off administratively, but only 5.
- c. People will be reminded to turn in their cards.
- d. Third round will be started at the end of this month.

12. Choir

- a. Bob Wootton, one of our choir members passed away last week. There will be a service at St Mark's but we don't know when yet.
- b. We may combine seniors lunch, which is usually held on a Wednesday, and the evensong marking the Queen's Jubilee on June 3. The time of the event is still to be decided.
- c. Choir meeting tomorrow where we will talk about a temporary organist
- d. Celebration candles were used on Holy Saturday.
- e. A thank you letter to the choir from the National Capital Opera Society for a donation made in memory of Bobbi Cain. The donation was made from choir's portion of the proceeds from Deirdre's concert

13. Outreach

There was an inquiry whether Debra-Dynes is still doing Mother's Day Gifts. Georgia will investigate further and write a notice for a bulletin.

14. Other Business

- a. There is a Poverty Lunch this Sunday after the church service. Be aware we will need to have the tables set up. Service will be focused on PWRDF.
- b. There was an inquiry about the state of the hiring committee for the parish nurse. Progress being made slowly. The committee is looking to see if they can partner with another church.

15. Parish Council Notes:

- a. Solar income has been received.
- b. Brian's holidays
- c. Ariane away
- d. What you can do with a shop vac.
- e. Advance notice for Evensong on June 3.

16. The next meeting is May 9 in BRH.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with the Grace. (Jenny, Gale)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman