

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

7:30 pm, Bishop Reed Hall

Present:

Marilyn Benn, Joy Bowerman, Wanda Bowman, Judy Corbishley, Les Cundell, Cynthia Greer, Fr. Brian Kauk, Riva Lieflander, Jenny Morphew, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin

Regrets: Stephen Coaker, Allen Deering

1. **Call to Order** at 7:40 by Fr. Brian

2. **Reflection**

Brian offered the reflection based on Dr. Nicolosi, a speaker at the clergy conference. This month we looked at the Missional mandate. What does it take to grow a church? An Attractional church – right ministries, right location, right staff – assumes people want to attend. A Missional church – how to change to engage people in community, the church goes to the people, builds relationships and gains respect. Brian distributed handouts on strategic ministry planning and the five marks of mission. We should engage in the process of discernment and could use these ideas as a starting point. This will be referred to the stewardship committee.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved (Riva, Judy)

4. **Approval of previous minutes.**

Approved as amended. (Les, Gillian)

5. **Business arising from previous minutes**

- a. Regarding the discussion of Open Table, Andrew Stephens-Rennie is coming on the 9th of January.
- b. Regarding the recruiting of new volunteers by Membership, there were a few recruited. It will be discussed more at the January meeting
- c. Regarding the Seniors' Residence Exploratory Committee, there was a meeting however the chair is not at this meeting and it will be discussed in January.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. With respect to our current financial situation, although our collections and givings are still about \$9,000 behind where we were expected to be, our collections for November were above expected and we are making up some of the ground we lost.
- b. For the first time since before the summer, our net income is better than predicted. Although our current year's expenses still exceed the income by about \$14,100, the predicted value was \$15,350.
- c. Looking at the budget for next year, most of the values have not changed radically. The staff salaries were increased by 1.8% which was the COLA calculated by the diocese.
- d. There is an item in the budget for replacing the roof on the church with a metal roof and adding solar panels to the south facing larger section of roof.

1. The Ontario government now has a program in place to encourage small scale generating called the micro-fit program. This is for generating less than 10K kilowatts of electricity. The deal is that they will buy the power at a high rate and charge you for the power you use at a lower rate. This is ideal for us because most of our electricity use occurs at off peak times and will actually be advantageous to us when time of use power rates come into effect. The estimated income from these plants is about \$800 - \$1000 per month.
 2. It is proposed that the funds used to replace the roof and install the solar panels be taken from the CTF bequests. There is enough money there to pay for both things.
 3. The extra income and the withdrawals from the CTF will affect the reported income of the parish and it will increase our fair share.
 4. The withdrawals from the CTF will also affect the amount of interest paid on the CTF funds.
 5. The money currently in the CTF generates a small rate of return, the solar panels should generate a larger rate of return.
 - e. The parish should be introduced to the concept before the vestry meeting. It is proposed to have information posted on the project in January so that people are aware and can think about it.
 - f. There was some concern that we would have enough reserves to carry on with building repairs but it was noted that the Capital Projects reserve fund was not being drawn on.
 - g. There was a discussion about the Ministry and Capital Reserves being used as providing a solid footing for ministry initiatives and building maintenance.
 - h. There was general agreement from parish council to go ahead with the budget as formulated.
7. Next meeting January 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 with the Grace.
Approved (Judy. Jenny)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman