

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

7:30 pm, Bishop Reed Hall

Present:

Joy Bowerman, Wanda Bowman, Stephen Coaker, Judy Corbishley, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Cynthia Greer, Fr. Brian Kauk, Riva Lieflander, Jenny Morphey, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin

Regrets: Marilyn Benn

1. **Call to Order** at 7:37 by Allen

2. **Reflection**

Allen read the poem Angel in my Pocket.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Add Vestry refreshments under Other Business

Change Open House to Open Table

Change Senior Residence Exploratory Committee future to Senior Residence Exploratory Committee report to vestry.

Change date of next meeting to March 16, 2011

Agenda approved as amended (Riva, Wanda)

4. **Approval of previous minutes.**

Stephen Coaker was at the meeting.

Approved. (Les, Stephen)

5. **Business arising from previous minutes**

There was no business arising.

6. **Rector's Report**

- a. Tomorrow, Georgia Roberts and I will be attending a meeting of the Meadowlands Faith Links, to discuss a proposed Interfaith Network Reaching Out to Isolated Seniors Program.
- b. The Reverend Father Manoj M Zacharia, Vicar of the Ottawa Mar Thoma Church, will be moving on from his position at the beginning of May. He and I have talked often about inviting each other to preach and share about our two churches with our congregations. There are two occasions left available to us, one being this coming Sunday, the other being Easter Sunday. Therefore, even though it is the last minute, Fr Manoj will be preaching at both the 8am and 10am services this Sunday, and I will be preaching at his church's service in the afternoon.
- c. I have been asked to consider a baptism on Easter Sunday at the 10am celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and I don't see a reason why I would not agree. While the Easter Vigil is more traditional, it is always difficult for infants, as is the case in this situation. As always, I welcome the input and wisdom of Parish Council members.
- d. It will not be possible to celebrate St Mark's Day on the Sunday closest to April 25th, as that will be Easter Sunday. Following the rules of liturgical precedence, May 8th would be

available for this celebration, however that is Mothers' Day. Despite it being inside the Octave of Easter, shall we celebrate our patron on May 1st, the Sunday after Easter? Consensus of parish council was to celebrate on May 8 and maybe consider a potluck luncheon afterwards of lunch type food.

7. Warden's Report

There is no warden's report.

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. Notice on the balance sheet that there is no longer an internal loan and the 60th anniversary Reserve Fund is no longer on the books. Following parish council wishes from the January meeting, the 60th Reserve fund was combined with the surplus from last year. This was then used to pay off the internal loan and the residue was divided equally between Debra-Dynes, the Capital Projects Reserve and the Ministry Reserve. The amount which went to each was \$902.79.
- b. The budget going to vestry shows all the special projects with their costs broken out.
- c. The dollar for dollar shown on the balance sheet represents the coupons which currently on hand.
- d. The standing order for palm crosses has been cancelled and we have been selling some of the extra crosses we have on hand.
- e. In the month of January, our collections income was above expected. All other expenditures were in line with expected.

9. Property Report

- a. The major change for the month was the installation of cable Internet from Rogers. The Rogers Portable Internet kept losing the Internet every few days. The new installation is working well, and we hope that it keeps doing that.
- b. A chancel spotlight and a truss mounted spot for the altar were replaced by Paul Greer with the help of the team. Lorne followed up on the suggestion of Dan Terriah that we check out Westburne for bulbs. It was not worth it as they had minimal stock of bulbs. Lorne ended up going back to Buchanan where they knew exactly what he wanted.
- c. The credenza was moved from the office to the Link under the name board. It offers much more storage space for items that are only used in the Link. A four foot laminate table was moved to the office for work space and the table computer. The heater in the office is no longer blocked by furniture in front of it.
- d. Both washers in the Sacristy taps were changed. It still leaks a bit. The new office calendar board was fixed to the wall. As well a mail folder was installed in the office foyer for non confidential mail.
- e. The mouse which visited with Brian at lunch and joined the corporation meeting is no longer is residence.
- f. There were drafts of the motions to vestry on the roof and solar panels circulated (see below)
 1. It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that a metal roof be installed on the Church for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.
 2. It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that conditional on receiving a 10K KWH 20 year Micro-FIT contract offer

from the Ontario Power Authority, St. Mark's install a solar panel installation on the Church roof for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

3. It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that the Corporation of St. Mark's be authorized to pay for the solar installation and the roof by withdrawing funds from St. Mark's shares in the Consolidated Trust Fund of the Diocese, and that provision be made to accept donations from any who wish to contribute to these two projects.

- g. It was noted that the amounts suggested in the motions are higher than the amounts in the budget to allow for unforeseen costs. The budget show what we expect to spend. The motions give us some leeway.
- h. A question was raised about whether there might be some other use of the funds which would also contribute to income, such as upgrading space for rentals to child care. Joy suggested that the income from solar power would generate income with the least impact on our community. A childcare facility on the premises would essentially make it impossible to hold day time events such as funerals or funeral receptions.

10. Membership & Memorials

- a. There was no report on membership.
- b. There are a few things left to tidy up from the memorials committee. These are the benches, maybe planters and lighting for the memorial garden.
- c. Options are being considered to explain the different stain glass windows in the church, Plaques, binders and brochures were mentioned.

11. Choir

The Ecumenical service was held on January 23. St Mark's choir was joined by choirs of Madonna and St. Mesrob. They practiced on Thursday and sang in English, Italian & Armenian. Members of the Mar Thoma church were also there although they have no choir.

12. Outreach

No report

13. New Business

- a. Parish Management List from Diocesan Risk & Audit committee. This looks to be a time consuming exercise that may be redundant given the property and screen in faith committee. It was suggested that council members reflect on it and talk to wardens about concerns.
- b. Open Table
About 15 people in the parish are interested. About 8 are willing take dessert at the end of February. Some people went at the end of January to see how it worked. Number of people interested doing the work doesn't seem to be a problem at the moment.
- c. Vestry Refreshments
Janis organized and will send an email reminder.
- d. Senior's Residence Exploratory committee report to vestry. The amendments which were suggested are to remove the phrase after John said that he would like to pursue this proposal further and add the sentence: A congregational meeting will be held after church (11:30) on March 6 to explore this project further.

- e. Thanks to Les who becomes a deputy warden. Gratitude was expressed for the long hours and amount of work that he has put in. Thanks to Judy who leaves the corporation at vestry. Thanks to anybody serving who will not be on parish council next term.

14. Next meeting March 16, 2011 at 7:30 pm, probably in the choir room

15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 with t`he Grace. (Judy, Gillian)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman