

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

7:30 pm, BRH

Present:

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

Regrets: Wanda Bowman, Penny Miller, Gillian Morris

Absent: Mani P Mani

1. **Call to Order** at 7:33 by Judy
2. Opening Reflections by Jenny Morphew – a reflection on “the green thing”, contrasting consumer habits now and mid 20th century.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved (Michael, Allen)
4. **Approval of previous minutes.**
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Approved (Janis, Les)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
 - a. **Memorial Fund Proposals**
Five projects are ready to roll. Holding cash in reserve for three more projects. Looking at options for solar lighting for monument. See distributed sheet.
 - b. **Memorial Fund Policy Proposal**
Proposal regarding Memorial Funds at St Mark's:
 1. Undesignated donations given in memory of a member of the parish will be held in a Memorial Fund and will not be used for the general operating budget of the parish.
 2. When a donation of \$1000 or more is made, the Corporation will seek out the donor's wishes with respect to designating all or part of the gift.
 3. At the end of the fiscal year, a call-out for special projects and items will be made.
 4. The Corporation (or an ad-hoc committee of its choosing) will review suggestions, and select appropriate projects for advancement.
 5. At least \$5,000 will be held in reserve for future use, and an amount recommended by the Treasurer, agreed to by the Corporation, will be held in reserve for use during the coming year.
 6. After the selected projects have been completed, the balance of funds less the agreed upon reserve is to be divided equally and transferred into the Capital and Ministry Reserve Funds.
 - c. It is the intention to publish this proposal to make sure the congregation is aware of the policy and in agreement with it. Parish Council will revisit it in November and then upon review, make it a part of the vestry report.

6. Rector's Report

- a. We have received a package from the diocese about nominations to diocesan council. These are due at the end of May. Encourage everyone to think whether there is anyone in the parish you might nominate for positions on diocesan council. There are also positions on the Trinity College Corporation, Provincial Synod and Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments. Information on this is available at <http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/Synod2011-Nomations.html>.
- b. Parish Growth and Renewal Committee meeting with Deanery of Ottawa West. This committee is not just about having too many churches in Ottawa West, but it is starting to have conversations about shared ministry. The previous meeting was attended by Georgia Roberts, Judy Darling and Fr. Brian Kauk. At the next meeting, they want to consider a one page profile of each parish in the Deanery. Brian looked for input from parish council at the topics Key Issues affecting Delivery of Ministry and Opportunities for Shared Ministry. All ideas for these for these topics should be directed to Brian.

7. Warden's Report

MDR Festival Fri May 27 – Sunday May 29. We received a second letter asking for use of the property for petting zoo and again for parking. We have given permission for the petting zoo. The parking lot is not available on Sunday morning. We have asked for a meeting to do a walk through of the area to be used, and talk about security and parking management.

8. Treasurer's Report

There is nothing startling to report this month. We are a little bit down on our offerings, but at the moment our net income is less negative than expected.

9. Property Report

- a. A skunk has taken up residence under the shed. Lorne is looking for ways to evict it. Brian wants to baptize and confirm it so it will never come to church again. Volunteers? Advice from a wildlife biologist suggested blocking the entrances while you are sure the skunk is not in there, (You can check this by sprinkling flour at the entrance.)
- b. Other than the skunk, it has been a quiet month. We picked up leftover debris from the winter.
- c. Lorne thought the outside sump pump was defective because the inside one was pumping. Paul Greer looked at it and the outside pump is working fine. There is just a lot of water in the ground after a wet April.
- d. Lorne put a union in the basement sump pump and positioned the pump more vertically. It pumps fine, but it needs a different type of disconnect because it provides a shower to anyone trying to take it apart. Lorne will change it in the summer when there is not so much water in the ground.
- e. Connie and Helen have started on the flower beds. They are in good shape.

10. Membership

- a. New Members gathering. 12 individuals or families would be invited. Something simple will be planned in September.

11. Stewardship

Three people agreed to sit on the Stewardship committee. They are still looking for 1 more

person.

12. Choir

The choir worked hard and had a good Holy Week and Easter culminating in the Hallelujah chorus. Some of the choir are going to sing at the Seniors' luncheon, which has probably been moved to June 8. The retired clergy service is on June 2 at 1pm followed by a catered reception with the bishop.

13. Outreach

Barb Carroll was very happy to receive things for Mother's Day.

14. Other Business

a. Hall rentals/ Garbage disposal

In the city's view, you are either a residential customer or a business. Businesses are responsible for disposing of their own garbage. The residential limits for garbage are 3 bags. Possibly because of complaints from a neighbour, a bylaw officer visited St Mark's and found that we had 10 bags of garbage out instead of the 3 we are allowed. We were also told that we should be putting our garbage out on Normandy because that is where our driveway is. Historically, we had always put it out on Fisher because we had an Ottawa address and the driveway is in Nepean.

Solutions:

1. We could get a garbage company to come and do the pick up. We have discussed options with BFI and it would cost about \$100/month plus HST to have our garbage picked up. If we wanted recyclables to be picked up as well, it would be \$150 - \$170 plus HST.
2. We can make a concerted effort to reduce the amount of waste we generate and try to keep under the 3 bag limit. Doing this will require education and cooperation of both the parish and the renters. There are a number of avenues to explore such as increasing the amount of recycling and encouraging some of the groups such as Scouts to take their garbage with them.

It was felt by Parish Council that we would rather at least try the second option. We will revisit this issue in September.

Policies for groups using the hall, including renters, will be drafted by Judy Corbishley, Paul/Cynthia Greer, Lorne Bowerman, Michael Perkin and Joy Bowerman and/or Brian Kauk in consultation with Rose.

- b.** Brian has received a letter from Patti ending her contract effective October 28, 2011. With her youngest child going to University, Patti wishes to pursue a Masters degree. Brian expressed how wonderful it has been to work as part of a team delivering Pastoral Care. We have lots of time to figure out what we are going to do. The matter will be referred to the Health Committee who will suggest course of action to Corporation.

15. Next meeting June 8, 2011 at 7:30 pm in BRH

16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 with the Grace. (Allen, Jenny)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman