

# St. Mark's Parish Council

Draft until approved by next meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

7:30 pm, BRH

## **Present:**

Audia Barnett, Joy Bowerman, Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Jenny Morphew, Georgia Roberts, Sheila Vaudrey

**Regrets:** Les Cundell, Cynthia Greer, Brian Kauk, Penny Miller, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin

**Absent:** Pam Rogers

1. **Call to Order** at 7:30 by Allen Deering.
2. **Opening Reflections:** by Allen Deering. Twinkies and Root Beer – a journey to God.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Add evensong under Other Business
  - b. Add CAP petition by Carleton Memorial under Other BusinessApproved (Jenny, Georgia)
4. **Approval of minutes.**  
Approved (Georgia, Gale)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
  - a. Sunday, April 15 had a focus on PWRDF with a Poverty Lunch. The Poverty Lunch raised \$156 which was forwarded to PWRDF. The activities were largely to give information on PWR, which is part of the Diocesan case for the GIFT campaign.
  - b. Use of 2011 Memorial Funds. Suggestions of new hymn numbers for the hymn boards and sprucing up the conference room, adding locked storage for toys and supplies were added. Members should start to investigate pricing on the proposed projects. The list of suggestions with investigators (if known) are listed below:
    - New white vestments to complement the hangings (Joy/Brian)
    - New or refurbishment of Candle Snuffer (Penny – project underway)
    - New plastic covers for hymn books (Jenny)
    - New numbers for hymn boards (Jenny)
    - Spiffing up women's washroom
    - Sprucing up conference room, adding locked storage (Gillian/Cynthia)
    - Updating chancel lighting
    - Adding new entrance from link to memorial garden
  - c. Use of 2010 Memorials. Georgia ordered round table from Home Hardware. It has now arrived.
  - d. Congregational Resource Day. A number of people from St Mark's went to the event. What should we do the resources we collected? The people who went enjoyed it and found it useful. We will look at how to share the information next month.
6. **Rector's Report**

- a. Brian wrote a letter to St Rita's thanking them for cleaning the property.
- b. Brian is doing a pulpit exchange on May 20 with Peter Crosby from St Thomas. Patrick Stephens is now the curate at St Thomas, a position funded by the GIFT campaign.

**7. Warden's Report**

- a. At the May 8 GIFT committee meeting, it was recommended that a committee be struck to make recommendations on the disbursement of GIFT funds. There will be 3 members on the committee representing Corporation, the GIFT committee and Parish Council. Coralie Sheehan has offered to serve from the GIFT committee, Brian has offered to serve from Corporation. Due to the large number of absences at this parish council meeting, we will look for a parish council representative next month. One of the things that we will need to consider is the projected income stream over the next 5 years. Part of our case is to help fund the parish nurse.
- b. We are seriously looking for a Deputy People's Warden, who would become the People's Warden next February. Anyone who is willing to serve or who knows of a likely candidate should talk to a member of corporation.
- c. Barbara Hallam-Price will be replacing Ariane as organist and choir director during Ariane's year sabbatical.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

- a. There is a new Reserve Account for the GIFT funds because we recently got our first transfer from the diocese.
- b. There is now income under the Solar category. We only have the payment from February.
- c. Our collections income is about \$5,000 under what we expected.
- d. Our deficit is about \$7,000 less than expected. This is due mainly to a decrease in heating required and the parish nurse has not yet been hired.

**9. Property**

- a. The most significant thing in the past month has been the cleanup of the property. St Rita's did an excellent job on the ditches and lawn, picking up debris left over from winter. Lucas came back and leveled the dirt in the trench and repaired the sidewalk. The property crew did the hand work and picked rocks and junk. Lorne rototilled the area until his machine gave up the ghost. With any luck, we can seed next week.
- b. Connie, Helen, and Joyce Dunn have been working on the flower beds.

**10. Membership**

No report at this time.

**11. Stewardship (GIFT Campaign)**

- a. Commitment Sunday will be on Pentecost, May 27. We are hoping to have a high proportion of the visits finished at that point. People who have been visited are reminded to return their form.

**12. Choir**

- a. The choir had a workshop with Ruth Barrie last Thursday evening.
- b. The choir sang at the funeral of two current or former members during the past month. Bob Wooton's funeral was on Saturday April 21 and Judy Corbishley's was on Friday May 4.

**13. Outreach**

- a. Gillian took the Mother's Day gifts over to Debra-Dynes. We had a good response to request for donations and Debra-Dynes was appreciative of the gifts and other items which were taken over (egg cartons, bags, etc.)
- b. A basket will be put out for Bales for the North this Sunday. Bale packing for this part of the diocese will be on May 30.

**14. Other Business**

- a. There will be an Evensong on June 3 followed by a light supper. The theme of the event is the Queen's Jubilee. The light supper could be called a Royal High Tea. We will start the Evensong at 4:30. This will also be the event for shut ins instead of our traditional spring service and luncheon. Some of the food will be provided and a suggested list of donations of other food will be put up to carry on the theme of the event. Georgia will be asking for helpers. Some of the music for the evensong was used at the Coronation Service.
- b. A petition to the House of Commons has been developed by Carleton Memorial United Church. The petition is protesting the cut of the Community Access Program. This program provides funding for affordable public access to computers and internet. The petition has been sent to local churches. There will be announcements that the petition is available for signing. Further information about the response to the cut of CAP can be found at [www.savecap.ca](http://www.savecap.ca).
- c. As the PWRDF representative for St Mark's, Jenny attended a workshop at Church of the Epiphany on April 21.

**15. Parish Council Notes:**

- a. Evensong at 4:30 combined with light supper "Royal High Tea"
- b. Petition
- c. Barbara Hallam-Price
- d. People's Warden

**16.** The next meeting is June 13 in BRH.

**17.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with the Grace. (Sheila, Gillian)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman