

# St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

7:30 pm, BRH

## **Present:**

Joy Bowerman, Judy Corbishley, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Cynthia Greer, Fr. Brian Kauk, Penny Miller, Jenny Morphew, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Georgia Roberts, Sheila Vaudrey

**Regrets:** Wanda Bowman, Stephen Coaker,

**Absent:** Mani P Mani

1. **Call to Order** at 7:35 by Judy Corbishley
2. **Opening Reflections** by Michael Perkin. A reflection on the St Mark's timeline and various members on the decade of greatest feeling of closeness to God.
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Agenda item 7 should be Janis and not Allen  
Approved (Georgia, Sheila)
4. **Approval of minutes.**  
5b. Last instead of 1st  
6c Contact instead of contract  
6e Delete in absence of warden's report  
10b add Dec in front of 18 and Nov 27 in front of Advent Carol Service  
Approved as amended (Cynthia, Penny)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
  - a. Fire doors are now marked with a label asking you to close them when leaving.
6. **Rector's Report**
  - a. Brian highlighted points from the Bishop's charge to Synod. Last year the bishop asked congregations to pray for young men and women to hear call to priesthood. Brian suggests that we do it intentionally for a year.
  - b. The bishop also suggested it was time to research the demographic in which area in which the church is serving. He asked that it be put on the parish council agenda. Georgia volunteered to get data.
  - c. The Diocese of Ottawa is now in partnership with Diocese of Jerusalem. John Bridges, Jan Staniforth, John Chapman, Chris Dunn made a visit to Jerusalem to explore partnership possibilities. Brian is asking St Mark's to explore the possibility of a partnership.
  - d. Doreen Craig received a letter of thanks from Leprosy Mission International for the ladies' work with the stamps.
7. **Warden's Report**  
The GIFT campaign is starting. There is an information session for volunteers on Thursday, November 17 in the Green Room at the cathedral. There will be a meeting soon with Martha Asselin.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

We have fallen behind in our givings in October. Overall we are on target for a \$10,000 deficit. Budget time is coming up. All groups are being asked to submit their budget requirements by November 24. Groups that have spent money in the last fiscal year will be given a list of their spending for the last two years.

## **9. Property Report**

- a.** As you can easily see, there is nothing done on the roof, solar panels, nor the new electrical service. The only thing that was done was that Lucas (the contractor) and Jeff (the electrician) picked up keys at 8:30 on October 31. They have said that they would be there first thing Monday morning, November 14th. If they do not show up again, we will request a contract review meeting with the Contractor, Corporation, Lorne, and Trevor. Lorne still has faith that they will do a good job once get started.
- b.** The electrical boxes in the monument concrete pad have been removed and the hole cemented.
- c.** Connie, Helen, and Joyce Dunn have readied the flower beds for the winter.
- d.** Lorne replaced the photo cell in the area light outside the Office foyer door. He is still working on the one under the Link entrance.
- e.** Francis HVAC cleaned the boiler, replaced the bleeder valves above Jenny's bookcase (the ones that leaked), and adjusted the water level in the expansion tank. The pressure was reduced from 20 to 5 psi once that was done. The repair tech told Lorne how to cut peek holes in the three furnaces in the basement.
- f.** The Hall floor has been stripped and waxed. A good job.
- g.** We have given the go ahead to have the motion sensor in the basement converted to a smoke alarm. Lorne does not have a time for the change yet.
- h.** Russell has bought a lever handle for the Women's washroom and will install it.

## **10. Membership**

- a.** Membership has two brochures. They are hoping to do one on Outreach but are reassessing the situation first. They are also looking at a how-to booklet.
- b.** Newcomers' Breakfast is this coming Sunday. Five people have responded so far.

## **11. Stewardship**

- a.** Stewardship had to cancel the dreaming workshop. They are working to come up with something a little more flexible and in the January timeframe.
- b.** Michael is looking for facilitators to help with the SPACE stewardship program. He is starting team building for SPACE and GIFT.
- c.** Michael posed the question: How should we be celebrating our volunteerism, not only within St Mark's but also with St Mark's people in the wider community?

## **12. Choir**

Sunday November 27 is Advent Carol Service at 4:30 followed by Pot Luck supper. On December 18 9 lessons and carols will be followed by dinner.

**13. Outreach**

- a. Carleton Memorial is considering a potluck multicultural supper with Debra-Dynes and may be inviting St. Mark's to participate.
- b. Jean Cobb suggested that the prayer shawl group knit some baby blankets for Youville Centre.

**14. Other Business**

- a. Georgia reflected that as synod members, you are supposed to do more than just go to synod once a year. Would Cynthia and Penny like to do something to reflect on synod over the year? There were lots of practical things happening at synod. There were a suggestion of different topics each month, maybe communicated by posters, showing videos used at synod, web reports and/or monthly reports to parish council.
- b. The phone only rings in the office. Jenny expressed a concern about getting hold of people after hours. It is suggested that we give the extension of the choir room (203) or conference (204) to people who might want to contact us.
- c. Jim McLean dropped off the new refillable Advent Candles.

**15.** Next meeting is December 14 in BRH

**16.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 with the Grace. (Les, Joy)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman