

St. Mark's Parish Council

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Wednesday, November 14, 2012

7:30 pm, BRH

Present:

Joy Bowerman, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Gale Deering, Jane Delroy, Cynthia Greer, Brian Kauk, Penny Miller, Jenny Morphew, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin, Georgia Roberts, Pam Rogers, Sheila Vaudrey

Regrets: Audia Barnett

Absent:

1. **Call to Order** at 7:40 by Les.
2. **Opening Reflections:** Michael read from Peter I: 4-8 "Give of yourselves without complaint". He lead an interactive discussion on this reading.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved (Michael, Jenny)
4. **Approval of minutes.**
Approved as amended (Allen, Penny)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
 - a. **Chancel Lighting:** Lorne reported that 300w lights worked well but while working on increasing reflectivity on the inside of the shade of the hanging lights, he discovered that maximum wattage for the fixtures was 150w. Work will continue in search of a solution to the lighting problem.
 - b. **Memorial Funds:** Hymn board numbers and slides have been ordered and will come in under \$200. They should arrive in about 4 weeks.
6. **Rector's Report**
 - a. **Diocesan Commitments:** Fr Brian was appointed to Diocesan Council on November 1, and his name will be put forward to Council on November 17th for election as the Chair of the Community Ministry Development Committee. His work with the Child Poverty Task Force was complete as of Synod in October, and his last meeting with the Parish Growth and Renewal Committee was today.
 - b. St Mark's annual membership with the Multifaith Housing Initiative has been renewed.
 - c. The Charter for the 72nd Scout Troup was renewed for another year. Fr Brian noted that there was a significant increase in participation by the troop at this year's Order of Remembrance on Sunday, November 11th due to the initiative of their leaders, and that this was much appreciated. We hope for more good things this year.
 - d. Parish Nurse Janet Helmer has offered a first draft of a Critical Incident Process and Report Form which we can use when an accident or serious medical event occurs during a church activity. The Corporation currently has the document under review, and will bring it to Parish Council for consideration and adoption in the new year.
 - e. One of the stipulations of having a Parish Nursing Ministry is that there is a committee for the nurse to report to. A Health Committee has been re-established, with Judy Darling

chairing the first meeting on October 24th. Another meeting is scheduled for November 28th. Among the items discussed at that meeting, Janet raised the idea that St Mark's might consider installing an automated external defibrillator (AED).

7. Warden's Report

- a. The position of rental coordinator has been filled. It will be a shared position between Allen Deering and Roger Ratelle.
- b. A donation of \$3,000 directed to the Parish Nursing Ministry has been received. The donor asks that the particulars of the donation remain confidential. They have requested that \$1,000 be spent on the education of St Mark's Parish Nurse.

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. October's givings were well below what was expected so our givings are now \$5,000 behind what was budgeted until the end of October.
- b. The donations from the barbeque which were matched by GIFT donations have been paid out to the Council of the North and Threshold Ministries.
- c. There will be a budget meeting on November 30 at 1:30. All groups currently in charge of different areas of expenditures will receive an email with the last 2 years expenditures listed. They are asked to prepare a budget for the year 2013. Joy needs to receive the estimates at least a couple of days before the budget meeting. Any other projects which would require funding in 2013 are also asked to submit a proposal.

9. Property

- a. Our garbage and recycle pick-up has been changed to Mondays from Wednesdays and garbage is only being picked up once every two weeks now. Despite some misinformation, we made the transition without any problem. Our correct Green Bin usage is progressing very well, but we still have to be on guard to ensure the correct things are going in the bin.
- b. Connie & Helen have prepared the flower beds for winter. It has involved a considerable amount of work for both of them, in weather at times that was not very good. All of the yard waste went out in the recycle.
- c. The bumper apple crop has now declined to nothing. Big cheer from Les.
- d. We have put away all the summer tools and brought out the winter ones.
- e. We have spent a considerable amount of time working on the choir lighting this past month. We were coming closer to having a satisfactory solution in place. Paul Greer did the trial and error changes, with help from Les, Allen, Trevor, and Lorne. Opinions from Cynthia, Jane, John Hancock, and Bruce Lodge shaped the outcome.
- f. Monthly Energy production was 927 kwh. This is the first time our production was under a megawatt.

10. Membership

- a. Parish Directory is under way. People were made aware of the project when they were called for the bazaar. People will now be contacted, with the first group of people contacted after the morning services. Email addresses will be requested but you can specify who has access to the email address. Mother's Union members will be available after the church services with the contact information so that people can verify the information for the directory. They can also provide information on the concept of the directory.
- b. Ada Wilkinson won the afghan from the bazaar but didn't want it. A name was drawn again and Jane Delroy won the afghan. She will give it to a friend in hospital.

11. Stewardship

- a. The GIFT active phase is now over. The GIFT committee will try to do quarterly updates and reminders. There are always opportunities to give to GIFT. One parish exceeded its goal one year after completing its active phase. Our final total was \$139,000, which was about 71% of our goal. The Diocese has reached 8.9 million with a number of parishes still in the active phase.
- b. Michael has been reviewing results from the Daring to Dreaming exercise conducted last January. He has opened a dialogue again with NROC (Nepean, Rideau, Osgoode Community) Resource Centre. He is also going to speak at the Senior's lunch about opportunities of linking seniors and young people. We need to think about how to celebrate our volunteers.

12. Choir

Roster of Christmas services is out in the link. St Barnabas is having a CD launch party this coming Sunday evening. Joy, Ray and Barbara were all involved in recording the CD.

13. Outreach

- a. Gillian visited Debra-Dynes and spoke with Barbara Carroll. They have received requests for 100 food hampers. Debra-Dynes hands out 70 lunches per day. They also gave out over 300 school supply packages.
- b. Should we put out a list of most needed items for the food bank to encourage people to donate?

14. Other Business

- a. Motion: This years list of Memorial Fund expenditures be amended to include \$150 for books for the Parish Library. Passed (Brian, Sheila)
- b. St Albans has completed its renovations. This Sunday they are holding an open house 11am-1pm.
- c. There will be a cooperative Advent Program called Advent Lunch and Learn on December 5, 12 & 19 at 12 noon at St Michael and All Angels, jointly sponsored by St Mark's, St Richard's and St Michael's. The program is studying the novel "The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce. It is possible to go to some of the sessions, if you can't go to all of them.

15. Parish Council Notes:

- a. Brian's extra parish involvement
- b. After both services there will be someone available for Parish Directory
- c. Rental coordinator
- d. Cooperative Advent Program
- e. How much we enjoyed having the scouts at the order for remembrance

16. The next meeting is December 12 in BRH with reflections by Allen. The budget will be the main topic and there will be potluck snacks and beverages to share.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 with the Grace. (Michael, Allen)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman