

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

7:30 pm, BRH

Present:

Joy Bowerman, Wanda Bowman, Stephen Coaker, Cynthia Greer, Fr. Brian Kauk, Penny Miller, Georgia Roberts, Sheila Vaudrey

Regrets: Judy Corbishley, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Jenny Morphew, Gillian Morris, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin

Absent: Mani P Mani

1. **Call to Order** at 7:34 by Brian Kauk
2. **Opening Reflections** by Brian Kauk Reflections on Glory and Gluttony by Frederick Buechner
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Delete item 6, add Stewardship after 12.
Approved (Cynthia, Georgia)
4. **Approval of minutes.**
Approved (Penny, Wanda)
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
 - a. Smoke alarms which are connected to the alarm system are located in the conference room and in the link outside of the church. There is an additional smoke alarm in the basement. The fire doors will be marked as such so people will know that they should be left closed when leaving the building. The door to the conference room should be left open.
 - b. The front part of the hedge has been removed as mentioned at the 1st meeting.
6. **Rector's Report**
 - a. Dr. Rodger Nishioka is the Benton Family chair in Christian education at Columbia Theological Seminary. On Thursday, October 13 he will be in Ottawa for an event called "Absent from the Pews - Young Adults and the Church. The event is at St Alban's (454 King Edward) beginning at 7:30 pm.
 - b. The October meeting of the Carlington Community Chaplaincy Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 pm. As usual representatives of supporting churches are welcome to sit in and contribute to the discussions. The Annual Fund Raising dinner is Saturday, November 5, 6 pm at Cityview United Church. For those unable to attend, ticket may be purchased to be used by a member of the Carlington Community. Donations are being taken for a silent auction. There are also extra packages of daffodils and Dutch Iris left from a previous fund raiser available for purchase.
 - c. Sunday, October 30 is proposed as a farewell for Patti Robillard, who winds up her contact as St Mark's Parish Nurse on October 28. It would be good to have some food for a reception after the 10 o'clock service. Cynthia agreed to put up sign up sheets for a luncheon.
 - d. November 16 Seniors' Service and Luncheon will be going ahead with Georgia Roberts as coordinator.

- e. In the absence of a Warden's report, Great Chapter was held on October 5. The Five Marks of Mission were introduced with a video. Nominations to Diocesan Council and other elections at Synod were discussed. Each parish shared what they were doing related to one Mark of Mission.

The Five Marks of Mission are:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

7. Warden's Report

No wardens report at this time.

8. Treasurer's Report

So far we are on target with the budget however we have to remember that it was a deficit budget. September was close to the target.

9. Property Report

- a. The new ceiling fan in the Church has been installed. Paul Greer used his trailer to pick up the scaffolding. Many thanks to Trevor Dee and Paul Greer who did the high work, and Allen Deering and Vaughn Barnum who did the heavy lifting. Lorne was relegated to getting the right parts ready to go up at the right time. A job well done.
- b. Margaret Evans, a friend of Ada Henwood visiting from England, got locked in the Womens' Washroom on October 5 after Slim & Trim. Luckily Lorne was still there and he removed the door to free her. The lock has been replaced with a passage lock (no locking mechanism). Earlier Lorne had put in a barrel bolt when the lock began showing signs of problems.
- c. Lorne installed area lighting above the long bench for the Memorial Garden. It works well. He also installed lighting in the two PVC boxes on the monument pad. The light bulbs were just too exposed to be safe. After consultation, Lorne and Allen disconnected and removed the wire from them. The boxes will be removed and the conduit filled with concrete. The electrical box inside the metal monument has been converted to a receptacle which can be used if and when a decision is made to put lights on the monument.
- d. Lorne & Trevor Dee installed Lexan over the magnetic part of the Church sign board. It came out quite well. It was a miserable job because the Lexan is so floppy.
- e. One of the lights in BRH had a broken lead wire. Lorne & Joy took it apart to see what was the problem. The toughest part of repairing the light was finding the suitable replacement wire. The wire is rated for 105° C temperature, vice the usual 50° to 90°. Lorne has made detailed notes as this may a sign of things to come. Trevor and Lorne put the light back together. Parts cost about 50¢; labour about 3 hours. It works. Another job well done.
- f. One bonus from the repairs to the bell monument is that we now have a good welder who is willing to do small jobs. Some of the front support straps on our cloth chairs have broken and because we could not repair them, we stripped the seats, back, and chair tips, then out

they went to recycle. Two weeks ago one broke and Lorne took it out to J&S Fabrications. Before he could pick it up, another one broke. He took that out as well and they welded the metal strap in place. They did not charge because it was a small job as they consider us good customers.

- g. We are looking forward to the start of the roof, solar, and electrical work on the 17th.
- h. We have quotes in from Francis HVAC for modifications to the three forced air furnaces in the basement, and repairs and cleaning to the BRH boiler. The boiler should be done. If we have the funds, we could do the forced air furnaces as well
- i. Connie and Helen have done a lot of work on the flower beds. The Lavatera in the Link bed is very showy at the moment.

10. Membership

- a. We have two brochures giving general information on the church.
- b. November 13 will be a newcomer's breakfast between the services. The Advent carol service and the 9 lessons and carols service on the 18th have coordinators for the dinners. The carol service on the 18th is confirmed.

11. Choir

We had a meeting and decided to write up job descriptions for the executive positions. There will be no evensong in the fall this year.

12. Outreach

- a. Clothing was delivered to the Well and the Mission. The Mission are always in need of socks and underwear. Underwear and socks will be part of the Advent Giving Tree.
- b. Food donations from Harvest Thanksgiving were taken to Debra Dynes.
- c. Gillian picked up the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They are in the link. Cynthia has placed a notice in bulletin.

13. Stewardship

- a. Study Prayer Action Celebration and Energy There was a good response to first exercise – Why did you come here?
- b. The next exercise a time line. With world events as a reference, we will add personal and corporate events to it.
- c. The All Parish workshop will be held on October 29. Daring to dream about the future. Announcement in parish newsletter. Hopefully invitations on Sunday. Perhaps followed by phone calls.

14. Other Business

- a. After discussion at the last meeting, Remembrance Sunday will be on November 13 so it does not overlap baptism and All Saints.

15. Next meeting is November 9 in BRH

16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with the Grace. (Wanda, Joy)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman