

St. Mark's Parish Council

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

7:30 pm, Bishop Reed Hall

Present:

Marilyn Benn, Joy Bowerman, Wanda Bowman, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Cynthia Greer, Fr. Brian Kauk, Riva Lieflander, Jenny Morpew, Stephen Coaker, Gillian Morris

Regrets: Janis Perkin, Judy Corbishley

1. **Call to Order** at 7:45 by Allen

2. **Election of chair and secretary**

Joy Bowerman has offered to be secretary.

Allen Deering has offered to be chair.

It was moved that this slate of officers be approved.

Motion carried(Cynthia, Jenny)

3. **Reflection** Jenny, Riva, Allen, Wanda & Brian have offered to do reflections on a rotating basis. Allen offered this month's reflection. Jenny will offer next month's.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

The item Unfinished business will be removed from the agenda since it will be covered under Business arising from previous minutes.

Agenda approved as amended (Riva, Jenny)

4. **Approval of previous minutes.**

Approved (Les, Marilyn)

5. **Business arising from previous minutes.**

The Discovery University possibility was investigated by Riva. Riva has met with Barbara Carroll and discovered that what is needed in the Debra-Dynes community is a one year bridging program in conjunction with various post-secondary institutions around the city such as cité collegiale, Algonquin College, Carleton University and University of Ottawa. Riva has found people willing to help instruct the courses. They would be looking at offering literacy, math literacy and perhaps a couple of courses which would be recognized for credit at the post-secondary level. The courses would be targeted at adult students and run at Debra-Dynes. A grant application is in process. If the process goes ahead, money is available through Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

The Best Start opportunity is still in play. Preliminary conversations all went well. There may be group formed in the parish to provide support. Further details to come.

6. **Rector's Report**

A tentative calendar was circulated. There will perhaps be book study and healing service this fall. Ariane will be away for nine lessons and carols. There is no evensong for peace scheduled on Remembrance Sunday, instead perhaps there will be an evensong on October 24 followed by a potluck supper. Marilyn will help with the potluck for the Advent Carol Service, but may not be able to help in October. Gillian offers to coordinate the October potluck as long as someone else would do the lifting. Stephen offered to lift for her. There was a suggestion brought up by the choir representative about seeing if rides were wanted for some of the older parishioners. It was suggested that the potluck sign-up sheet include spaces to indicate both people who wanted rides and people who were willing to give rides.

Further down the road, the possibility of a Healing Service in February is being explored. The suggestion was made that Mar Thoma and the Armenian church also be invited to be involved with St Mark's and Madonna della Resurrezione in the joint service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Shawl Ministry is a new ministry. The plan is for the shawls to be blessed monthly if there is enough to be blessed. Special requests may be made if there appears to be an urgent need for a shawl.

Les is unable to go to synod. Judy will go as an alternate.

6. Warden's report

Amended wording for monument was approved by email over the summer. This involved simply moving the "Erected in 2010" into a separate line, instead of in the middle of the sentence.

Wardens' homework over the summer was to work on a ministry review. Corporation spent 5-6 hours on this over the summer. Copies were distributed and members were asked to take it home and review it for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

The collections income continues to be below expected. At the end of July, it was \$3,000 less than expected. By the end of August, it was \$6,000 less than expected. Income projections are done based on the number of Sundays in the month and the time of year. It is not simple the expected income divided by 12.

The deficit at this time of year is less than budgeted.

Monies in the CTF could be used to do the roof or other large capital expenditures, however, it would reduce income from the trust funds which is currently part of our expected income.

9. Parish Council Property Report

It has been a busy summer. The maintenance volunteers worked every week keeping up with the many things that need attention.

A weekly job for Les, Allen, and Lorne has been picking up apples and putting them out for yard waste. Someone did pick up apples once, but did not put them out to the curb. We understood that there were some members who were going to keep the apples picked up and put out. It has not happened.

Les, Allen, Lorne, and Connie painted the basement floor and the stage area. It went well and looks good. Despite the tape and signs, someone went down the choir foyer stairs and walked on the wet

paint. We are leaving the footprints there as a reminder that wet paint signs mean just that.

Rogers installed a new cable and a voice over cable modem. We are not clear of the old Bell lines. The installation went very well but instead of three hours, it took from 10:00 until 5:00. It was well done. We did suffer the loss of line hunting when the switch was made to cable but that is in the process of being corrected.

We had rain come in just above the altar at the peak of the roof from a blowing east wind. It was a surprise. It only happened once. We will go up and look over the area when we are replacing shingles in the next few weeks, whenever it stops raining on a Tuesday.

Connie and Helen have had a busy summer doing the gardens. Joyce Dunn trimmed and tied the new Navy Lady roses. Rose and Van have kept the grass cut and trimmed. The property looks good. Concern was expressed by some parish council member for the safety of people on the roof.

Marilyn picked apples on several occasions. Jenny has swept the path several times. Paul did the path on Sunday. Les expressed the opinion that maybe it is hard to see when it has been done because there are so many apples that by the next day, it looks like it hasn't been done

10. Membership

Membership has been working on new trifold so that people could see what we do. Cynthia had a copy for circulation. The new one is divided by types of activities, and does not have map because it are designed for use at the church. It is designed as a short and easy introduction to the church. Consensus is to go with the folder as distributed with small suggested alterations.

Over the summer, Gillian and Cynthia went to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to examine it for possible use in the nursery. They were both of the opinion that it would not work well in our situation.

There is Generation to Generation day run by the diocese on November 6. Cynthia and Gill would like to go.

16. Choir

The choir report was previously discussed in the rector's report regarding the October evensong.

17. Outreach

Food donated to the food bank dropped off during the summer but seems to be picking up again. Debra-Dynes reported a dire need for school supplies. People responded and supplies were dropped off to Debra-Dynes. As well, a cheque for Debra-Dynes includes \$495 in donations for school supplies.

18. New Business

The floor in the sanctuary will be stripped on the week of September 26 and the sanctuary will be unavailable for 4 to 5 days.

Sarah Dee and Kat Pirnat will be teaching the Sunday School during Michael and Janis's absence. They have lesson plans, are doing planning and have adult backup. Feel free to be supportive.

There will be a Seniors Residence Exploratory Committee meeting in the next month.

19. Next meeting October 13, 2010.

20. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 with the Grace.
Approved (Les, Gillian)

Submitted by Joy Bowerman