



St. George's of Forest Hill

Parish Council Minutes of March 24, 2009

Present

Jim Stirling, Chair	Valerie Cuthbert	Gerry McGregor
Christine Ledbury, Secretary	Don Davidson	Judy Proctor
Karen Baker	Murray Gamble	Reta Risto
Nathan Butt	Jean Horne	John Ryrie
Susan Butt	Steve Lipkowski	John Shaw
Marcia Condon	Ivan Mariapen	Brian Tomka
April Couzens-Brown	Terry McCoy	Margaret Walker
Nelson Cuthbert		

Regrets

Gladys Grant

1. Call to Order

2. Regrets

3. Devotions

John Shaw led devotions, followed by prayer.

4. Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes

The minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed. Judy Proctor, seconded by Terry McCoy. Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Under item 8.d. Murray Gamble brought carpet samples for the chancel area. After much discussion, a choice was made.

Under item 8.e., Margaret Walker wanted to make a change to the motion she put forward regarding the Camp Little Dragon covering some of the cost for cleaning and refinishing the floor of Thompson Hall. In discussion, Susan Butt explained that monies for camp are from outside the church budget, coming from government grants, parishioner bursaries, etc. The budget set for operating the camp this year is \$37,000. The camp council feel strongly about monies being used to clean the floor of Thompson Hall, explaining that any profits made go towards the following year's camp budget. One member suggested that possibly the children could do minor clean up around the church rather than a monetary payment being made. Nelson Cuthbert disagreed saying that a child could get hurt, and that there should not be a charge for cleaning to the Camp.

Motion: Be it resolved that Council withdraw the Camp Little Dragon motion passed in February. John Ryrie, seconded Nelson Cuthbert. Carried.

The February motion was rescinded.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Executive

Jim Stirling reminded members of the Haitian Dance Troupe who will visit on April 19, following a parish

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pot luck lunch. That Reta is to take care of the storage for church records, and that some storage will be arranged for outside the Fireside Room. Rob Aszmies does not have a gown. Charlotte Cromarty has offered to make one for him.

b) Finance

Steve Lipkowski reported that there is no pattern showing in givings, capital is up a bit and parishioner givings down, but overall total donations are up about \$1,000 over 2008. Total revenue is up about \$1,800 over last year. On the expense side, wages and Stewardship are up slightly, but rectory, church and miscellaneous are down. Overall, there is an operating deficit of \$8,800, down \$2,000 from 2008.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Steve Lipkowski, seconded Judy Proctor. Carried.

c) Property and Maintenance

Murray Gamble reported that the roof repairs are mostly complete, some electrical work is being done, including exterior lights plus a new light installed at the back outside corner of the church. The committee is working on costs for future replacement of the boiler and getting pricing for the painting of the HVAC. Alexanian Carpets came in with the best pricing for the carpet replacement in the chancel area. The spring clean up date is set for May 9. Jean Horne asked for, and was granted, \$100 for black soil for the gardens.

d) Outreach

Reta reported that Anselma House was to be left off the budget, and replaced by Mary's Place. Camp is starting the hiring process for counsellors, and that a large sum of money has been donated by a parishioner. Also, the first registration has been received.

e) Worship

- ▶ Fr. Don reported that Easter services were discussed and are now posted in the Narthex. The vigil spaces are just about full. On April 29 there will be a women's Eucharist service. St. George's will host a Deanery confirmation in the fall. It is suggested that announcements be kept shorter especially in the family services, but that reminders of upcoming events be given at the 8:15 a.m. service. Summer services will be held at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are requested to do programs with children on the Sundays that Sunday School is not scheduled. One volunteer has already come forward.
- ▶ Nathan Butt reported on the applicants for the position of Youth Ministry Worker, telling Council that both applicants were well qualified. The conclusion after interview was that Kyla Riedstra-Wiesner be chosen. Remuneration from a parishioner was received last year for this position. Thanks to the benefactor.

Motion: Be it resolved that Council endorses the recommendation of the Selection Committee (Nelson Cuthbert (Chair), Nathan Butt, Valerie Cuthbert, Don Davidson, Barb Heppler) to offer the newly created position of Youth Ministry Worker to Ms Kyla Riedstra-Wiesner.
Moved by Nelson Cuthbert, seconded Judy Proctor. Carried.

Kyla will start in this position April 1, 2009.

f) Stewardship

This committee will meet again in April. They will be doing another community mail out March 31 and a larger than usual Dragon Flyer will be out April 1. Included in this will be a parish update form. Paul Thomas is organizing a planned giving seminar.

g) Memorial Garden

Karen Baker told Council that there is a lot of work to be done on the front gardens because of the road work done last year, and one of the benches needs to be replaced as it has been damaged over the winter. Also there are three sets of ashes for scattering when the weather improves.

7. New Business

- a) The Postulancy Board of the Diocese has contacted the Rector regarding St. George's taking a student for 12 weeks during the summer. He suggests that this person be hired as Co-Director of the camp and fill in for him during his August vacation time. The cost of a student is \$6,600/3 months, which would work out about the same as a camp director at \$5,900 plus Don's vacation replacement. Don is comfortable with this person being a Co-Director.

Motion: Be it resolved that Council approve in principle, the hiring of a student intern as Camp Little Dragon Co-Director as presented by the Rector.

Moved by Susan Butt, seconded John Ryrie. Carried.

8. Old Business

- a) Reta asked how people were chosen to receive get well and birthday cards for the parish to sign as she has been asked about this. These cards are given mainly to shut-ins and those who are sick. The suggestion was made to put a notice in the bulletin asking for parishioners to let the Rector or wardens know of anyone who is sick or unable to come to church. Charlotte Cromarty has been buying these cards. John Ryrie offered to write an insert for the bulletin.
- b) Murray Gamble asked who was the replacement for Brian Ledbury as Envelope Secretary because although he has retired from the position, his name still appeared on the bulletin. Lori-Beth Vickery is Brian's replacement.

9. Correspondence

- ▶ Thanks to Nelson and his Committee for the work in selecting a Youth Minister.
- ▶ Thanks to Brian Ledbury from the Executive for all his years of dedicated work as Envelope Secretary.
- ▶ Don is expecting to receive the results of Who Is My Neighbour and the suggestions made for St. George's.
- ▶ Easter Vigil - all four K-W churches will combine at St. George's for the evening service on Holy Saturday.
- ▶ Terry McCoy reminded members that we should stay on top of the Occupational Act and review what we currently have in place.
- ▶ A reminder of the election for Suffragan Bishop on Saturday, March 28

11. Dates to Remember

- ▶ Council members are asked to support the Lenten service jointly held with St. George's and St. James Lutheran of Mannheim on Wednesday evenings.
- ▶ Next meeting - Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.
 - ▶ Devotions - Margaret Walker;
 - ▶ Refreshments - Gerry McGregor and Marcia Condon

Motion to adjourn: Karen Baker, 9:10 p.m.