

Parish Council minutes for May 26, 2009

Motion: Be it resolved that a summary of the next month's special events/fund raisers be presented for information at Parish Council's monthly meeting including end-use for the monies.

Nelson Cuthbert, seconded by Ivan Mariapen. Carried.

Magnetic Church (agenda item 7. 1.)

Wayne Matheson reminded Council that a committee was formed to look at recommendations that came from the Magnetic Church Workshop, with Wayne as Chair. The focus of the Committee is to make St. George's a more hospitable and more welcoming place. It plans to develop training for greeters, work on communications, and ways to attract and retain newcomers. They will make recommendations to the Property Committee with respect to physical changes and develop a plan for implementation to be approved by the Parish Council on items which can be achieved within a two-year time line. Wayne is open to any suggestions from those who attended the workshop. Marcia Condon wondered if a free voucher could be given to newcomers who attend on bagel Sunday. Margaret Walker said that a lot of time was spent at the workshop on getting structure in place and not to get too many committees – are we enlarging the committee structure? It was explained that the Parish Growth Committee and the Magnetic Church Committee are combining in some ways and come under the Stewardship Committee.

Motion: Be it resolved that Parish Council endorse the establishment of the Magnetic Church Committee as a sub-committee of Stewardship and to implement the recommendation represented and to endorse that the Committee be chaired by Wayne Matheson.

Margaret Walker, seconded by Murray Gamble. Carried.

Wayne mentioned to Council that another suggestion coming from the Workshop was that painting the doors of the church red would make a welcoming point and show up the entrance to the church more clearly.

Motion: That Parish Council adopt the recommendation of the Magnetic Church Committee to paint the main doors of the church red.

Judy Proctor, seconded by John Shaw. Carried.

7. *Standing Committee Reports*

a) Executive

Jim Stirling reported that on Monday, June 8, at All Saints Church there will be an open meeting reviewing the Bokan report for those wishing to attend. The Executive is in the process of doing a facility review of outside groups and discussing the fee structure. A revised form with regard to peanut allergies has been produced. Also the Music Director and Kyla Weisner are coming up for appraisal (John Ryrie will do the Music Director, Nelson will do Kyla's). Also noted was that Fr. Don was up for appraisal by the Executive. The Rev. Canon Tibbs will conduct an evening on June 16 at St. James, Hespeler. This Episcopal Review is to find out from lay people only, their views on their expectation of the bishops, noting that the last bishop was extremely overworked.

b) Finance

Steve Lipkowski reviewed the financial statement noting that regular donations were down, but that total revenue was up over this time last year. Under expenditures, wages and benefits were over budget, Rectorry expenses were down and miscellaneous expenditures were under budget. Overall, the net operating deficit is \$8,553.35 versus \$12,766.76 for last year. The adjusted net operating deficit is \$5,879.27.

Steve moved a motion to accept the financial report.

Judy Proctor, seconded by John Shaw. Passed.

It was noted that the Auction profit was about \$5,600 before expenses.

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c) Property and Maintenance

Murray Gamble reported that there will be one more meeting of the Committee before the summer. The carpet in the chancel area has been installed, electrical work has been done, spring clean-up was done despite the weather, and pricing is coming in for the painting of the HVAC in the church. A new smoking stand is ready for placement (six metres from the entrance to the building). Volunteers will be requested for lawn cutting again this summer. Also, the lines in the parking lot should be repainted. Terry McCoy reported that the fire extinguishers had their annual check up, all servicing of these will be done at the same time. They are still in good shape. It is suggested that the one in the kitchen be placed by the back doors of Thompson Hall and that placement of the extinguishers be made more visible. Jim Stirling asked if a fan could be installed in the nursery (the donated one is too low for the ceiling), or a screen removed from the Fireside Room window and reinstalled in the nursery so that the window can be opened to facilitate air circulation in that room. Jean Horne asked if the benches at the back of the church could be painted.

d) Outreach

Reta Risto reported briefly on the Camp saying that there is a budget of \$37,000 and that all monies and bursaries are only used for the Camp.

e) Worship

Nelson Cuthbert reported that there will be a children's service on May 31. Kyla is doing a wonderful job with the youth and is organizing a trip to Canada's Wonderland in June. She also has a position with the Camp. Donations to the Haitian Dancers were \$1,000. Starting July 5 - September 5, the summer services will be combined and held at 9:00 a.m. John Ryrie noted that Karen Wylie took charge of the children on the past long weekend when Sunday School did not meet and did a wonderful job, but we need more than one person to do this.

The Easter services went well. It is passed that the 9:00 a.m. service next year be highlighted as a children's service and the 11:00 a.m. as an adult service. The combined Deanery service went well and will be held again next year, but at a different church. Sunday school numbers are increasing. A set of new red hangings are to be donated and designs are currently being chosen for these. Twenty-four healing quilts have been distributed since the start of this ministry. June 21 is the last day for Sunday School and there will be a 10:00 a.m. service on the back lawn of the church followed by a parish barbecue. We have invited St. James, Mannheim to join us for this service. St. James, Mannheim has invited St. George's to join them for a strawberry social at 1:00 on June 21. Also, it was suggested that start-up Sunday (September 6) be a combined service of the 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. As of Synod, the hand shaking restriction has been lifted, but not the ban on intinction.

f) Stewardship

John Ryrie reported that a new communication person will be retained in the fall. That the next issue of the Dragon Flyer will be June 1. A second planned giving workshop will be given in the fall after a service. Also, the fix-up campaign is still growing even though the campaign has officially ended.

8. *New Business*

a) Synod

Margaret Walker reported that Halley Ellis and Nathan Butt attended the Youth Synod as full voting members. The issue of same sex relationships was mentioned. By the end of the year the Diocese will have a deficit of \$115,000. Synod made the decision for parishes to up their donations rather than have support cut. St. George's is in the top six in size in the Diocese. It was also suggested that parishes give 110% in apportionment. Episcopal elections are under review. The Huron Hunger Fund received \$49,500, one seventh of which St. George's donated in the amount of \$7,553 for this year. The Church of the North is

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funded by the Diocese and it was reported that there are nine priests to cover 90 parishes. The rules have been relaxed on the passing of the peace, but not on intinction. The youth of Synod put forward a motion to raise \$35,000 in 2010, with matching funds up to 1% of the Diocesan budget for youth to do ministry. The Bishops were in support of this venture. And Nathan Butt was elected to the position of Youth Delegate for the Huron Hunger Fund. Congratulations Nathan!

b) Year End Gathering

Jim Stirling reminded members of the year-end gathering of Council on June 23, and passed around a sign-up sheet (attached to these minutes).

c) Memorial Garden

Karen Baker reported that the pruning of the trees at the front of the church had been done. They are looking at buying new benches for the garden as some were broken during the winter months. New shrubs and plants will be purchased and planted. Also, there were to be three scatterings in the garden this week.

d) Auction

Nelson and Jim thanked all those who helped with donations, both for the auction and to the kitchen. Although there were few glitches, the set up was good, and 90 tickets were sold. It may not have been the best time of year to hold the auction, and John Shaw suggested that February might be a better month.

Thanks from Council to Nelson and Jim for all their hard work and organization.

9. Old Business

Murray reported that he and Ray Finnie had been asked to form a Long Term Planning Committee and that the Parish Group Working Committee had now disbanded as the Magnetic Church Committee had taken over. The hope is to keep the parish aligned in long term vision. The new committee is to consist of 8-10 people including Ray and Murray, and the hope is to spread the load and get new members involved, not to use all old members (Council members are very involved already).

10. Correspondence

The Rev. Marita Williams will be Priest Assistant at St. George's, non-stipendiary, as of June 1.

11. Dates to Remember

- ▶ Next meeting of Council - June 23, 6:30 p.m., BBQ
- ▶ Consecration of Suffragan Bishop - June 6

Motion to adjourn: 9:45 p.m.

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Parish Council B.B.Q. – June 23, 2009

In the past, the Executive has provided the mean and buns.

Name	Salad	Dessert
John Shaw	Away	
Margaret Walker	Salad	
Reta Risto		Dessert
Ivan Mariapen		Dessert
John Ryrie	Salad	
April Couzens-Brown		Dessert
Gerry McGregor	Salad	
Gladys Grant		Dessert
Terry McCoy		Dessert
Jean Home	Rice salad	
Susan Butt	Salad	
Murray Gamble		Dessert
Judy Proctor	Away	
Karen Baker		Dessert
Val & Nelson Cuthbert	Broccoli salad	
Marcia Condon	Salad	
Don Davidson	Salad	
Christine Ledbury	Undecided	
Brian Tomka		
Steve Lipkowski		