



*St. George's of Forest Hill
Anglican Church*

Parish Council Minutes of April 22nd, 2008

Present

Wayne Matheson, Chair
Margaret Walker, acting secretary
Jean Horne
Don Davidson
Ivan Mariapen
Susan Butt

Brian Tomka
Murray Gamble
Valerie Cuthbert
John Ryrie
Judy Proctor
Andrea Balfour

Gerry McGregor
John Shaw
Jim Stirling
Laura Robertson
Karen Baker

Regrets

Christine Ledbury
Nathan Butt

Reta Risto

Steve Lipkowski

1. Call to Order

Photo of Parish Council was taken by Fr. Michael for the new web site.

2. Regrets

3. Devotions

John Shaw led devotions with two readings from "Angel Wisdom" by Terry Lynn Taylor and Mary Beth Crain and a prayer.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 26th, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed. The March meeting was cancelled because of a snow storm.
Judy Proctor and Ivan Mariapen. Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

6. Stewardship Report

The new card advertising St. George's was distributed in the Activa area last weekend and generated two new ladies with four children at the Parent and Tots group this morning. Every who attended Family Fun Night had a good time including some new families although turn out was not very high.
Lots of new photos are being taken for the new web site to be made public on May 25th.
Parish check up is May 2nd and all parish council members are especially encouraged to attend.

7. Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

The Deanery Habitat for Humanity fund raising had \$3,500 short fall. Efforts are being made by several parishes to make it up.

The Notice of Motions for Synod has been issued and distributed to delegates.
Habitat for Humanity recruitment is proceeding.

- b) Finance Committee
Parishioner donations were slightly higher than 2007 however Easter is included this year. There was also two Sundays where attendance was very low due to snowstorms. Property expenses are over budget due to repairs to the building, extra snow ploughing costs and extra utility costs. Overall in a similar position to this time last year which was not favourable.
Comment that we had agreed previously to provide an update to parishioners in the bulletin once per month.
Comment that we should announce or remind parishioners about direct-giving as this would make the low attendance Sundays less of a financial problem.
- c) Worship Committee
Will meet next Wednesday. A reminder that we will be changing to one service on Sunday for 10 weeks during the summer starting on the last Sunday in June.
- d) Property/Maintenance
 - i) Road works
Expected to take place during July and August.
The City will re-landscape the front garden after widening the road with a grass slope to the side walk rather than a retaining wall except around the sign because it will now be so close to the sidewalk. The large trees will be removed, and the replacement trees will be planted in the back because there will not be any room for them in the front.
Power will be cut off for two days while they relocate the poles (underground). They will try to give one weeks notice but it may be less. Little Dragon Day Camp to be notified so that they are prepared.
 - ii) Sound System
Sound system is installed and working. Cabinet is being fitted with power bars and will be installed shortly.
 - iii) Roof/Fence/HVAC
Waiting for four final inspections of the installation.
 - iv) Spring clean up
Will take place on May 10th. Organizers of Spring Bazaar to be notified. Sign-up sheet will be posted for lawn mowing volunteers.
 - v) Other
There is on-going electrical work being done and getting quotes to fix the flat roof.
- e) Outreach
Habitat for Humanity project is moving ahead with sign-up for volunteers. Little Dragon Day Camp has hired the director and counsellors and is actively soliciting funds. The Scout bottle drive will be on May 31st.

9. Committee Reports – Ad Hoc

- a) History Committee
Finishing the writing of the book and photo selection and plan to have draft available for quote in late May. Will then request executive to provide advance funding to cover cost of printing. There will be DVD included with the book that has music, video clips and photos. Hope to release book on either Sunday September 7th or 14th. One year old quote was for \$3,000 for 150-200 copies each 50 pages. Book will probably be longer. Suggestion made that the cost of the book be announced and parishioner asked to make a donation so that copies are available for a price that each person can afford. Suggestion made that 300 copies may be better than 150.

9. New Business

- a) The motions that have been issued for consideration at Synod were reviewed.
- b) New members of council are asked to identify which service they would be able sit with the counter.
- c) The search for new Music Director is to be transparent as possible. A brainstorming session will be held after the 10:00am service on Sunday April 27th to take a first look at the desirable qualities for the Music Director and for the Music Program.

Council members were asked to consider what the make up of the search committee should be, and the following ideas were presented:

- more than 8 members can be unwieldy
 - include rector and a warden
 - at least one member of the senior choir
 - representatives of both 8:15am and 10:00am congregations
 - include youth/Sunday school representation
 - include young families and young singles
 - director of junior choirs
 - questionnaire be sent to all parishioners
 - congregation be told about results of brainstorming and asked to respond
 - need two groups: one to determine musical direction (this group can be larger) and the second to interview candidates
 - volunteers be solicited for a more thorough discussion of the music program
- d) The ministry of Ken Hall should be recognized. Agreed that Sunday June 15th is the best date. There will be a reception after 10:00am service possibly with a BBQ and cake. Laura Robertson and Andrea Balfour to organize.

10. Other Business

- a) Guess Who's Coming to Lunch was successful. Consideration being given to a brunch or a dinner version.
- b) John Shaw has written letters to persons that were identified as "missing" and at least three of them

c) John Ryrie thanked all those who supported him during his recent surgery.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Dates to Remember

Friday April 25 th	Funeral for Joanne Andrews
Sunday April 27 th	Parish Picture
Friday May 2 nd	Parish Check-up
Tuesday May 6 th	Deanery Council Meeting at St. John's, Cambridge (Preston)
May 25 th – May 27 th	Diocesan Synod
Tuesday May 27 th	Parish Council Meeting
	Devotions – Jean Horne
	Refreshments – TBD

13. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Murray Gamble and Brian Tomka.
Carried.