



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

*Parish Council Minutes of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008*

***Present***

Wayne Matheson, Chair	Don Davidson	Judy Proctor
Margaret Walker, acting secretary	Murray Gamble	Reta Risto
Karen Baker	Steve Lipkowski	Laura Robertson
Susan Butt	Ivan Mariapen	John Ryrie
Valerie Cuthbert	Gerry McGregor	Jim Stirling

***Regrets***

Andrea Balfour	Nathan Butt	Jean Horne
Christine Ledbury	John Shaw	Brian Tomka

**1. *Call to Order***

**2. *Regrets***

**3. *Devotions***

John Ryrie lead devotions with a reading from Further Along the Road Less Travelled by M. Scott Park, and Fr. Don followed with prayer.

**4. *Approval of Minutes***

The minutes of the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed. John Ryrie, seconded Laura Robertson. Carried.

**5. *Business Arising from the Minutes***

No business arising from the minutes.

**6. *Stewardship Report***

The next meeting will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Laurie Childs has resigned from the committee. New members of the committee are required.

**7. *Committee Reports***

a) Executive Committee

The executive committee met on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Karen Baker was guest speaker and reported on the Memorial Garden. The new pillar has been installed and is paid for. It will be dedicated in late October.

Elections Canada will be using the building for polling on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

b) Finance Committee

Steve Lipkowski reported that as of the end of August the deficit had narrowed slightly, and that givings were up slightly. Jim Stirling reported that charges for snow removal this winter will be the same as last year.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Ivan Mariapen, seconded Val Cuthbert. Carried.

The parish has received contributions to pay for the repair to the flat roof.

It is suggested that there should be a campaign to raise \$10,000 to pay for some capital projects. The congregation will be notified shortly. The campaign will identify specific capital projects that will be completed with the monies. It was noted that the congregation had been very

generous in the last year providing money for a variety of special projects including the new sound system and Habitat for Humanity, and that the economy has slowed.

Moved that Council endorse a campaign to raise \$10,000 for interior aesthetic upgrades: John Ryrle, seconded Judy Proctor

c) Worship Committee

Meetings have been changed to once every two months from 3-4 times per year to be more proactive.

The feedback on the changes to the summer services has been positive and more feedback is being solicited.

A set of Sanctus bells have been donated. They will be introduced on high Holy days.

There is a plan to wean the 10:00am congregation from full-text service sheets and provide a single sheet with page references to the BAS Prayer Book (this will be similar to the sheet provided for the 8:15am service). More information will be available and the congregation informed after the sheet has been developed and tested.

Attendance at the Wednesday 10am service is steady at about 20 people, and the new Thursday 7pm service has had approximately 10 people in attendance so far.

Blessings and Block has handed out 12 quilts since starting in the spring, and this will be up to 16 by next week.

Fr. Don will be away at Clergy Conference October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive.

The Electoral Synod for a new Bishop will be on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>; there are five candidates at present.

d) Property/Maintenance

i) Fall clean up

Will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about tidying up the Narthex.

There were also concerns raised about “stuff” being donated and left around the building especially in the stair well.

ii) Roof

The final specification for the repair of the flat roof is now available and will be sent out for quotes shortly. Money has been donated to cover the repairs.

iii) Road works

The work is nearly finished. The hand railing for the new steps is being galvanized and will be installed shortly. An ornamental tree will be installed in the front.

iv) Nursery

The nursery has been repainted. New curtains have been hung and new toys provided.

e) Outreach

The Outreach Committee will meet tomorrow Wednesday.

Little Dragon Camp reports that 173 spots were filled and 46 bursaries (some full and some partial). The total income is \$29,587.35 and expenses were \$28,827.50 (these numbers must still be confirmed by the Treasurer). Any profit will be applied to bursary grant fund for next year.

Susan Butt has joined the committee. MaryLynn Forrest has stated that she would like to step back from day-to-day running of the camp. The Outreach Committee is to consider if any of the profit can be applied to help pay for the stripping and waxing of the floors.

**8. Committee Reports – Ad Hoc**

a) History Committee

John Shaw will present the final report of the committee to Council in October as Laura Robertson will be away. The finished product was presented to the congregation on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The printer was paid \$2,825 and EdCom was paid \$565 for the CDs; 250 units were produced. To-date 103 units have been sold and \$1,957 collected. There is a list of people outside the parish who have received a copy (to eliminate duplications).

**9. New Business**

a) Music Director

There is one candidate for Music Director as two other applicants have dropped out after taking alternative positions. The next steps in the process

selection committee will meet to review questions.

Interview candidate

Determine if the candidate should be invited to conduct a senior choir practice and a service (with compensation)

Consider if an offer should be made, the search should be continued or the process restarted.

The goal is to make a recommendation to Council in October

The interview committee will consist of Fr. Don, John Ryrie (warden), Elizabeth Appleyard (long standing members), Alison Olmsted (Sunday School), April Couzens-Brown (families) and a senior choir member.

d) Parish Growth Working Group

Murray Gamble presented the draft report. There were four distinct themes, so sub-committees were struck to consider each theme. Each sub-committee has produced 2-3 actionable goals and tasks for their theme that are quick, cheap and tangible. Responsibility has been given to existing committees to complete the tasks.

Moved that Council endorse the report and recommendations as presented: John Ryrie, seconded Judy Proctor. Carried.

It was agreed that a presentation would be made to the congregation during the homily within the next few weeks and a write up be included in the bulletin.

**10. Other Business**

- a) Looking for new fundraising projects. The auction has raised \$5-6,000 but it is a large commitment. A date of February 2009 has been tentatively booked. A suggestion was made that Council consider running the auction.

**11. Correspondence**

None.

**12. Dates to Remember**

Saturday October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Electoral Synod	
Tuesday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	
	Devotions – Val Cuthbert,	Refreshments – Judy Proctor
Tuesday November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Turkey Dinner	
Tuesday November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery meeting	

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm