



St. George's of Forest Hill

Parish Council Minutes of October 28, 2008

Present

Jim Stirling, Chair	Don Davidson	Gerry McGregor
Christine Ledbury, Secretary	Murray Gamble	Reta Risto
Karen Baker	Jean Horne	John Ryrie
Nathan Butt	Steve Lipkowski	John Shaw
Susan Butt	Ivan Mariapen	Brian Tomka
Valerie Cuthbert		

Regrets*

Andrea Balfour	Judy Proctor	Margaret Walker
Wayne Matheson	Laura Robertson	Jessica Visutski

1. Call to Order

2. Regrets

3. Devotions

Devotions were led by Valerie Cuthbert with a reading from *Day by Day With God*.

4. Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes

The minutes of the September 23, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.
John Ryrie, seconded Ivan Mariapen. Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

6. Committee Reports

Youth

Nathan Butt reported on the meeting held after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday to discuss what the youth of the parish would like. There were about 20 youth and a number of parents/adults in attendance. The group divided into two – youth in one group, adults in another. The youth would like to have a youth group, and would like a variety of activities – a place to hang out, play games, go bowling, have music nights, etc. The adults had similar ideas to the youth from their group. Currently there is a budget to hire a youth administrator for two years to start in the coming year. This came as a gift for the pilot project. Nelson and Val Cuthbert met with Fr. Don and Nelson will be writing a job description for this position. This project is related to parish growth.

Standing Committee Reports

a) Executive

The Bishop's Award ceremony will be held at the Cathedral in London at 5:00 p.m. on November 2. Karen Baker is to receive an award. The cost of a defibrillator is around \$500 and although training is free, we need to have trained personnel. The decision to go ahead with this is deferred to Vestry in January. A parishioner has objected to strong perfumes and soaps at the church. As this cannot be controlled, a continuing notice will be put in the weekly bulletin asking parishioners to consider others when using perfumes, etc.

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b) Finance

Steve Lipkowski reported that the financial situation remains about the same as before. Parishioner donations are up about \$5,900, and capital is down. The net operating deficit is \$19,198.28 to the end of September, level with August. A substantial payment has been made to the apportionment.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: John Shaw, seconded Brian Tomka. Carried.

c) Property and Maintenance

Murray Gamble reported that specs had been obtain from a number of companies for the roof ranging from \$8,900 - \$16,000. They will go with the \$8,900 and he reported that an additional \$3,000 had been received for this work. The work is more extensive than originally anticipated, but work will begin as soon as possible, and hopefully completed and paid for by Christmas. Fall clean up was done both outside and in the electrical room. On Wednesday, November 12, the Diocese is leading an accessibility information seminar at St. John the Evangelist. All churches will be required to have this in place by 2018. St. George's will need to install automatic door openers, and change the slope/walkway to access the lower level.

d) Outreach

At 10:00 a.m. on November 8 there will be a house blessing for the Habitat build. On November 9 Jean Kirkham from the Steven Lewis Foundation will be a guest speaker. There will also be a Scout parade for Remembrance Day on this Sunday. The Angel Tree will be put up after the Aids Requiem on November 28. Margie Warren will attend a pandemic planning meeting on November 19 and will report at the next meeting. And the nursery is now finished with all items being donated.

7. *New Business*

a) Rector's Report

- ▶ Fr. Don reported on the Magnetic Church Seminar, led by Andrew Weeks, which is to be held on April 24-25 at All Saints' Church in Waterloo. There is to be a maximum of 120 attendees at a cost of \$35-\$40 per person. It would be good to have a representative from each group attend.
- ▶ Notwithstanding some concerns, the selection committee unanimously agreed to hire the new choir director.
- ▶ At the Electoral Synod, after two votes, Bob Bennett was elected as Bishop of Huron. The election of a Suffragan Bishop to replace Bob will be held in early to mid February.
- ▶ On November 23, Amazing Grace is to be sung by all congregations, and if possible recorded.
- ▶ The Bishop has asked for prayers for St. Aiden's Church, Windsor, who have voted to leave the Anglican Church of Canada, leaving a divided congregation.

b) Music Director

Parish Council has been asked to endorse the recommendation of the Selection Committee for a Music Director.

Motion: Be it resolved that Council endorse the recommendation of the Selection Committee to offer the position of Music Director to Robert Aszmies as outlined by Parish Council in May 2008.

John Ryrie, seconded by Brian Tomka. All in favour. Carried.

The Rector will speak with Robert tomorrow to clarify his salary (yearly reviews) and to reiterate his responsibilities as listed in May 2008.

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c) Auction

Two champions to organize this event - Jim Stirling and Nelson Cuthbert. They are asking for volunteers to help and set up sub-committees. The date for the auction is February 28.

d) Parish Growth

Ray Finnie and Murray Gamble will do a power point presentation to the parish on November 16. A follow-up meeting will be held later in the year or early next year.

8. *Dates to Remember*

- ▶ Turkey Supper – Tuesday, November 4
- ▶ Executive meeting – Wednesday, November 19
- ▶ Next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Parish Council Xmas Dinner, Friday, December, 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. dinner

Motion to adjourn: 8.55 p.m.