

St Mark's by-the- Lake

Parish Leadership Team

Report of a Meeting held on April 8, 2008



PRESENT: Gord Gunnell, Valerie Henley, Kevin George, Mark Charlton, Ray Hinton, Scott Shields, , Ed Sears, Katelinn Tuovinen, John Anderson, Jane Cornett and Mark Hipkins, Brooke White, Bob Cooper, Bud Piercell.

REGRETS: Jerry Pardy, Janet Forster, Nicky Adams, Lynne Hornby, Amanda Dibbs.

ABSENT: Christie Paulton and Walter Fisher

OPENING DEVOTIONS:

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Adoption of previous minutes moved by John Anderson and seconded by Ed Sears.

NEW BUSINESS

Wardens Report

(John Anderson)

- Networking issues have been resolved. The network is working well.
- Currently working on a calendar of events for the year. This will allow for better planning.
- We are hoping to have the Steak BBQ mid October this year instead of November.
- We are going to try and make arrangements for a Golf Tournament in July this year.
- We have had a reasonably good response to the "Who is My Neighbour Survey." We are looking to get one or two people to volunteer to do follow up calls for people who have not completed the survey.

The Treasurers Report

(Mark Charlton)

Financial Report for March, 2008:

Expenses:

- Ministry other includes book expenses, pastoral care, meetings, and travel expenses
- Office charges include Vestry mailer costs, copier usage, postage and supplies
- Outreach is pass through of monies collected for the Dean Terry Dance's Temba project
- Property costs include the annual insurance premium (down from last year)
- Staff costs continue at last year's rates. 2008 pay increase have not been processed
- Utilities payments were slightly less than last year due entirely to gas usage
- Youth spending was \$313

Income:

- Offerings of \$17,475 are worse than budget by \$1,235; Year to Date of \$41,436 is 15% more than last year due to an early Easter
- Other income is for hall donations less wedding cost
- PAC includes proceeds from meat pies and coffee hour
- Special donations are for Temba project outreach

Overall:

- Operating deficit for the month is \$3,203
- Bank balance is overdrawn \$675 at month end and there are further uncashed cheques of \$3,200 outstanding.
- Operating account owes \$15,000 to Capital

Raising the Roof:

- Contributions of \$1,414 were received during the month bringing the total to \$32,000

St. Mark's by-the-Lake Church			2008			
Council report			March			
	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
EXPENSES						
Advertising	140	0	(140)	140	0	(140)
Apportionment	2,750	2,750	0	8,250	8,250	0
Bank Charges	5	10	5	19	20	1
Chancel Guild	113	200	87	278	400	122
Ministry - other	1,190	1,300	110	3,058	2,910	(148)
Miscellaneous	0	50	50	105	150	45
Music Supplies	0	63	63	0	188	188
Office	1,909	900	(1,009)	3,386	2,700	(686)
Outreach	1,020	417	(604)	2,932	1,250	(1,682)
Parish Fellowship	130	83	(47)	505	250	(255)
Property	3,461	3,784	323	6,542	5,981	(561)
Rector - benefits	1,041	1,083	42	3,124	3,250	126
Rector - Salary	3,792	3,887	95	11,375	11,660	285
Staff	4,303	4,371	68	13,308	13,513	205
Utilities	2,481	2,542	61	7,245	7,225	(20)
Youth Ministry	313	333	20	313	1,000	687
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,648	21,773	(876)	60,580	58,747	(1,833)
INCOME						
Offerings	17,475	18,710	(1,235)	41,436	43,430	(1,994)
Other Inc	370	250	120	1,205	950	255
PAC	580	1,067	(487)	2,348	3,200	(852)
Special Donations	1,020	0	1,020	3,565	0	3,565
TOTAL INCOME	19,445	20,027	(582)	48,554	47,580	974
OVERALL TOTAL	(3,203)	(1,746)	(1,458)	(12,026)	(11,167)	(859)

Outreach for Justice Team

(Ed Sears)

- Currently there is not much going on with the team.
- There will be a meeting soon to discuss upcoming events.

Youth Ministry

(Jane Cornett)

- Kevin and Jane will be meeting soon to plan follow up plans from the Youth Symposium.
- Jane will be leading a youth retreat. It is a retreat for youth leaders to help them brainstorm, network and re-energize. There will be approximately 12 people attending. It is a great opportunity to bounce off ideas.
- Jane plans to have a First Communion Class in early June. Hopefully this will tie in with the Parish Picnic.
- Huron Church Camp cleanup day is approaching. The volunteer crew so far looks good. It will be Jane's and Connor Shields birthdays which will be fun as well. The cleanup is May 10th. Feel free to come out if you can. There will be a sign up sheet in the church soon.
- Jane will be attending a Youth Leadership Conference in Canton, Michigan in May. She will be attending with Steve White. This should be a great conference. Jane is looking forward to going.
- April 19th is Enviro-Challenge day at Huron Church Camp. Pamphlets are at the back of the church and also with Jane if people wish to enrol their children.
- There will be a Deanery Bike trip to Pelee Island May 31st to June 1st. It will be an overnight trip. They will take the ferry over to the Island. It is well organized and safe. A really fun outing.
- The youth did vigil on Good Friday. A nice quiet time for them. Our Youth truly are spiritual.
- Jane will be attending a World Peace Summit April 24th to 27th.
- There will be cake for Bobby Dengel this Sunday. He will be moving. Come out and say hello. Bring some keys if you have them. He likes keys.

The Rectors Report

(Kevin George)

- Kevin wanted to offer thanks to the Outreach for Justice Committee for a fantastic Lenten series. From a liturgical view it was very enriching to have this along with Lent.
- Our Holy Week celebration was amazing. Participation was good. It was nice to see the kids out for Palm Sunday.
- Nine youths did vigil on Good Friday. These kids have a sense of religion and spirituality. They get it. Jane is to be commended. Very well done.
- Holy Saturday was great, especially with the Baptisms of Elijah Paulton and Gabriella Goetz. It was a great night. Thank you to the Paulton and Goetz families for having the baptisms that evening.
- April 6th was Hockey Jersey Sunday. I think this was the best one yet. Attendance was amazing. The five piece brass band was especially good.
- A good example of our parish personality is how we can step outside the boundaries a bit and have fun.
- Jason Chapman from A Channel was here to film some of the festivities. He is very knowledgeable about religion. It was fantastic to hear the kids respond to his questions. The kids were talking about Jesus and religion with knowledge and enthusiasm. I am very proud of their responses.
- Somehow we need to step outside of old style and add some air and joy. It is because we do things a bit different that we attract people. Having a little fun on Sunday morning is not a bad idea.
- Ray mentioned that he really liked the Prayer of Consecration. Kevin said we have used this for Celtic Masses. We will use this again.
- Hockey Jersey Sunday is a great event to welcome in new families. They can see what we are all about.

Upcoming Events

1. **Similac Sunday.** We will be having a fundraiser for baby formula. We will be collecting money to purchase formula and also collecting cans of powdered formula. Tim Brady who is a parishioner here is the owner/operator of the Shoppers Drugmart in Market Square. He has helped us with donations and will also let us purchase formula at cost. Kevin is thrilled to hear we will be doing this since United Way funding is down and the demand is up for formula. This will help many needy families in the city and surrounding areas.
2. **Murder Mystery.** We will be hosting a Murder Mystery complete with Dinner. Michelle Mainwaring and Glen Hartley from MJM Entertainment will be performing the murder mystery. They have agreed to do this at no cost to us. They were recently married here at the church and wanted to give the parish a gift. Jeff Mailloux will be catering the meal. The tickets will be \$25.00 per person. The event will be licensed and held in the hall. There will be approximately 100 tickets printed.

There is a Deanery Meeting May 13th which will be discussing Youth Ministry. Several members of our team will be attending. We will therefore move the Parish Leadership Team meeting up one week. **The next meeting will be May 6th, 2008 at 7:30PM.**

Motion

Bob Cooper motioned to adjourn meeting. All were in favour.

Meeting Adjourned.