

St Mark's by-the- Lake

Parish Leadership Team

Report of a Meeting held on May 6, 2008



PRESENT: Gord Gunnell, Valerie Henley, Kevin George, Mark Charlton, Ray Hinton, Scott Shields, Ed Sears, Katelinn Tuovinen, Jane Cornett and Mark Hipkins, Brooke White, Janet Forster Lynne Hornby, Amanda Dibbs and Dave Goetz.

REGRETS: Jerry Pardy, Nicky Adams, John Anderson, and Bob Cooper.

ABSENT: Christie Paulton, Bud Piercell and Walter Fisher

OPENING DEVOTIONS:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Outreach for Justice Team

(Ed Sears)

- The team has recently had a meeting.
- Team has already started the planning for next years Lenten series.
- The Lenten Booklet was a success. There was a lot of great feedback.
- Team has received some really nice letters of gratitude from the families that we helped out recently.
- Doctors without Borders is looking for assistance.
- 10,000 Villages had a record number of outside sales the evening they were here.
- Barbara Lyons has donated a rental apartment to Hiatus House to help out those in need. She was moved by the presentation during the Lenten series and decided to help them out.
- Knickers in a Knot is tentatively booked for November 23rd.
- The Blessing of the Backpacks is tentatively booked for August 24th.
- A tour of the Black Heritage museum is in the works.
- Dinner and a movie will be June 6th.
- If you wish to contribute baby formula or cash to purchase formula for Similac Sunday the church will still be collecting.
- Kevin is pleased to offer thanks to the Outreach for Justice Team on behalf of St. Mark's by-the-Lake for all that they do.
- The next meeting for OJT is scheduled for June 2nd.

PAC

(Janet Forster)

- Janet Forster is back from Florida.
- A Murder Mystery Dinner is planned for May 23rd. MJM Entertainment will host the murder mystery. They are a fantastic group. Creative Chefz will prepare the meal which will be great.
- Janet Forster, Brooke White and a few others are staying after the event to help clean up as well as baking desserts.
- The annual yard sale will be June 21st, 8AM – 2PM.

Youth Ministry

(Jane Cornett)

- Steve White and Jane recently went to a Youth Leadership meeting. The topic was Generation Change. It was a great conference with great resources for teens.
- There will be a bike-a-thon May 21st for Haiti. There will be a pre-trip warm up before the event. The youth will be collecting money from sponsors the next few weeks to raise money for Haiti.
- They will spend a night on Pelee Island and bike back to Windsor from Kingsville. Steve White will bring bikes to the dock.
- First Communion classes are scheduled June 7th and June 29th for children aged 6-10.
- Parish picnic will be June 29th.
- Jane will be attending a five day conference in June put on by the Anglican Church of Canada. This is the first one for youth leaders and it is held in London, Ontario. It is a great opportunity and convenient that it is so close.

Diocesan Family Team

(Ray Hinton)

- The Deaneries main priority currently is to replace Karen Amlin and the Youth Advisory Committee.
- Once a new Youth Advisory Committee is in place they will hire a replacement for Karen Amlin.
- Synod is approaching soon.
- There is a motion to ask the Bishop for a rite for clergy to bless civilly married same sex gender couples.
- The Diocese of New Westminster has been blessing same sex couples who have been married in a civil service for four years now. There have been approximately 18 couples blessed to date.
- Scott asked if the Deanery has made a commitment to continue funding youth Ministry.
- Ray answered that most of the funding is at the Diocesan level but there is regional funding. Unfortunately when funding needed to be cut, the Diocese cut regional funding which helps fund Youth Ministry. When the funding was cut the Deanery rallied together and as a result our funding level was maintained. The desire is there for a lot of us in the Deanery. Currently the Deanery wants to check the pulse and further discuss Children and youth Ministry.

The Treasurers Report

(Mark Charlton)

Financial Report for April, 2008:

Expenses:

- Ministry other includes book expenses, pastoral care, meetings, and synod fees
- Music Supplies includes Hockey Jersey musicians and piano tuning
- Office charges include copier lease, copier usage, postage, 2009 envelopes and general supplies
- Staff costs include one week of ministry coverage
- Utilities payments were slightly over budget due to hydro costs
- Youth spending reflects a reversal of prior periods accrual

Income:

- Offerings of \$11,044 are worse than budget by \$1,776; Year to Date of \$52,480 is 2% less than last year (Vestry approved a 5% increase)
- Other income is for hall donations and a wedding (less costs)
- PAC includes proceeds from meat pies, soup lunch, zehrs tapes, and coffee hour
- Special donations include \$2,078 for Similac Sunday (expenses will be reflected in May's Outreach)

Overall:

- Operating deficit for the month is \$5,492
- Bank balance is overdrawn \$3,400 at month end and there are further uncashed cheques of \$1,000 outstanding.
- Operating account owes \$23,000 to Capital

Raising the Roof:

- Contributions of \$3,280 were received during the month bringing the total to \$35,000
- Diocesan grant of \$250,000 was received

St. Mark's by-the-Lake Church
Council report

2008
April

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
EXPENSES						
Advertising	23	300	278	163	300	137
Apportionment	2,750	2,750	0	11,000	11,000	0
Bank Charges	43	10	(33)	62	30	(32)
Chancel Guild	488	400	(88)	767	800	33
Ministry - other	1,357	1,155	(202)	4,415	4,065	(350)
Miscellaneous	123	50	(73)	229	200	(29)
Music Supplies	320	63	(257)	320	250	(70)
Office	1,797	1,000	(797)	5,183	3,700	(1,483)
Outreach	0	417	417	2,932	1,667	(1,266)
Parish Fellowship	0	83	83	505	333	(172)
Property	1,317	1,406	88	7,859	7,387	(472)
Rector - benefits	1,041	1,083	42	4,166	4,333	167
Rector - Salary	3,792	3,887	95	15,167	15,546	379
Staff	4,453	4,371	(82)	17,760	17,884	124
Utilities	2,599	2,342	(257)	9,845	9,567	(278)
Youth Ministry	(26)	333	359	287	1,333	1,046
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,077	19,650	(427)	80,660	78,395	(2,266)
INCOME						
Offerings	11,044	12,820	(1,776)	52,480	56,250	(3,770)
Other Income	450	575	(125)	1,655	1,525	130
PAC	763	1,067	(304)	3,111	4,267	(1,156)
Special Donations	2,328	0	2,328	5,893	0	5,893
TOTAL INCOME	14,585	14,462	123	63,139	62,042	1,097
OVERALL TOTAL	(5,492)	(5,188)	(304)	(17,521)	(16,353)	(1,169)

Wardens Report

(Scott Shields)

- The main topic of the warden's meeting this evening was Raising the Roof and getting the project started.
- We are currently experiencing some frustration with CIBC and their snail pace.
- We are looking at other options for funding the project but we are still working with CIBC.
- July – October fits into Becker Engineering's schedule. If the funding is finalized soon we can start the project in July.
- Thanks to Ray and Marion Hinton, Steve White and Charlie Hodges. They have been working on the yard and the flowers. Everything looks very nice.
- The Diocesan Council meets June 15th. We will need final approval from the council to officially start any construction once everything is put in place. We hope to put this forth at this meeting.

The Rectors Report

(Kevin George)

- Kevin would also like to give thanks to Ray and Marion Hinton, Steve White and Charlie Hodges. Thank you for the work you have done to make the outside of the church look great.
- We had no idea what kind of response we would get to Similac Sunday. The response has been amazing.
- So far what Tim Brady, Shoppers Drugmart and St. Mark's by-the-lake has collected is enough formula to feed four infants for a full year.
- United Way funding has been low and this helped.
- The formula program has been in existence for 20 years. The Salvation Army wishes to advertise this to make the program more known so people in need can come to them for assistance.
- The neighbourhood service program would like to come out one Sunday and do coffee hour to thank us for all their support.
- The Salvation Army is mobile and ready to go. Always there to assist. It is quite amazing how they run.
- Kevin is so proud of this Parish and what we are able to do.
- Geoff and Margaret Dibbs will return May 18th. Looking forward to it.
- Most of you have heard that my dad has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. He is good and positive; very matter-of-fact. He will be 92 in September.
- Kevin and Catherinanne will be going to see his dad as soon as Geoff Dibbs returns. Many thanks to Geoff for making this trip possible.
- Please keep my Dad and mom in your prayers. It has been a hard couple of years.
- None of us escape what life deals out. It is helpful and comforting to have a supportive Parish.

Upcoming Dates

- Murder Mystery – May 23rd.
- June 10th – Next parish Leadership Team Meeting
- June 21st – Yard Sale

Closing Prayer

Motion

Ed Sears motioned to adjourn meeting. All were in favour.

Meeting Adjourned.