MINUTES

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT: The Rev'd Brad Smith, Chair and Clerk; Wm J Brant, Pat Brant, Shirley Brant, Wilma Maracle, Kim Maracle, Bev Hill, Sandra John, Marilyn Brant (guest)

REGRETS: Paul Robertson

ABSENT: Carla Barnhardt, Laverne Maracle, Shirley Maracle, Bernice Maracle, Doug Green, Marilyn Maracle

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

Wednesday 5 March 2008 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Queen Anne Parish Centre

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION
1.0 OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE REFLECTION	The meeting was called to order with prayer at 7:20 p.m. Bible Study was on Psalm 50:10-14. There was also a reflection on the handout "What we believe about Stewardship".	
2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	The agenda was accepted as presented. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated. Moved: Pat Brant; Seconded: Wm J Brant. Carried.	
3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	There was no business arising from the minutes.	
4.0 INCUMBENT'S REPORT	 Christmas: generally a success, although All Saints' will have to think about its crowded service New Year's Levée: nice that people came to the rectory when the snow forced the cancellation of the event at the QAPC Lent Bible Study: Book of Hebrews Easter and Holy week update: services as outlined in the bulletin and Easter mailing absent during May for Chaplain Training, coverage will be arranged 	

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5.0 REPORTS OF CHURCHES		
5.1 ALL SAINTS'	 working on getting the heat loss assessment done for the new HVAC system, should be done now and ready to be presented to the congregation. Then, the units will be priced and we will go to the benefactor to get the units purchased. givings are down, around \$2000 deficit for Jan and Feb. People are away so this should get caught up and the oil bills should be down now that the thermostats are fixed. 	Bill Brant to co-ordinate the assessment and procure quotations.
	 Oil slips are not being left at the church so how can we pay the bill in 7 days Note change of custodian's phone number: posted at the upstairs phone. Custodian has been here for two years now without raise—is it possible to give him a raise? Snowploughing—Ken doesn't want money. Can we give him a gift certificate? TalTrees installed hydro light and 	Wardens to contact Rosebush Fuels to ask about this. Bev Hill to buy a \$100 gift certificate for gas from AllSaints'. Brad Smith will buy one for \$100 for the Waring House from the
	donated meat for the Pancake Supper: should thank them	Rectory. Wardens to write letter to
5.2 CHRIST CHURCH	 read Warden's report to the Parish council outlining the growth and sense of vitality that is at Christ Church. question for treasurer about the \$300/month for the rectory—this is to pay into the ongoing fund to pay bills and build up capital for repairs etc. 	TalTrees in thanks.
5.3 CENTRAL TREASURER	question re amalgamation of accounts	Brad Smith to make a mock-up of an accounting ledger with combined accounts.
6.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES		
6.1 STRATEGIC PLANNING	 continuing work on developing plan, working with weaknesses and will develop goals and objectives. 	

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7.0 OTHER BUSINESS	 Overview of the areas of weakness as prioritised by the Annual Meeting of Vestry: Absence of young families at Sunday morning services No Sunday School and Youth programs Space constraint limits flexibility (discussion on arrangement of furniture and theological beliefs behind why our churches are ordered the way they are) lack of Native content/expression in Liturgy – Pat Brant mentioned that this might be good because it would perhaps get more young kids in church—they like to sing in Mohawk. Brad Smith talked about Lakota and Plains nations that mix in culture with Christianity Presentation on Year-Round Stewardship Plan. People were agreeable with the idea of implementing something like this. Bev Hill brought up the idea of a fun night for young people specifically (apart from the usual 2nd wed parish fun night). A movie night or an Easter party. Wm J Brant suggested we need to have a 'catch' to get young people, which will get the parents. Pat Brant—an opportunity to bring native history alive for people? Further discussion ensued on future planning and potential ideas for reaching out and building up our parish. Bev raised the idea of another April Variety Show fundraiser. 	All members will brainstorm ideas to address these areas which we can then give to the Strategic Planning Committee. Brad Smith to provide a sample Year-Round Stewardship Plan for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council. As above, members to bring ideas to next meeting. Bev Hill to suggest possible dates.
8.0 UPCOMING EVENTS	Holy Week and Easter services—see the mailing or the bulletin for times and locations.	
9.0 NEXT MEETING	Tuesday 15 April, 7:00 p.m. at the Queen Anne Parish Centre.	
10.0 CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. and concluded with the saying of the Grace.	