



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA

*To be a Spirit-filled and life-giving place where strangers
become friends and friends become disciples*

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 3 July 2013

Present: Brad Smith, Pat Brant, Ann Brant, Marilyn Brant, Bev Hill, Shirley Maracle, Marlene Brant Castellano, Cathie Vick, Doug Green, Wilma Maracle, Edgar Tumak
Absent: Kaleena Hanoski, John Eves, Will Brant

1.0 OPENING WORSHIP

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES FROM 1 MAY 2013 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Pat Brant moved and Bev Hill seconded the adoption of the agenda. Brad added a request for funding from Marlene to Other Business. **Carried.**

Bev Hill moved and Wilma Maracle seconded the adoption of the minutes. **Carried.**

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING/REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

3.1 WORSHIP, WITNESS, PARISH LIFE

A. NEW INITIATIVES UPDATE

A discussion was held that the amalgamation of the congregations was not done as a consolidation in preparation for dying. Instead, it was to eliminate the duplication of worship in order to free up energy for new initiatives that would be seen as life-giving. Following on the conversation from the last meeting, where several initiatives were discussed (see the minutes from 1 May), an update was provided. Edgar Tumak continues to work on a workshop for more effective proclamation of Scripture in worship. Pat Brant and Bev Hill are working on an Every Member Visitation (EMV) where parishioners would visit those who are on the parish list but not active. Doug Green suggested that it might be more fruitful at first to focus on those who have come and made a commitment in the last few years, i.e. those who have been baptised. He also suggested that if we embark on a visitation strategy that the experience of those who delivered the newsletter in past years be sought for advice. Discussion followed on hosting a potluck supper where parishioners would provide food and invite baptismal candidates, their parents, and their sponsors to attend. Brad will provide the list of names and contact info for people to invite and put a notice in the bulletin. Bev will coordinate the potluck supper. It was suggested that in the near future a small task force discuss a potential baptism policy that will make it clear that the parish wants to be connected with people being baptised.

B. MUSIC PROGRAMME FEEDBACK/DIRECTION FOR FALL

Christine Hudson indicated that she had been accepted into a music programme in Vancouver that starts this fall. Her last Sunday will be 25 August. We need to determine what to do when she leaves and to advertise for a new musician. Brad will republish the job ad from last fall in the diocesan and national job postings and in other online forums. Christine will spread the word among her peers. Any other ideas are welcome (we advertised in several papers last year but had only Christine's response). The consensus was that Christine's enthusiasm and gifts were a blessing in her short time here so far.

C. FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH DURING SUMMER

The last three weeks there have been fewer than a dozen people staying for fellowship. It's a burden on the hosts to prepare even for toast when no one stays. So, what to do? We should still have tea and coffee but for July and August, we will not have food (unless someone wants to bring something). Volunteers will supply milk, juice and something small like cookies. Brad will ensure there's a coffee pot in place for Sunday and will publish a hospitality list.

D. BISHOP'S GUIDELINES ON SAME-SEX BLESSINGS

The guidelines were introduced. They will be revisited in September after parish council members have had time to reflect on it. There is potential that members of the congregation would like to use this opportunity.

3.2 FAITH FORMATION

A. FALL STUDY

Brad has suggested a five-week study from Fresh Expressions Canada called "Reimagining Church" as a fall study.

B. GIFT DISCERNMENT/DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Our NCD survey and comments from parishioners indicate that people are not always aware of the spiritual gifts they might possess. Brad will explore options, including having David Smith lead a workshop he does on spiritual gifts.

3.3 HUMAN, FINANCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Brad gave a refresher on the format of the report and then went through it in detail, especially revenue (internal revenue is just below budget: Christ Church is behind in offering revenue). Doug mentioned that we should check with the oil prices that we are in fact getting the deal (face minus 10 cents).

B. ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Members of parish council were invited to take a walk into the church to see the renovations that had been completed so far. The platform was removed and the front walls rehabilitated. New accessible doors were installed at the front and the floor levelled and refinished. Outstanding work includes inner doors at the back of the church (the old ones were found in the furnace room and might be rehabilitated), the repair of the window over the back door, and plaster work in the north-west closet and the south-west corner. It was suggested that, once all the work is complete, an open house tea be held to show community members how their money was spent.

C. CHRIST CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY (RAMP)

Last Sunday, Edgar placed some flags around the walk at Christ Church to show one option for a ramp. Discussion was held on potential options. Doug noted that he has had many conversations with Todd Kring about our accessibility needs. Although the Band will likely hire an engineer to make a recommendation, it would be helpful if we were able to provide input since we are the primary users of the building. There is potentially a conflict between accessibility requirements and the heritage designation. The Churchwardens will talk with the Band about our needs/desires and attempt to see some movement on this issue.

D. PERSONNEL POLICY AND REVIEW

Brad distributed a copy of the new parish personnel review, which is a modified version of the one the Diocese of Toronto mandates for its parishes. Currently, the Parish Administrator is being reviewed after six months of employment.

3.4 OUTREACH AND MISSION

A. UPDATE ON OUTREACH

Gifts had been sent to the two schools agreed upon earlier in the year and contact info was obtained for the two new schools. In September, all schools will receive the next instalment of the parish gift.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Marlene is the honorary chair of a proposed symposium on land for 26 Oct. The purpose is to have a civil conversation about land to provide information and context for land claims and the way that indigenous people respond (and why). The KAIROS blanket exercise will be a significant part of the day. The planning committee is asking for the Parish to make a donation of \$300 to KAIROS as a sign of respect for KAIROS sending their representative. Marlene asked for approval in principle for a donation of \$300, which was given by consensus. Marlene will provide an update in September, at which time the donation will be made.

5.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

There were no upcoming events noted.

6.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wed 4 Sep, 7:00 p.m., QAPC.

7.0 CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Bev Hill moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. The meeting closed with the Grace.