

MINUTES

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA PARISH COUNCIL	PRESENT: Brad Smith, Marilyn Brant, Bill Brant (guest), Bev Hill, Marlene Brant Castellano, Doug Green, Wilma Maracle, Edgar Tumak, Ann Brant, Cathie Vick, Shirley Maracle, Pam Detlor (guest)	MEETING TIME/LOCATION: Wed 4 Sep 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. QAPC
	ABSENT: Kaleena Hanoski, John Eves, Pat Brant, Will Brant	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION
1.0 OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE REFLECTION	The meeting was called to order with prayer at 7:05 p.m. Brad noted that Kaleena Hanoski resigned as a Lay Delegate to Synod and member of Parish Council.	
2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Adoption of agenda. Moved: Marilyn Brant, seconded: Ann Brant. Pam and Shirley asked to be added to Other Business. Carried. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Brad asked if members preferred the format they were presented in (narrative) or the usual three-column format and consensus was that the three-column format was preferable. Moved: Shirley Maracle, seconded: Doug Green. Carried.	
3.0 BUSINESS 3.1 Worship, Witness, Parish Life	a. Welcome Back Weekend. The supper where those baptised in the last five years and their families will be invited to meet parish members will be Sat 28 Sep. The gathering will start at 5:00 p.m. with “cocktails” and conversation and supper will be served at 5:45. All guests will be asked to RSVP so we can order sufficient roast beef and mashed potatoes. Parishioners will be invited to bring salads and desserts (coordinated on the sign-up sheet). b. Music Programme. Christine Hudson provided excellent music for the short time she was with us but left at the end of August to pursue further studies on the West Coast. Brad has advertised on the General Synod and diocesan websites, in the weekly diocesan email	Bev: coordinate supper, including preparing a sign-up sheet to be distributed starting Sun 8 Sep. Brad: send invitation letter (make sure to ask about dietary restrictions) and advertise in bulletin. Provide name tags. Find a children’s area coordinator. Parish Council: reinforce the importance for as many parishioners as possible to attend this event. Brad: engage Narda.

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	<p>newsletter, and online, but has had no responses yet. The ad is up until 30 September. Edgar has contacted the Queen's School of Music and is awaiting a response. Discussion was had about what we would like to have in the interim. The consensus was to ask Narda Iulj to fill-in for three Sundays a month and on the third Sunday, when we have lay-led worship, we will use other musicians or the iPod for more flexibility. We hope that Narda will be available to play for Christmas services if we have not hired a music director by then.</p> <p>c. Fellowship. Brad noted that attendance at fellowship after church was down significantly, especially among All Saints' people and asked if there were thoughts on why. Two reasons emerged. First, that the physical space at Christ Church is difficult to use for fellowship. Some people do not like to go outside and the picnic tables are hard to sit at. The kitchen is constrained. The church isn't particularly useful either since the pews all face the same direction, there are no tables and no places to set food/drinks. Some suggestions were offered as to how to improve Christ Church for fellowship: creating more space by removing rear pews, providing small tables for food. The second issue is the time of the Sunday Celebration. 9:30 means people need to eat breakfast before and worship ends close enough to lunch that people don't want to stay for tea and cookies. The roster of teams will continue to provide tea/coffee/juice and basic eats until we move to All Saints' in November, when we will monitor if fellowship improves with the better space in the QAPC.</p> <p>d. Bishop's Guidelines on Same-Sex Blessings. The document that was distributed at the July meeting was summarised by Brad. Parish Council's approval would need to be sought before this parish would offer this liturgical resource to a same-sex couple. There was much passionate conversation and a very clear consensus emerged that those present were not only in favour of allowing the</p>	<p>Brad: for Vestry in Feb 2014, parish members will discuss their experience of the six-month schedule and be asked if any mid-stream adjustments need to be made (e.g. to three months at each church).</p> <p>Brad: ensure the decision is on the Agenda for 6 Nov. Communicate our discussion and position to the Bishop.</p>

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<p>3.2 Faith Formation</p> <p>3.3 Human, Financial, Environmental Stewardship</p>	<p>provisions of the policy to be offered in the parish but that we felt the wider Church was being cowardly in not taking this decision for itself instead of downloading it to the parishes. Doug Green related this topic to our strategic plan and suggested that it was entirely in keeping with our parish mission. We have for a number of years fully welcomed gay people into the parish so this seems a natural evolution. While many felt that Parish Council should decide to approve this liturgical resource, it was suggested that absent members be informed of the discussion and told that a decision will be rendered at the November meeting.</p> <p>e. Reading Workshop. Edgar has been working on a workshop facilitated by Monica Alyea. She has experience in worship and dramatic arts and will come here to help participants grow in their ability to proclaim Scripture in a passionate and inspiring way during worship. The workshop will be Sun 6 Oct, 2-5 p.m., likely at All Saints". It will be open to members of churches in the area.</p> <p>f. Lay-Led Service – 15 Sep. Leadership for the lay-led worship met before Parish Council and determined the basic outline of the service.</p> <p>a. Fall Study, "Reimagining Church". Brad asks when people thought would be a good time to have this five week study and evenings were suggested as the best option.</p> <p>b. Gift Discernment/Development Workshop. Brad is working on a session that would be three or four hours where participants could talk about spiritual gifts and then do some discerning of what their gifts might be and how they can put them to use.</p> <p>a. Financial Statement. Since Brenda did not have all of the Sunday offering amounts before she went on holidays, the statement was current to 31 Jul. The current deficit is approx. \$15.5K, which will be reduced to about \$3K when the New England Co grant arrives. Christ Church continues to be unable to meet its obligations. With</p>	<p>Edgar: finalise details with Monica and provide a title for the event. Brad: ensure advertising is done in the bulletin, diocesan newsletter, and website/Facebook</p> <p>Brad: provide liturgical resources Edgar: coordinate personnel</p> <p>Brad: schedule the study for Sep/Oct (no Oct fun night).</p>

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<p>3.4 Outreach and Mission</p>	<p>similar attendance as All Saints', Christ Church's revenue is roughly half.</p> <p>b. All Saints' Church Renovations. Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Christ Church Accessibility. Nothing to report.</p> <p>a. Update. Nothing to report.</p> <p>b. "The Land That Supports Our Feet". Marlene provided an update on the planning of this seminar which will be SAT 26 Nov, 9-4, at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre. By mid-Sep, a website will be posted with biographies, posters, and other info. They have secured Prof John Milloy, an expert on residential schools, to chair a panel. As promised at the last meeting, we will provide a \$300 donation which will be given to KAIROS for their support to the event.</p>	<p>Brad: follow-up with Kevin Bill on when the plaster will be repaired in the church.</p> <p>Marlene: provide info to Brad when available. Provide letter of request for donation.</p> <p>Brad: distribute information to parish and diocese. Coordinate donation.</p>
<p>4.0 OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>a. Pam Detlor. Pam proposed a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" fellowship opportunity for parishioners in Jan/Feb where hosts would provide dinner and fellowship for an evening. Parish Council agreed that this is an excellent idea and encouraged Pam to proceed.</p> <p>b. Shirley Maracle. Asked if the windows at All Saints'/QAPC could be cleaned.</p>	<p>Pam: provide a list of dates and some info for advertising.</p> <p>Pam: provide a name from Connie to Brad for a quotation.</p>
<p>5.0 UPCOMING EVENTS</p>	<p>a. Mohawk Fair – 20-22 Sep (Barnhardt/Wilson families are hosting a food booth)</p> <p>b. Welcome Back Weekend – 28-29 Sep</p> <p>c. Harvest Thanksgiving – Sun 13 Oct</p> <p>d. Move to All Saints' – Sun 1 Nov</p>	
<p>6.0 NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Wed 6 Nov, 7 p.m., QAPC</p>	
<p>7.0 CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn: Bev Hill. Carried.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 9:20 p.m. with the Grace.</p>	