MINUTES

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT: Brad Smith, Pat Brant, Ann Brant, Marilyn Brant, Bev Hill, Shirley Maracle, Cathie Vick, Wilma Maracle, Edgar Tumak

ABSENT: John Eves, Marlene Brant Castellano, Doug Green, Will Brant

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

Wed 6 Nov 2013 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. QAPC

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION
1.0 OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE REFLECTION	The meeting was called to order with prayer at 7:00 p.m.	
2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Adoption of agenda. Moved: Pat Brant, seconded: Bev Hill. The Sweetheart Dinner was added to Other Business and the Christmas celebrations were added to Upcoming Events. Carried. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Moved: Marilyn Brant, seconded: Cathie Vick. Carried.	
3.0 BUSINESS 3.1 Worship, Witness, Parish Life	a. Welcome Back Weekend feedback. The turnout for the supper was less than hoped-for but those who attended seemed to have a good time. We should re-invite the same people next year and keep the dinner and Back to Church Sunday together so it becomes a routine. Other ways to stay connected were explored and it was suggested that we send a card to people on their baptismal anniversary.	Brad and Cathie: design a card and Cathie will send to people on their anniversary.
	b. Music Programme Update. There is no news from the contact with Queen's School of Music. St Thomas's, Belleville, has hired two musicians who will start in January and will likely be looking for supplementary employment.	Brad: have a conversation with Brad Beale about possibilities of sharing music ministry.
	c. Bishop's Guidelines on Same-Sex Blesings. There was further discussion on the policy that was distributed in July and discussed in September. In addition to writing a letter to the Bishop	Brad: letter from Rector and Churchwardens on behalf of Parish Council requesting permission.

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	requesting permission to allow Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving for a Same-Sex Civil Marriage, a sub-committee of Parish Council will draft a memorial to the Bishop outlining our support for this measure as a step in the right direction but also indicating that we are disappointed that the Church continues to be exclusive and unwelcoming of gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. Due to the nature of this discussion, the consensus was that a vote ought to be taken on the following motion: That the Parish of Tyendinaga request authorisation from the Bishop of Ontario for the Incumbent to officiate at Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving for a Same-Sex Civil Marriage when members of the parish seek recognition of their marriage by the Church. Moved by Marilyn Brant; Seconded by Pat Brand. Carried by unanimous vote.	
	d. Lay-Led Service. There was limited feedback about the first lay-led service in September. Brad will provide a training session for anyone who is interested in learning more about liturgy planning and preparation and it was suggested that Parish Council members attend, even if only to gain greater appreciation of the effort required to plan worship. The next lay-led service is scheduled for 17 Nov.	Brad: liturgy planning session, Wed 13 Nov.
3.2 Faith Formation	a. Advent Study. The study will occur on the first three Wednesdays of December and will study the book <i>Making Disciples Today</i> by John Bowen.	
3.3 Human, Financial, Environmental Stewardship	 a. Financial Statement. Brenda Johnston was unable to come last Saturday to update the financial statement so it will be available next week. 	
	 All Saints' Church Renovations. All work is complete except the inside tower doors and the arch window over the doors. They should be completed before the end of November. 	
	c. Christ Church Restoration Committee Reactivation. Brad and the Churchwardens will attend a meeting of the restoration committee on Thu 21	Brad: follow-up with Kevin Bill on when the plaster will be repaired in the church.

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	Nov. According to the letter of invitation from the Chief, the meeting will review the role of the committee and if there are any barriers to them resuming their work. It was noted that the work of the committee is strictly about the maintenance of the heritage building and is not concerned about other aspects of parish ministry and mission.	
	d. 2014 Budget. The first draft of the budget was presented. A more accurate forecast will be provided at the January meeting.	
3.4 Outreach and Mission	a. Update. Two groups have requested donations from the Parish: a 4H beading group from the Territory and the QMS Builders Club, which is continuing with its school building project in Kenya. It was agreed to make a \$100 donation to each and to waive the rental fee when the Builders Club hosts a fundraiser in the QAPC.	Brad: ensure donations are sent to each group.
4.0 OTHER BUSINESS	Sweetheart Dinner. After discussion, the consensus was that the dinner should be held again and is tentatively scheduled for Sun 16 Feb.	
5.0 UPCOMING EVENTS	 a. Love in Action Tea & Bazaar – Sat 16 Nov, 12-3 p.m., Deseronto Legion b. Sacred Movement Workshop – Sun 3 Nov, 2-5 p.m., Kingston School of Dance c. Proclaiming with Passion – Sun 17 Nov, 2-5 p.m. d. Christmas Worship – Blue Christmas (5 p.m., 22nd), Family (4 p.m., 24th), Traditional (7 p.m., 24th), Christmas Day (9 a.m., 25th). 	
6.0 NEXT MEETING	Wed 8 Jan, 7 p.m., QAPC	Priority: Budget
7.0 CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Bev Hill. Carried. The meeting concluded at 9:15 p.m. with the Grace.	