

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Nov 17, 2011, 7:00pm

Chair: Midge Trauzzi (volunteer)

Recorder: Daryl Stogryn (volunteer)

Advisory Board Members

Distribution: David Green, Ellen Goodeve & Lewis and Janice Parker
Parishioners as requested

MEMBERS PRESENT Fr. John, Lawrence, Donna, Ingrid, Daryl, Midge, Gary

MEMBERS ABSENT Brian, Jennifer, Yvonne

OTHER GUESTS Barb, Bev, Gladys, Betty, Brian, Lewis, Janice, Rose, David

CALL TO ORDER

7:05pm Lawrence Weese

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

Items Added Were

Under Business Arising...Discussion about minute distribution.

Other Business.....Anniversary Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Spelling corrections, pg. 3 (Laycock) (Divine)

Moved to be accepted as amended by Daryl/Donna – carried.

MATTERS ARISING

Gospel According to Matthew (which should have been titled Gospel according to Mark – June) presentation has been cancelled due to no advance ticket sales.

Daryl reported the attempt to fulfill the wishes of the congregation for more timely information with the information that the minutes of the previous meeting had been typed and presented to the Wardens for distribution by midnight October 20th, the date of the last meeting. He also noted his frustration at making the attempt to speed up the distribution process only to have the minutes held up for weeks even so.

- Gary commented that there were action items for him in the minutes that he did not have access to in a timely manner as a result of the delay....and that this caused him some concern.
- Others (too fast to record names) commented around that table that this has been a repetitive issue and that there is no apparent reason for the delay and that it is frustrating.
- General comments were offered that the minutes should be distributed as they were presented by the secretary of the meeting.

- Daryl commented that this is one tradition, however having a warden or the priest in charge check for accuracy first was a reasonable process – but that this process should be able to be accomplished in a few days.
- It was reiterated by Ingrid and Fr. John that the minutes should be distributed as presented by the secretary of the meeting and that corrections would be made at the next meeting.
- No motion was made at this time.

REPORTS

Wardens' Report

- The rectory is ready for occupation
- The moving van arrives on Monday November 21
- As per the request of the advisory board of Oct 20, 2011; attendance figures were presented for the past 3 years. It was noted that some minor corrections will be required. The information was appreciated and it was noted that from this point on the figures will be presented month by month.

Father John's Report

- Focus on transition
- Reported on some of the things he has heard from his time in the “Re-imagining Church” course.
- Also attended a study program run by Heather Steeves
- He noted;
 - o “We (St. Paul’s) are a collective of groups.”
 - o “We need to consider where and how we can share our stories and connect those stories to the bigger/broader stories.”
 - o Keeping with what we have done is not enough to engage those outside our walls. We need to find ways to draw people deeper“
 - o “More education is required.”

Financial Report

- **Moved by Gary/June to receive the financial report in two pages which includes the Treasurers report as requested in previous minutes and a Year to Date income/expense statement attached -- carried**
- NOTES
 - o The first page titled “Treasurers Report” is what was requested by the Advisory Board and Gary was commended for his efforts. The second page is helpful and is added at the treasurer’s discretion.
 - o The minor wording change recommended for the Income/Expense statement in previous meetings has been made.
 - o The OCTOBER 2011 expenses seemed quite low – this is because we are not currently experiencing the cost of a full time rector.

- Reference was made to the recommendations for financial reporting passed at the previous meeting to encourage questions to be directed and responded to in a manner consistent with that recommendation.

Focus on Ministry

- “Coffee, Conversation and Prayer 3” was outlined as an opportunity to practice positive inquiry. We all have stories to tell. These stories can help us to understand how God is at work in people and community.
- David Green outlined a coffee house proposal as an outreach event. A trial run is proposed and David is willing to head that one up and assist in evaluating the event. The proposed cost may be as high as \$150.
 - **Motion by Daryl/Donna to encourage David to pursue the project subject to the funds becoming available. – Carried**

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Anniversary Committee –
 - will meet Monday Dec 5, 7pm with Wardens and the new Rector
 - Signature quilt project was outlined. Proposal to sell signature blocks for \$25 each (120 blocks are avail.) These blocks will be available in December.
 - January 20th, concert at Community Centre with R/B Dinner and Silent Auction. Details to follow.

Question Period:

David Green

- clarified a comment on minutes distribution from past meetings. He took minutes, sent to secretary, reviewed by Pastor and then distributed.
- requested that the minutes be time bound in terms of distribution
- noted that the financial report called an Income statement is an Income/Expense Statement

Rose

- Noted that the website needs updating
- Requested that those at Advisory Board meetings not on the Advisory Board be referred to as parishioners, not guests.
- Noted the big contribution of Brian Sutton in the landscaping around the church and rectory

Janice

- Noted the donation of a freezer

Betty

- Recommended that Brian be appointed property manager
 - (Lawrence commented that Brian had already been asked and had accepted and that Chris Bradley will be assisting.)

David

- Asked if the rectory would be re-keyed (Lawrence responded that this was being looked into now)

Lewis

- Proposes that the question period format be changed – the current format is very frustrating. (Lawrence noted that this discussion is underway.)

NEXT MEETING:

- Budget requests and cost of ministry for 2012 need to be to the wardens by Dec 1st, 2011.
- It was noted that if the minutes of this meeting are not out in a timely manner, that this information would not be in the hands those concerned in time for this deadline.
- This reopened the discussion about minute distribution.
- **MOTION – Gary/Donna “To have the minutes of all advisory board meetings be made available to the congregation within 10 days of the meeting recorded.” Carried.**

Lewis

- We need to note that for this meeting, that timeline is not sufficient to assist those who need to meet the Dec 1 deadline.

Lawrence

- If the minutes get to the wardens by the weekend, they will be available to the church secretary on Tuesday and distributed immediately.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Midge called for the closing of the meeting by Fr. John at 8:50pm. The grace was said by all.

The following attachments are part of the minutes and available for distribution.

treasurer’s report (2 pages)

Minutes Approval:

LW

BWS

Lawrence Weese - Warden

Brian Stonehouse – Warden