

ALL SAINTS' PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WILSON LOUNGE
November 23, 2015

Present: The Rev. Geoff Howson, The Rev. Alan Wotherspoon, Russell Cook, Carol Druce, Tracy Gemmiti, Barry Greensides, Brian Jeffries, Jamie MacVichie, Lois MacVichie, Renée Paul, Christine Slevan, Sylvia Sutherland, David Watton, Barb Wraight, Marilyn Sutherst (council secretary) and The Rev. Christian Harvey

Regrets: The Rev. Suzanne McMillan, Helen Coldwell, Sarah Cook, Lynda Mercer, Joanna Park and Peggy Watton

The Rev. Christian Harvey opened our meeting with prayer

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: Marilyn Sutherst moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 19th be accepted as printed. Barry Greensides seconded this motion and all were in favour.

Christian then presented his missional vision for All Saints' Peterborough's church hall. (If you did not receive a hard copy of his vision, please advise and I will print one for you.)

- Can we do something creative with all that we have – buildings, people, etc.?
- He has been approached by the City to work on combining the daily food programme and the Warming Room for the marginalized of Peterborough.
- The Open Table and the Warming Room could be combined in our Parish Hall with the Open Table being upstairs and the Warming Room using the lower floor.
- This would fill the gap between the Lighthouse closing at 3 p.m. and the Warming Room opening at 8:30 p.m.
- When Brock Mission (current location for food programme) closes in early 2016, The Open Table would be partnered with The Warming Room.
- The Open Table would be using the upper parish hall Monday to Friday of each week. Christian's ideal would be from 4 – 8 p.m. each weekday but, in order to ensure that evening renters would not be affected, he would recommend from 2 – 6 p.m. each weekday for our facility.
- Food and supplies can be obtained at low cost from bulk providers.
- An industrial stove might possibly be put in the kitchen.
- Christian would like to explore the possibility of running this food programme year-round.
- If The Open Table and The Warming Room were combined at All Saints' Parish Hall, Christian would like to be the sole inhabitants of the parish hall by 2017.
- Diocesan Canon 29 provides for an independent entity and benefits. The programme would run a little more smoothly and would be part of the Anglican-Lutheran ministry of Peterborough under the Diocese of Toronto.
- His programme is not fully funded by the city, nor does he wish it to be (under the city's thumb). It would be run as a ministry, not a business
- He gets 60,000 from the city and his volunteers fundraise for the balance – about 50,000.

- He takes community engagement very seriously
- Our Easter Egg project would not be affected until 2017

Step 1 – The Open Table

- Very feasible from 2-6 p.m. each weekday
- Gives us a mission
- Brings in revenue
- Gives people who receive and opportunity to give – by their help in the kitchen, dining room set-up and clean-up etc.
- Until next November All Saints' Missional Programme to the marginalized would be run by The Warming Room
- We will get families here – not likely at The Lighthouse

We would have until next summer to further discuss other Steps

The city of Peterborough favours having both The Open Table and The Warming Room in one location. They would put in showers on the lower floor of the Parish Hall.

A Latch-Key programme might also be doable.

Are we willing to endorse Step 1 for a 6-month timespan? Sylvia Sutherland moved that we go ahead for 6 months. Renee Paul seconded her motion. The motion was carried without any opposing the motion. Questions raised in particular by Carol, Barb and Tracy alleviated further concerns which allowed them to support the motion. Carried unanimously.

How does this fit in with our own missional expectations and plans? We need to give everything that Christian said some very prayerful consideration. We must step out in faith and get out of our comfort space and think of everyone around us.

Finances –

- PAG is holding steady
- There is a shortfall in the envelopes – mostly held by seniors, at home or in residences, or parishioners leaving All Saints.
- The financial situation will be mentioned in the bulletin
- Parishioners are always very generous in December.
- We should consider giving an extra 2% to help
- We will try to convince envelope-givers to move to PAG.

Feedback from the meeting with the Bishop

- Working group being set up – parishioners – clergy are ex officio
- Group being selected by the wardens and clergy
- Dave Watton, Lois MacVichie and Geoff Matthews were endorsed by everyone present
- They will make recommendations

- A long process – must have some ideas within 6 months

Our next 'meeting' will be held on December 21st at 6:30 p.m. at 368 Brock St.

'The Parish' (at St. Alban's) is a strength for All Saints. We should go visit some Sunday.

Submitted by Marilyn A. Sutherst, Parish Council Secretary