

ATTENDING

Byron Gilmore
Jeff Nowers
Martha Whittaker

Peter Harvey
Janet Volkes
Stephen Nilam
Sonia Sobers

Peter Volkes
Donna Watson
Chris Bird
Sarah Kaulback

REGRETS

Paul Wren
Diamond Scott

Kayla Goodridge

Heather Gregoire

1. Opening Devotion

Byron opened with a devotion and prayer. He provided encouraging words for those in ministry and leadership at Christ Church (Brampton).

2. Discipleship Development

- a. Youth and family activities Our Winter/Spring schedule has been launched with a new schedule released in our Christmas mailing. The schedule is also available on our website & Facebook page. Weekly reminders are posted in the bulletin and on Facebook, if applicable. More importantly, with Tina Clarke's appointment as at January 1st, she is actively connecting with parents and/or teens on a weekly basis. She is off to a good start and a number of events have already been held with success. Tina's appointment is until June 30th. Corporation will determine plan beyond that date and keep Advisory Board and parish informed.

Advisory Board members are encouraged to review the schedule as released because some of the events included are parish-wide e.g. skating, Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, Mad Hatter Tea Party ~ we are all responsible to help get the word out!

- b. Lenten Study Series This year's Lenten Study will be *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller. This small group format will be six sessions long and will be launched within the coming weeks.
- c. Mom & Dads Group Charlene Bickerstaffe is facilitating a Parenting Course on Wednesday mornings for 7 weeks. It is an informal time of Christian fellowship, sharing and discussion. Resource materials were developed by Holy Trinity Brompton who also developed Alpha.
- d. Intergenerational Workshop Janet Volkes and Jeff Nowers met to discuss the possibility of reviving the Grandparents' Group to provide structure and support. Resources are scarce in this area but there is a high need ~ we have a number of grandparents that are desirous to help in their grandchildren's faith formation.

3. Liturgy & Worship

- a. Memorial Dedication (January 29) Sidesperson's breakfast with a dedication of a Deacon's Bench from Sides and at 10:45 dedication of books of Common Praise from Choir both in memory of Ted Walter
- b. Preparation for Lent A time of reflection and preparation for the Easter season. The theme of grace runs through the Youth Schedule and Lenten Study.
- i. Shrove Tuesday (February 28); Family Lenten service is being planned for 7:00 pm
 - ii. Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm
 - iii. Lent 1 (March 5) Sunday Afternoon at the Movies @ 4:00 pm "Grace Card"
- c. Holy Week (Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday 10:45 services move to 11:00 am)
- i. Palm Sunday @ 4:00 pm "Supper in the Upper Room"; a presentation by Jews for Jesus that highlights the linkages between the Old Testament and New Testament (Seder to Eucharist)

- ii. Good Friday; 9:00 am Family Service being planned by Tina and Jeff (will be in the auditorium with various “stations” that depict the Easter story) and Bishop Jenny to attend the 11:00 am Commemoration of Our Lord’s Passion
- iii. The Great Vigil of Easter will be celebrated at St. James the Apostle *(it is our practice to have the Vigil at Christ Church on alternating years when we have Confirmation)*
- d. Pentecost (June 4) & Summer Schedule; our summer schedule (8:00 am and 10:00 am) will start one week before the annual church picnic so that we can come together for a “Pentecost Potluck”
- e. Church Picnic (June 11); plans currently underway for annual church picnic with St. Paul’s/Grace and St. Andrew’s; Gage Park has been booked
- f. Rally Sunday (September 10) – Bishop Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Anglican Bishop will be joining us

4. Outreach

- a. Special Vestry (February 12) information will be in the bulletin commencing January 29th. The motion is in regards to further implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth & Reconciliation commission. As a practice, the Diocese of Toronto asks the parishes to present & approve a Social Justice motion at the parishes’ annual Vestry predominantly held in February of each year. With our Vestry in September, the request results in a Special Vestry
- b. Coldest Night of the Year (February 25) @ 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Annual fundraising for Regeneration Outreach Community ~ one of our local partners. Teams just being formed and Byron again captaining this initiative. Last year the Christ Church team was 2nd in Brampton & raised \$7,800.
- c. Faithworks; the outreach ministry of the Diocese of Toronto continues to be supported.

5. Parish Life

- a. Volunteer recruitment; ongoing, particularly in need is Sunday School teachers which Tina Clarke is actively pursuing. Also count teams are being recruited to move the offertory count from Sunday to allow for sides people to participate in worship on Sunday.
- b. Mad Hatter Tea Party (April 30) Our Youth Groups host a special tea for our seniors.

6. Resource Management

- a. Financial Update; December 31/16 results discussed and will be released with Lenten (tax receipt) mailing. Expenses are being closely monitored as are offerings which lag 9% behind plan as at Dec 31/16. Positive net position is a result of special donation made in December as a result of Peter Harvey’s appeal and expenses kept low. It is important to note that the special donation is an extraordinary gift for which we are grateful but is not the norm at Christ Church.
- b. Stewardship; As is our practice, our Stewardship Focus Period will be in the season of Easter culminating with Commitment Sunday on Pentecost. We remain curious as to why only 25% of those invited return a pledge. We will be revisiting the use of testimonials during the focus period.
- c. Tax receipting; Tax receipts will be issued by the end of the February. Included in the mailing will be an update of parish news.

Meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm