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*“Something good is happening here!!”*

## Advisory Board Meeting

March 19, 2019 – 7:30pm

### AGENDA

	Issue/Action
<b>1. Opening</b>	<p>(a) Senior Churchwarden takes the Chair</p> <p>(b) Welcome</p> <p>(c) Opening Prayer &amp; Devotional (Canon Stephen/Christine Ivy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify leader of Devotional for next meeting</li> </ul> <p>(d) Introductions</p> <p>(e) Election of Secretary</p> <p>(f) Election of Chair Person</p> <p>(g) Chair Person assumes office</p>
<b>2. Incumbent's Comments</b>	
<b>3. Orientation/ Reports/ Discussion</b>	<p>(a) Board Orientation: Rebecca Jones</p> <p>(b) INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canons and Policies relevant to Wardens and Advisory Board</li> <li>• Holy Trinity Church Constitution and By-Laws</li> <li>• Ministries and Programs</li> <li>• Funds</li> <li>• Budgets</li> </ul>
<b>4. Other Business</b>	<p>(a) Review of Minutes (January 22, 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation</li> <li>• Matters Arising</li> </ul> <p>(b) Incumbent's Report (March)</p> <p>(c) Business from Vestry</p> <p>(d) Committees &amp; Ministry Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ACW</li> </ul> <p>(e) Other</p>
<b>5. Closing</b>	Adjournment & Closing Prayer

## BUSINESS FROM VESTRY 2019

MOTION/ISSUE	ACTION
<p><b>AUDITOR</b>  <i>Appointment of the accounting firm of Gary Booth, CA Professional Corporation as the auditors of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill and the Endowment Fund for the year 2019.</i></p>	<p>Inform auditor of appointment</p>
<p><b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>  <i>Approval of the Operating Budget of \$519,320</i></p>	
<p><b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>  <b>Church Sign</b>  <i>Approval of \$39,000 for several projects identified by the Property Committee (funds to be provided from the Capital Reserve Fund).</i></p>	<p>Advise the Property Committee</p>
<p><b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.</b> The Wardens and steering committee of the proposed campaign “50Ks in 50 Days” sought Vestry’s authority to mount the campaign. It was resolved that the Vestry “authorizes the Wardens and the committee established for this purpose to organize and oversee the execution of the campaign, including the solicitation of financial commitments and accounting for all contributions made.” The campaign will be formally launched on Easter Day and will run until The Day of Pentecost.</p> <p><b>STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR.</b> In response to an invitation of our Area Bishop and Social Justice and Advocacy Committee of the Diocese, we passed a motion pledging our commitment to stand in solidarity with the poor and join the rest of our church in calling on all levels of government to fulfill their responsibilities to all our citizens. We committed to the following actions:</p> <p><b>PRAYER</b> –recognizing that we cannot solve this vexing issue with our own power and that we are dependent upon God in Christ, to refresh the spirit, embolden our efforts, and to lead us forward with hope, steadfastly holding on to God’s promise to be with us always;</p> <p><b>OUTREACH</b> – by researching and pursuing options to expand our outreach to our neighbourhood, with the initial focus being on housing, given the near crisis situation in the GTA, and reporting to the 2020 Vestry;</p> <p><b>ADVOCACY</b> – seeking to increase our advocacy efforts by building alliances with groups providing, and working for, housing for all.</p> <p><b>MOSAIC and OUT OF THE COLD.</b> Mindful of our human and physical resources, our current involvement, and the possibilities and opportunities available, we resolved to explore the ways we can become more involved in the work of Mosaic and Out of the Cold.</p>	<p>Advise the Steering Committee of the Campaign</p> <p>Advise the Bishop, Area Bishop and Synod Office of our motion</p> <p>Identify the way forward.</p> <p>Identify the way forward</p>

**ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**Wardens:** Dianne Rimmer (RW),. Jewell Coy (PW)

**Deputy:** Dirk Drieberg (RW), Edward Carter(PW)

**Members of Synod:** Nancy Cutler, Bobbie Creber

**Advisory Board Members**

Pat Bryant                      Bonnie Kennedy                      Robin Pacific

Gloria Downey                      Sharon McNelles                      Barry Pipes

Miriam Irving

**Anglican Church Women President**

**Advisory Board Secretary** (volunteer) – TBD

**Non Board Positions**

Alternate Lay Member of Synod Maurice Corbett

Envelope Secretary                      Pat Nielsen

Parochial Tribunal                      Ron & Marlee Tolhurst

Archivist                      Brian Stapley

**Signing Officers:** The Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Dave Bezant, Jean Glionna, Pat Johnson and Iverson Grimes



## **D. Standing In Solidarity**

Churches in the Diocese – to stand together - On the Issues of Poverty and Homelessness.

Reports go to the Bishops and from the Bishops to the government – to help people.

What is our stance to help those living in poverty. Is it big or small?

What is our support for these people?

Should someone from the Advisory Board or the Warden's go forward?

We need to get the word to the congregation. Get the idea out there.

What are other parishes doing? Have it put on our agenda for March.

We stand in solidarity with prayer & support. During the coming year what else could be considered?

Support of the broader resolution of assistance.

Presenting – we may want to suggest a position - increasing our advocacy.

Ask what we could do – our experience in the matter. We are already working with Pikangikum and helping with the Out Of The Cold Program with poverty and homeless.

Does the Diocese want the Parishes to stand up and take action? This would give all the Parishes in the region something to work on together.

Letter writing campaign to the Federal and Provincial Government. Housing for example. What are our capabilities to help. Which of the issues do we pursue? We would need to pick 2 ideas and discuss what the majority would want to do. This could be presented at the Vestry meeting.

Possible ideas - Affordable Housing and Indigenous People.

Need to check across Canada – who is doing what and what is working best.

**Gloria was at a presentation on affordable housing at the Thornhill United Church.** She mentioned that should could get a contact name and number and get ideas from this person on what his group is doing. Possibly have him come and give a presentation.

Draft a motion: What was discussed tonight – Nancy and Gloria will do this.

## **E. Reports and Discussions**

Robin has 2 possible people to join the Advisory Board. She will advise.

Barry notified the Advisory Board that he will stay until the June meeting and then step down as Chair.

## **F. Other Business**

Cemetery Land Titles are almost complete.

ACW – Fashion Show – Tuesday May 7, 2019

Saturday Breakfast – date to be confirmed.

April 27 – Diocesan and ACW Meeting

Advisory Board will be doing Coffee Hour for the Vestry Meeting on February 24, 2019. Please advise Nancy what you will do to help.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Dirk. The meeting ended with the Grace

**Next Meeting: March 19, 2019 - 7:30 p.m**

## Incumbent's Report

### WELCOME

- I am pleased to welcome back returning members of the Advisory Board and welcome for the first time, Jean Bryant, Bonnie Kennedy and Robin Pacific. Welcome also to Edward Carter to the wardens' team who is joining us.

### BISHOP FENTY'S TEACHING SERIES

- During the Lenten season Bishop Fenty will be leading a 'reflection series' in each of the York Simcoe Deaneries. He is looking forward to sharing reflections with the clergy and laity in the deaneries on the theme, *'Give us this day our daily bread'*. The dates are March 13, 20, April 3 and 10. Holy Trinity will be hosting the final session. Please come out and share in the evening. It's also an opportunity to meet the clergy and people of our deanery, (York Central).

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

- So that we may be ready to engage Bishop Peter, when he comes, our Wednesdays in Lent will reflect on *"The Lord's Prayer for our Time"*. Please join us in Room A at 7:30pm for these sessions, beginning March 20..

### MINISTERIAL LENTEN SERIES

- Join in the 51st edition of our Ministerial Lenten Series. This year's theme is **"Answering God's Call"**. The schedule follows. **We are hosting the service on March 31..**

**March 10:** Thornhill Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Paul Gibbon - *Answering God's Call to Forgive*

**March 17:** Thornhill Lutheran Church

The Rev. Henry Poutiainen - *Answering God's Call to Love*

**March 24:** Thornhill Baptist Church

The Rev. Peter Linsinkie - *Answering God's Call to Heal*

**March 31:** Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Mrs. Natalie Doucet - *Answering God's Call to Justice*

**April 7"** St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church

The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais - *Answering God's Call to Sacrifice*

### VIDEOVOTIONS

- **viDEoVOTIONS:** Using a resource prepared by the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, an Episcopal (Anglican) order of monks based in Boston, and the Virginia Theological Seminary, we will seek *to cultivate our relationships with God, Self, Others, and Creation* by **"Growing A Rule of Life"**. On **Mondays to Thursdays during Lent at 8:00 am**, using your cell phone, tablet, laptop or computer (with camera), you can click on <https://zoom.us/j/7643626913> and join us. Let's make use of this opportunity and the technology available.

### LENTEN READINGS & OFFERINGS

- This year we will pray the scriptures as we read and reflect on some of the prayers we find in Holy Scripture. As always, we invite members to put aside a "loonie or toonie" each day (40 days) to support our Outreach work. Our offerings will be designated for our continuing support of the Pikangikum Water Project. The readings are available in the Trinity Monthly newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

### VISIT BY BISHOP ASBIL

- Our new Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, will make his first pastoral Bishop to our parish on Sunday, March 24. So that he will be afforded the opportunity to meet the majority of our family there will

be one service on that Sunday **at 9:00 am**. He is looking forward to meeting as many of us as possible, so I encourage everyone to make a special effort to be present.

#### **PASSOVER MEAL & LAST SUPPER**

- On **Maundy Thursday Night (April 18)** we will meet in the auditorium for a **Passover Meal & Last Supper at 7:00 pm**. Just as he did, after the meal we will move to the “Garden of Gethsemane” for a brief watch before the Altar of Repose. To make adequate preparations, persons are asked to register **on or before April 7** by signing up on the board outside the auditorium or at **<http://www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca/registration>**. Seating will be limited and non-registrations will be able to participate on a limited basis. Food will only be prepared for persons who have registered.

#### **BAPTISMS AT EASTERTIDE AND PENTECOST**

- To facilitate families who desire to have their children baptized but scheduling makes for a challenge, there will be two baptism services during Eastertide and on The Feast of Pentecost. The dates are May 5 and June 9.

#### **JAZZ @ HTC**

- In Lieu of the Footlights Spring presentation, plans are being made for an evening of Jazz and other music genre on Saturday May 11 at 7:00p.m. The evening will feature “**KaLaBASH**”, a Jazz band in Toronto. Admission is \$20.

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