

Peterborough Covenant Church Commission

All Saints' | Christ Lutheran | St. John the Evangelist | St. Barnabas | St. Luke's

Wed March 23, 2016 at St. Luke's
6:30 – 8:00 pm

MINUTES for Approval

Present: Amy, Marion, Raymond, Lois, Ralph, Al, Dave, Peter, Lucinda, Mary Anne, Johanna
Regrets: Geoff M.

1. 6:30 - Opening Prayer
2. Agenda check : -add "points to share" near end of agenda

March 16 2016 Minutes:
3. 6:45 - Christian Harvey spoke about the "Missional Vision for All Saints Peterborough Church Hall" (a handout which he shared with everyone)
 - background – When Brock Mission stopped offering meal program, the city offered the Warming Room the money to run the Mon-Fri meal program
 - presently–the program offers a good way to make and keep connections with vulnerable guests –incidentally proven to be an evangelical outreach – Anglican churches have become known as a resource for how to deal with difficult guests – volunteers come through word of mouth; about 200 for the warming room and about 60 for the Diner – when the Warming Room presented info to the City, they noted the 3-8 pm time slot did not offer any services for the clients -people move from space to space and the Hall has the potential to be a "one place" stop for meals and a safe place –could offer an art program in conjunction with the meal program
 - vision – real 'homeless' people are a good source of info re: what 'needs' there are – a place that makes people feel worthwhile without expecting anything in return is a need – All Saints community is located in an area where there are a lot of vulnerable children and families
 - the church Hall would be used exclusively for Warming Room and Open Table as a 24 hour space
 - guests who use the services are involved in the programs (ie. set-up and take-down of space) to "give back" the best they are able
4. 6:35 (returned to this at 7:05) - Review of responses to Peter's Building and Property Criteria evaluation tables.

The group began sharing their rankings, on a master list prepared by Peter. There was some discussion around the ranking system used, some used 1-5 and/or 1-10 and/or same ranking for more than one location. Everyone's numbers were used as this was a first try for this activity. Several felt that a couple of categories required more knowledge, than we had, for some of the locations (ie. ease of severance). After all rankings were recorded,

another homework assignment (Drilling Down) was given. This time, everyone is to use the same 1-5 ranking and no two locations can have the same rank in any row of criteria.

Peter then shared a page with three possible options (to get us thinking) and then another page of "Additional thoughts".

-discussion about how we need to continue working toward a 'vision' that will help us develop our options –the visioning information alongside the concrete homework will hopefully dovetail at some point to help present options that make sense

-we may come back with more options that we can share with each other (maybe too many) and then we will need to evaluate the options –at some point we have to pick and choose a sensible number of options to present –**we need to bring some options next week**

Thanks Peter for keeping us thinking, especially outside the box.

5. Mission and Ministry - Review each parish's narrative style of highlighting the main ideas/words as per Lucinda format presented at the last meeting.

Lucinda passed around the complete packages of Mission and Ministry – bubble page on top and each church's summary page attached

All Saints, Christ Lutheran, and St. Barnabas shared a copy of their narrative style synthesis of the survey answers. St. John's to come and St. Luke's will be shared electronically.

Everyone should read these for our next discussion about the survey results.

6. Consultation, communication and reporting to parishes, Bishop and Covenant Council-- Schedule Review

-Dave passed out the colour graphs and updated package of workplan #2 –he is looking at having bars added to represent Christ Lutheran in addition to the Anglican churches
-discussion re: our progress to date – we will have to change the March 30 deadline –we do need to engage the parishes more – will we take the synthesis to parishes, and how do we share the workplan information?

-Dave presented a possible timeline and recommendations for making sure the congregations are brought up to date

-suggested that we go to church councils first and then to congregations

-we can easily share the visioning and church reports

-we need to put a package together for every church to use (common communication)

-agreement that we need to extend timelines so we can finish gathering and sharing info with congregations ahead of consultations –bring feedback to these meetings –give ourselves time to digest feedback –the March report should explain changes in our timeline

-everyone needs to send Raymond the dates for their council meetings

-suggested and agreed that we can share the survey results and pg.1 and graphs of workplan 2 with councils, and ask them how to present to the parish

-the next step is to share that same information with the parishes

-if it takes time to share – we NEED to take the time to do so – we need to keep sharing even if small amounts at a time so we don't overwhelm those who have not been as involved as we have in the collection of information

7. Visit to "Spirit of Peace" church in Mississauga April 3rd

- no one has let Raymond, Dave or Johanna know if they are going yet
- those who are planning to go are: Marion, Amy, Al, Johanna, Scott, Dave and possibly Lois
- we can confirm next week

8. Next Meeting time and place

Wednesday March 30 at St. Luke's at 6:30

9. Points of information to share with congregations:

- * Christian Harvey shared information regarding his work feeding and housing the needy in Peterborough
- * the Commission is in the process of synthesizing the visioning survey answers for each church, and results will be shared in April
- * a visit to "Holy Spirit of Peace" (a joint Anglican/Lutheran Congregation) in Mississauga, is planned for April 3, 2016

10. 8:25 -Closing song –The Grace

Parking Lot

Item	Action/Resolution
• Visits to Other Churches	Ongoing
• Items for Commission to explore-G Howson email Mar 6 (Attachment #9)	Pending
• Archbishop Johnson's May 9 Visit	Pending
• Next Steps Workplan Items 5-9	Ongoing
• Consolidation of Consultation Responses	Ongoing

