

Regional Ministry Council Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 2022; 10:00 a.m.

St George's, Hastings

Minutes

Present: Ann Chambers, Max Dionisio, Bryce Sangster, Russ Rollock, Reg, Larry Ricciardelli, Jim Weldon, Helen Lee

1. Opening Prayer

Brad opened with a prayer at 10:10.

2. Debrief of September 25th liturgy and supper

People really enjoyed the service. The Evensong was appreciated as something we don't often get. Good to have a full church. One criticism was that the council didn't help in the clean up in the kitchen once the tables and chairs in the halls were put away. For future, the Regional Council member from the host church of an event should check with the host church's hospitality people what will be needed to host; and schedule a set up and clean up crew. How food is arranged may differ depending on what the menu is; planning will be specific to each event and church.

3. Pastoral Visiting Ministry Update

- List of retirement/nursing homes in the region
- List of Anglican services in retirement/nursing homes
- List of parishioners who are housebound/retirement home residents
- Special Worship/Tea ?

Max is building a list from the region (outside Peterborough). When it is done we will circulate the list to the Regional Council members to verify and then we will move onto point 2, and indicate if we have an Anglican service in each home. This may only be necessary in places where we have parishioners.

The next step is to regionalize the pastoral visitors team from Peterborough by recruiting some visitors from each of the churches and then see if Rev. Doug Woods would come to do some refresher training with everyone. Lay visitors might be more connected to the people in the parish and be able to refer to clergy if needed. Clergy can go to nursing/retirement home services and lay visitors may be able to do so as well. Music is important as a way to connect with older folks, especially ones with some dementia.

4. Outreach Update

- List of outreach coordinators in each parish/congregation

Shirley and Brad will work on a list of coordinators and then we will work as a regional council on a list of possible outreach initiatives. Working with community initiatives is a good idea because it means there is already an existing "infrastructure" so we don't have to build it and it gets our name out there.

Max suggested we could all work together on “Coldest Night of the Year” to get people together to do something community oriented which raises funds for a chosen charity/organisation. We could register as a region—some “internal competition” for raising the funds.

Churches in towns could open their doors and offer refreshments for parades, especially Santa Claus parade as a form of “easy” outreach.

Could we plan an outreach workshop for the region where we take an inventory of what outreach we are doing (or did before Covid) and then think about what we might do as a region; maybe get a speaker in to talk about possibilities.

5. Youth Ministry Update

Nothing for this meeting.

6. Next Regional Worship and/or Social Event

Christmas Carol Karaoke, 2-4 p.m., Sun 11 Dec at St John’s, Peterborough

Refreshments: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, mulled cider/wine; cookies etc.

- to be supplied by St John’s, Peterborough

Regional Easter Vigil—would be Saturday, April 8th, 2023?

7. Event Calendar

- Regional Advent Study, 5 Wednesdays starting Nov 23rd at 1:30 p.m. in Hastings
- Advertise all Christmas Eve services in the region to the regional churches

Brad raised the question of a newsletter for the region. Drew might be interested in putting something together. A regional newsletter for the first while would likely just be an event listing. It could be inserted in *The Voice*, the newsletter from Campbellford, Hastings, and Roseneath.

8. Other Business

Layreader licences: for the region or for the parishes from which they come? Likely has to be from the parishes because the region is not a canonical entity.

9. Next meeting

- Tuesday, December 6th, 1:30 p.m. at St John’s, 1 George St E., Havelock.

10. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Grace at 12:00 p.m.

Items for Future Consideration by Regional Council

- Cost sharing formula for common expenses, e.g. clergy
- Work on standardizing financial statements
- Opportunities for regional initiatives in ministry areas
- Name of the Regional Ministry