

Regional Ministry Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2023; 1:00 p.m.

St George's, Hastings

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer

Present: Reg Gordon, Larry Ricciardelli, Bryce Sangster, Max Dionisio, Brad Smith, Russ Pollock, Hilda Cole

Regrets: Ann Chambers, Shirley Warr, Jim Weldon, Helen Lee

Guests: Grace Budgell, Piet and Joy Goemans

Max opened with prayer at 1:05 p.m.

2. Ministry Priority Area Updates

a. Pastoral Visiting. Bryce will follow up with Rev. Douglas Woods to come to do pastoral visitor training as soon as possible in the fall. We will try to recruit a pastoral visiting coordinator from the people who do the training and join the team.

b. Outreach. Bryce, Max, and Diane Williams will follow up with the principal at Kent P.S. in Campbellford to explore possible outreach ministry with the students. Grace Budgell and Judy (the wardens in Hastings) are interested in working with Max as coordinators of the regional outreach ministry: they will meet in the next month to discuss.

c. Youth Ministry. Brad noted that the Area Youth Ministry Coordinator, Cormac Culkeen, is scheduled to provide an update to Clericus in the fall on initiatives in Peterborough Deanery. We will wait to hear this update before starting something in the region. A discussion followed on ideas of what youth ministry might look like for us: focussing on social justice and specific issues (rather than just the "traditional" youth group", incorporating music, building relationships and mentorships.

3. Debrief of July 30th Town Hall

Brad gave an overview of what he heard in the recording of the town hall and picked out some themes: communications, more socialising between the congregations, opportunities for lay leadership (and the ministry of deacons).

Communications. This was raised as an area for improvement in the region: several people noted that they did not know about the regional ministry page on St John's, Peterborough's website; and had no sense of what the Regional Council was doing. One easy fix is to put the link in bulletins, emails, and on existing parish websites. We want to find someone who might be able to take on a coordinating role for a regional ministry website and social media. Reg will ask Irene if she might be willing to help in this capacity.

We also discussed the need to find a name that better reflects the constituents of the regional ministry: "Rice Lake" was used a decade ago in another conversation, and was the default when we began our conversations but it doesn't represent the majority of us. We will solicit ideas for names from people in the congregations. They will be sent to Brad, due by Friday, October 6th. Then Regional Council will produce a short list (of 3 or so) from the suggestions

which will then go to the churches to be voted on. This name will make choosing a name for a website and social media much easier.

4. Next Regional Worship and/or Social Event.

Regional worship service: Sunday, October 29th (5th Sunday), 10:00 a.m., at Christ Church, Campbellford, with lunch to follow. Details to be confirmed next meeting.

5. Event Calendar

- Christ Church BBQ – Sat Sep 9, 1-4 p.m.
- St John's, Ptbo Fish & Chips Pub Night – Fri Sep 29, 5 p.m.
- Regional Book Study – 1:30 p.m., starts Tue Sep 26 in Ptbo and Wed Sep 27 in Campbellford
- Roseneath Fair Service – Sun Oct 1, 10:30 a.m., Roseneath Fairgrounds
- Blessing of Animals – Sun Oct 1, 4:00 p.m., St John's, Peterborough

6. Other Business

Bryce is still planning to arrange a meeting between representatives from the Parish of Belmont and his three parishes to talk about combining vestries and/or finances.

Reg asked about a timeline for the integration of finances between congregations. We will add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Next meeting

Tuesday, October 10th, 1:00 p.m., St George's, Hastings

9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Grace at 2:35 p.m.