

The Church of St. Jude (Wexford)  
Minutes of Advisory Board Meeting  
May 8, 2003

**Present:** Walter Korynkiewicz, Eden Raine, Jill Raine, Tom Wilson, Ted Fullerton, Bertram Clarke, Barbara Dobson, Mary Jane Blowing, Madeleine Ironside, Margaret Scott, Kevin Steffler, Carl Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman, Leila Jackson, Helen Nevill, Derek Smith, Betsy Worthington, Al Worthington, Barbara White

**Regrets:** Lorrie Hamilton-Tedesco, Fr. Canon Ian Noseworthy, Nancy Pearson

**Absent:** Jeremi St. Denis, Sylvia Bonney, Ted Boczkur, Monique Hodge, Walter Proud, Sandra Yong

**OPENING PRAYER:** 19:05  
Walter K. opened with a prayer

**APPOINTMENTS:** Walter K. chaired the meeting and Kevin agreed to take minutes.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**  
Committee members: Thelma Simpson is no longer on the Advisory Board.  
(g) Millennium Crosses & (h) Gardening; Al's point was that there is an existing garden that is not being looked after.  
Moved by Madeleine and Seconded by Ted that the Apr. 10, 2003 minutes be accepted. Minutes accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- a) Millennium Crosses Project: Walter clarified the funding situation. When the project was initiated, we expected it to cost about \$17,000; it was agreed to move forward to get estimates but impose a \$20,000 cap on the cost before revisiting the project for further discussion. Estimates (given in year 2000) for the original structure were between \$29,500 and \$39,000, excluding a base and lighting (a structural engineer designed a base with an estimated cost of \$5,000). The structure was proposed to be created from 8"x8" steel. The fund currently has between \$23,000 and \$24,000 (about \$10,000 short of initial amount needed – excluding ongoing lighting cost, annual inspection, and maintenance by professionals who can climb). George Grace approached provider of lowest bid to remove lighting and reduce the base; the contractor reduced the bid by \$2,600. The base was designed by a structural engineer and should not arbitrarily be reduced to cut cost. The committee headed by Deidre Barker will gather soon (now that Easter is over). We expect that some members will want their money returned. Walter pointed out that there was little point in having a nice crosses structure and shabby grounds.
- b) Gardening: Walter clarified that the response about the work done by a professional arborist was done in the cemetery; Margaret was glad to hear that a professional did not do the poor trimming job on some bushes in front of the church. Barbara Dobson asked about the sticks piled in the parking lot; Walter indicated that they will be removed with the split tree shortly.
- c) Kitchen renovation plans: Lorrie is getting renovation suggestions from all groups that use the kitchen in order to develop a unified plan. Betsy indicated that the A.C.W. was concerned that this job was becoming more elaborate than what was needed for the near future.
- d) Door alarm question: Al was wondering what happens with the alarm on the door at the base of the Narthex stairwell when someone wants to use the washroom. It was suggested that a map of the location of the upstairs washroom be placed somewhere near the Narthex stairwell.
- e) Police checks for ministers: Walter indicated that it will cost the Diocese of Toronto \$10,000 to perform the required police checks on all its ministers.
- f) Church pew: Betsy mentioned that the front of the west pew is still wobbly (the east one was fixed and is good now) as is the front of the pew in the Lady Chapel side. Walter indicated that it was on the "to-do" list.
- g) Speeding cars: Betsy mentioned that cars were speeding down the lane that seemed to belong to St. Tikhon's parishioners. Walter will mention it to the minister.
- h) Curate's Office renovation: Betsy would like approval to proceed with an A.C.W. plan to renovate the Curate's Office with new carpet and paint. She would welcome input from the property committee so that colours could be coordinated with any other plans. Walter thanked Betsy and the A.C.W. on

behalf of everyone. Professionals would install the carpeting.

- i) Tom Leadbeater concert: This very successful and popular concert netted approximately \$1,000 for the parish.
- j) Parish Picnic: The date for this popular event is set for June 8. Walter mentioned that we should avoid giving guns as prizes; all agreed.
- k) White Elephant Sale: This spring event raised approx. \$486. The turn-out was good, but the donations were light.
- l) Victoria Park fence was fixed according to information passed along to someone from Bill Smith.

**REPORTS:**

- a) Cemetery Board: There will be a meeting on May 25.
- b) Door Buzzer: Al inquired about a wireless doorbell on daycare door that would ring in the basement. Walter indicated that it may not work due to the thick walls but we could try as long as the store will accept the return if it doesn't work.
- c) Secretary: After a recent seminar about contractors vs. employees, it was determined that our Secretary was one of our employees (and was not operating as a self-employed contractor) and that we should be taking more employment deductions as of May 1. She was not comfortable (financially) with that arrangement and resigned. The Wardens will be looking for a new Secretary over the summer.
- d) Driveway paving: Walter reported that Phase 1 of the project would ideally involve BOTH the laneway AND the west half of the parking lot so that water drainage can be graded consistently, but we may need to settle for second best depending on available funds.
- e) New monthly bulletin: This concept was well received, especially the calendar. However it is an additional task for our secretary.
- f) Organist: Eden and Walter will have a casual chat with our organist regarding his salary. Given the 5 to 6 hours per week that we know about, his current salary works out to about \$65/hour; the highest rate on the standard organist salary chart is \$35/hour. Mary Jane Blowing feels that there are lots of good organists available for hire.
- g) Parish Conference: A Parish Conference is a way for a group of parishioners to consider where we are and where we are going. We were looking for feedback on the best weekend it should be held in the Sep.-Oct. timeframe.
- h) Church and contents appraisal: The Diocese is making all its churches get an appraisal for its value and the value of its contents every 3 years. At St. Jude's, the last appraisal we performed in the 1970s. Walter is arranging for the appraisal and expects it to cost between \$1,000 and \$2,500. This could result in increased premiums.  
There was some confusion over the 90-10% rule. Some thought that it meant that if the church was worth \$3,000,000 and there was a fire, that 90% would be covered by the insurance company and 10%, \$300,000, would have to be paid by the parish. Al Worthington indicated that this was not the way it works; suggested that the 15 page summary policy be checked for exact coverage.
- i) Missing Documents: Walter is planning to appeal to all parishioners to return important church documents or make copies for the church.
- j) Faithful Service nominations: Bishop Findlay has set Sep.1, 2003 as the deadline for nominations. For details of criteria for nominations, contact the Wardens.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Doxology

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday June 12, 2003 at 7:00pm in the Britton Room