

NOTES FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, APRIL 26, 2014

Prelude: thoughts from Parish Council meeting, April 20, 2014

If St. Timothy's chose one ministry to do well, it would be...

- Make changes to building to make it more useable so we can do ministry.
- Be a voice for the poor in this area.
- Outreach to troubled teens and children.
- Mental health ministry.
- Help poor with food ministries with better kitchen, more space.
- Work with children and young families.
- Have community kitchen, dietician to help.
- Host events like "Homeless Connect" day.
- Move parking lot to west (so we can get seniors in to building safely and raise visibility, also free up east lot for development or sale).

Break-out Group Questions:

1. What are we doing?
2. What do we want to do?
3. What do we need to do it/what is holding us back?

"Study and Learning" Group

Question #1: What are we doing?

Mind – sermons, bible study, study series (e.g., Lenten series).

Heart – devotional reading, bible reading notes, interdenominational events.

Practice – explicit teaching of traditions/practice of both Anglican and Lutheran, mentorship.

Question #2: What do we want to do?

Mind – involve more people in Bible study, increase formats or models of study.

Heart – provide opportunities for greater access to learning and decrease barriers, sharing opportunities.

Practice – formal and informal mentorship, nurturing relationships, increase personal commitments, increase familiarity.

Question #3: What do we need/what is holding us back?

- Bible study could better function with small meeting room.
- Carpool/transportation barriers,
- Scheduling challenges.
- Space flexibility: need to decrease distractions between age groups for KidsChurch and meetings.
- Leadership, human resources.
- Trust.
- Technological barriers.
- Location: expanding presence in Rideau Manor or other locations.

“Community Life” Group

Question #3: What do we need/what is holding us back?

- New kitchen, larger or maybe new space, an extension?
- Washroom upstairs.
- Space for community activities for both outside use and parish use.
- Keep user groups and increase rental space.
- Make more accessible entrance, etc.
- Pedestrian light for crossroads on Willingdon.
- Improve parking, paved!
- Consult engineer re. water table challenge.
- Money is holding us back (land rich).
- Reliable appliances.
- Commercial kitchen.
- Food Safe: physical and training of parishioners.
- Investigate other sources of money and space and outside resources.

“Action” group

Question #1: What are we doing?

- Join with other community, rent space, use public space as short term solutions to space issues.
- Rebuild is long term solution.

Question #2: What do we want to do?

- Appliance upgrades.
- Fellowship hall development for rental and own use.
- Expand building.
- Washrooms on main level.
- Elevator.

Question #2 suggestions:

- Interview with our rector by local weekly paper.
- Possible ads re. times of services.
- Types of activities and services carried out by St. Timothy’s to be listed in above ads.
- Pastoral visits by more parishioners.
- Public service meetings, e.g., Forum on oil pipeline.
- Emergency shelter in event of disaster: confirm and advertise this fact.

Question #3: What do we need/what is holding us back?

- Funding for expansion how?
- Sell some property???

“Prayer and Worship” Group

Question #1: What are we doing?

- Sunday worship: gifted priest, meaningful services, involvement of all ages, large volunteer base (Share Chart).
- Night prayer: ministry beyond regular congregation.
- Morning prayer.
- Sermons on website.
- Music: gifted musicians, choir, hymn selection, kids worship.
- Healing services, special services.
- Meditation garden and labyrinth.

Question #2: What do we want to do?

- Grow the choir.
- Music group?
- Regular teen group (senior CATs?).
- Intentional prayer meetings, groups.
- Pastoral phone ministry.
- Be more welcoming.

Question #3: What do we need/what is holding us back?

- Time constraints.
- Human resources: need more teachers, musicians available.
- Building: accessible washroom upstairs, functioning lift, more rooms (conference size).
- Video facilities for rooms.

Visioning Questions:

1. If we had no building, what would we do?
2. Given our current building, what needs to be added or changed?