

ADC Meeting (March)
April 4, 2024
(Deferred for Holy Week 2024)
2:00 pm Via Zoom

Present :

Knox Presbyterian - Rev. Ian McPhee, Wayne Poole
St. Marks United - Rev. Peg Turner, Dorothy Bartalos
Christ Church Flamborough - Rev. Barry Randall, Rosemary Horsewood
Dundas Baptist Church - Marilyn McConnell
St. James Anglican - Rev. Leslie Gerlofs, Anne Washington, Norma Coe (Chair)
St. Paul's United - Mary Anne Tangney
Salvation Army (EOH) - Jonathan Miedema

Regrets : Ellen Danciu (St. Paul's United)

Opening :

Chair, Norma Coe welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting at 2:07. Leslie Gerlofs opened the meeting with prayer and Wayne Poole acknowledged the land we share.

Correspondence :

Mary Anne (Secretary) read out 3 letters of correspondence:

- Happy New Year Card from Routes (Jan. 2024) thanking ADC for support.
- Dundas Community Services - note of thanks for proceeds of our Advent Walk (\$308.)
- Routes Youth Centre - note of thanks for proceeds of our Lenten Lunch (\$600.)

Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting :

Motion to approve the minutes of Feb. 22, 2024 zoom meeting. (Mary Anne Tangney/Dorothy Bartalos). Carried.

Business Arising :

1. Review of all ADC Lenten Activities - (see Ministerial Report)
2. Follow up with Metro Cards? - Mary Anne Tangney had made a connection with administrators at Dundas Food Bank, who are quite interested in having a conversation with the churches. However in discussion, ADC feel we need to meet among ourselves first. Volunteers from each church will learn the mechanisms of their own faith community, as to how the cards are distributed and we will meet (mutually agreed date/place) to discuss how we'd like to take this forward. Then we will meet with Salvation Army Administration to see how we could collaborate to make a more equitable system of assistance for those in need. Mary Anne will send out a doodle poll (date to meet) to: Rev. Ian McPhee, Rev. Peg Turner, Dorothy Bartalos, Rev. Leslie Gerlofs, Anne Washington, Rosemary Horsewood, Marilyn McConnell, Mary Anne Tangney.

Reports :

Treasurers Report : Peg Turner reports that the proceeds for the Lenten Lunch were \$600.00 which went directly out to Routes. \$20 was paid for production of the Lenten Lunch placemats. The current balance of the ADC Account is \$839.06. Membership invoices will be sent out to member churches very soon. *Motion to approve the Treasures Report for March/2024 (Peg Turner/Leslie Gerlofs). Carried.*

Ministerial Report : All three ministers (Rev. Gerlofs, McPhee & Turner) were thanked for all the energy they put into the ADC Lenten Activities this year!! - reviewed as follows :

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- *Lenten Lunch* - all thought it went very well - volunteers from all churches worked well together. Fairly good attendance (approximately 90-100). Pictures taken by Rev. Peter Davison. Donations of \$600.00 to Routes Youth Centre was wonderful!
- *Dinner & Movie Night* at Highland Hills Faith Community. Good attendance from many churches! Pizza was delicious! 'Jesus Revolution' sparked some good conversation. St Marks does this every month - all are welcome!
- *Good Friday Walk* (through Dundas). First time we've done this (in many years)...overall approximately 60 - 65 people joined in - many from various churches, including St. A's (RC) & Grace Valley! Good pictures taken (Rosemary will get to Jonathan to put on ADC Face Book Page). Overall - we need to do this again next year - do better promotion! Hot Chocolate & treats at end was terrific (thanks Rev. Ian & Norma Coe!) Cold, damp, windy day!
- *World Day of Prayer* - Although this event is not within ADC purview - annually, it invites all the churches and this year fell within Lent. Held at Highland Hills Faith Community on March 1, the liturgy was done by the Women of Palestine (incidental, recent crisis in Gaza!). There was excellent attendance and organized by Rosemary Horsewood and reps from other churches & Rev Peg Turner. Lovely reception and fellowship after. Funds raised go to WICC.

Ministers delineated the major ADC events of the year...as follows :

- Lenten Lunch (Lent)
- Ash Wednesday Service
- Good Friday Walk
- Cactus Festival ADC Preparations (Liturgy)
- Advent Walk

New Business :

1. Annual General Meeting + Regular May Meeting will take place on May 23, 2024. Today's meeting is actually March 2024 meeting (deferred, as last week was Holy Week before Easter!). There will be NO MEETING in April 2024. All members like a 2:00 start for meetings. Remaining (May/June) meetings will be in-person. May AGM & regular May meeting will be held at St. James Anglican - (137 Melville) and June Meeting (June 27) - at St. Paul's United (29 Park St. W.)
2. Nominations Committee for AGM - Chair, Norma Coe stated that the present Executive are willing to stay in their positions another year. Asked if any member would like a position on Executive, hearing none...*Motion that no nomination committee be established for upcoming Annual General Meeting as Executive members are willing to carry on another year & there are no challenges to their positions. (Anne Washington/ Leslie Gerlofs) Carried.*
3. Cactus Festival 2024 - This year the Cactus Festival in Dundas is August 15-18. All members thought that what was done last year (2023) was done well. it involved a few brave souls (Peg, Leslie & Edwin) dressed as clowns in the Cactus Parade, handing out flyers inviting people to an outside Sunday Service at St. Mark's church. The Sunday liturgy outside on the Sunday drew a good crowd from all the churches and good weather added to the fun event with refreshments after. An ad hoc committee will be pulled together - anyone around in August can participate in planning! Our big ADC banner (stored at St. Paul's) will be carried in the parade this year - Anne W. & Wayne P. - maybe we can get more children/youth involved this year - kids love parades!

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4. Climate Action : Anne Washington reminded the group that although the Climate Action Team is dissolved, we have made climate change a focus of what we do at ADC. Urgent Action is needed at this time: The provincial government of Ontario has filed Provincial Regulation 41/24 on Feb. 24/24, without any legislative or public input, coming into effect on Apr. 1/24. This regulation can override decisions made by Conservation Authority and is final (no appeals!). Also, the buffer around our wetlands is reduced from 120 meters to 30....and the consideration of 'Natural heritage' when granting permits, has been eliminated.....along with many more unwise policies that will harm our environment and take decision making away from those who know our land & waterways well. After some discussion, a motion was made - *Motion to write a letter (Anne W & Wayne P.) to the provincial environment minister & local MPP on behalf of ADC, with objection to this regulation, which is now in effect. (Peg Turner/Leslie Gerlofs)*
Carried.
5. Senior's Fair 2024 - this annual event sponsored by DCS is on June 6, from 10 - 2 pm and being held at St. Joseph's Villa this year (Auditorium). Rosemary Horsewood asked the membership if ADC should be represented at a table this year (\$35/table this year). After some discussion, it was decided to have an ADC table (churches need to be visible in our community!). Rosemary H. will develop some ADC material and flyers of programs at the churches and Wayne P will bring some environmental material. Others are welcome to be present at the table to greet the public.

Announcements :

- Previously Loved Art Sale - Sat/ Apr. 13/24 1:00 - 4:00 St. Paul's United Church - free admission
- Kairos Webinar - Apr. 25 zoom - needs registration (Earth Day)
- Crime vs Senior's - at 2:00 pm - Thurs. May 2, Highland Hills Sanctuary
- Action 13 Event - May 4 10 - 2:00 - Clean up of Spencer Creek Trail
- Senior's Fair - (annual) Dundas Community Services at St. Jo's Villa June 6 / 10 - 2pm
- Coming Soon : Senior's Drop In Centre at St. Paul's United - TBA
- Repair Cafe - May 11 - 10 - 1:00 at Town Hall Auditorium (upstairs)

Closing : Anne Washington closed the meeting in prayer. *Motion to Adjourn: Peg Turner.*

NEXT MEETING is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REGULAR MAY MEETING ON :

THURSDAY, MAY 23 AT 2:00 AT ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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