

# Knox Church Council Meeting

September 18, 2018

Chair: Sharon Christmas

Secretary & A/Treasurer: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Sharon Christmas, Deb Carnegie, Diane Shepherd, Roger Bright, Leanne Sprung, Wayne Digby, Alan Moulin

Regrets: Coleen Wall, Laura Crookshanks, Wayne Clayton, David Barrows, Art Godfrey

**Call to Order:** 6:36 pm

Sharon Christmas welcomed Craig Miller back from his sabbatical.

**Opening Worship:** Alan Moulin. on behalf of Stewardship, read about poverty of love, spirituality and God.

**Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting:**

**Motion:** Diane Shepherd/Wayne Digby Carried

## **Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business:**

- a. Investment Options – Sharon Christmas reported she, Roger Bright and Wayne Clayton had meetings with Vern Gilbertson, a representative from Westoba and a representative from Sunrise Credit Union regarding available investment options for the Eggleton bequest and a portion of our operating funds. It was decided to invest with Westoba, dividing the monies into various funds (see financial report). Money from the Refuge Brandon Trust Account was also put into a 90-day term investment. Discussion was deferred until the next meeting.
- b. Replacement of Portable Projector – Craig Miller and Roger Bright advised Council of discussions they had. It was felt there is a need for a portable projector. However, our projector in the sanctuary seems to be losing its brightness. Our supplier has been asked to check the system. One possible option might be to use the sanctuary projector as a portable, and upgrade to a higher lumen output projector for the sanctuary. Alternatively, a higher-powered light might be installed in the Sanctuary projector and we would then purchase a new portable. The need is there but the best method to achieve it has yet to be determined.

Discussion:

What are the possible merits of looking at a monitor for the front of the sanctuary rather than a projector and screen? Council was advised that at the time of purchase, there was not a monitor large enough to be clearly seen from the back of the sanctuary. There was also some concern expressed as to whether a giant TV screen would be the right fit for a sanctuary.

**Correspondence:**

Aug. 8/18 The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity  
Subject: Planned LBGQTQ2+ Museum and request for funding  
Referred to: Affirm Committee for recommendation.

**Financial Report:**

**Motion:** Deb Carnegie/Al Moulin Carried  
**That the June, July and August, 2018 Financial Reports be accepted.**

Discussion: An explanation was given for some accounts which differed a fair amount from the same time period in 2017.

**Committee Reports:**

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* No report.  
-The committee will meet in October.
- 2) *Property:* Attached.  
-In addition, a request from the Mauritian group to use the facility for Winterfest was received. The deposit has been paid.  
-Pricing for tables and chairs is still being researched.
- 3) *Minister's Report:* verbal report by Craig Miller  
-Craig will have a report regarding the sabbatical for October.  
-Since his return (2 days), Craig has been reconnecting with shut-ins and personal care home residents.  
-Trans Day of Remembrance will be Nov. 20 and will include the service, lunch, and vigil. Council was asked if the council meeting can be delayed until 7:00 that night to allow for this. The consensus is that will be okay. Sharon McIntosh is to make sure all council members are advised.  
-Knox does not have a sacraments elder. It is recommended (by Presbytery) to send someone to the October 13 training session so that all pastoral charges have a sacraments elder – this allows the congregation to have someone to administer the sacraments should the minister be on leave (medical or otherwise). When trained, the person is licenced to administer the sacraments only in

their own pastoral charge. There is no cost for the training. The location will be confirmed.

- 4) *Worship*: No report.  
The committee has not yet met, however, on the agenda is to clean out and reorganize the cupboard in the sanctuary. It was suggested this be done before the rummage sale at the end of October so anything saleable can be put in the sale.
- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M)*: No report
- 6) *Vice Chair*: No report
- 7) *Christian Education*: Verbal report by Leanne Sprung.  
-The CE Committee has been focused on Spirit Kid's Club start up on Sept. 9. We are attempting an extra class in the K-Grade 2 age. This creates the need for additional teachers and we are looking for folks to assist with teaching for any of the classes. There is a curriculum to follow which is great for the stories, craft ideas and activities.  
-An adult study is planned for the fall.  
-Two children from Knox attended VBS at Central.

Craig Miller advised the adult study will be Emerging Christianity. It provides valuable information for anyone new to the Christian tradition (those looking for spiritual community but having absolutely no Christian background), and also for those who are long time United Church members/adherents but who still have significant questions about faith and tradition and spirituality.

Craig also advised our advertisement for SKC on Facebook was well worth the money as we had a good response of people who visited the Facebook page.

- 8) *Presbytery*: No report  
Presbytery will hold a full court meeting Saturday (Sept. 22) in Reston. There is a youth event attached to it.
- 9) *Trustees*: No report
- 10) *Stewardship*: Attached  
-Al Moulin highlighted the report and invited suggestions/comments from Council for a dinner/fundraising event.  
-Fund raising for tables and chairs is being considered.

Discussion:

With regards to Sobey's cards, Wayne Digby clarified that Sobey's have changed the program, and it was questioned if it would be worth the work involved for the amount of money we would earn. It will be discussed further at the Outreach Committee meeting.  
-It was suggested there might be other gift card programs that would give a better return.

- 11) *Outreach: Attached*  
-The committee will meet on the upcoming Thursday (Sept. 20).  
-Thank you to Maureen Cobb, and to Sharon Christmas and the Inbetweeners for their work for the Grow a Row Stew Supper.
- 12) *Green Team: Attached*
- 13) *Affirm Committee: No report*
- 14) *Chair: No report*

Discussion: Sharon Christmas suggested a sign be made for the kitchen advising we are a composting kitchen, and to please use the composting bags and bin.

**Motion:** Roger Bright/Al Moulin  
**The adoption of all Committee Reports**

Carried

***New Business:***

- a. Donation to Refuge Brandon. A donation of stocks is being made to Knox United Church specifically for Refuge Brandon. The donor's investment broker has been given contact information to work with the United Church Foundation in this regard.

In regard to discussions last spring about contacting EDGE to facilitate a workshop to help us with a congregational growth plan, Laura Crookshanks has done some preliminary work; Craig Miller will follow up.

It was suggested we do another skating/games night this year.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
Opening Worship for October: Outreach

Closing prayer was offered by Craig Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Diane Shepherd.