

Knox Church Council Meeting

February 19, 2019

Chair: Sharon Christmas

A/Secretary: Diane Shepherd

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Sharon Christmas, Diane Shepherd, Alan Moulin, Wayne Clayton, Coleen Wall, Laura Crookshanks, David Barrows, Roger Bright.

Regrets: Leanne Sprung

Call to order: 6:35pm

Opening Worship: Coleen Wall gave us each a survival kit from God, and shared a prayer.

Adoption of Agenda as amended and Adoption of Minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting as amended:

Wayne Clayton was not present at the January meeting.

Motion: Laura Crookshanks/Coleen Wall

Carried

Business Arising from the minutes/Old Business:

- a. Visioning Workshop (update); the summary is ready to go out. Wayne Clayton has spoken, unofficially, with someone at Central United and some of the rumours circulating are unfounded.
- b. Request from 23rd Brandon Scouts for Group Sponsorship(update): Nothing new to report, Wayne Clayton will get contact information for Sharon Christmas so she can speak to the leaders.

Correspondence: none

Financial report: reviewed, no major concerns.

Motion: Alan Moulin/Wayne Clayton

Carried

That the financial report for January 2019 be accepted.

Committee Reports:

- a. *Ministry and Personnel(M&P):* no meeting held.
The role of treasurer and Sharon McIntosh's role in that was discussed.
The Nominating Committee will be asked to continue efforts to fill the treasurer position as well as that of vice-chair and superintendent of the Sunday School.
- b. *Property:* attached.
Sharon Christmas asked Roger Bright to check out the stove - one of the elements is broken since the Winter Festival. She also expressed concern about the time spent cleaning the kitchen as well. Roger Bright and Coleen Wall will talk further with Sharon McIntosh about how the damage deposit is dealt with now and in the future. It was suggested that an industrial size stove may be of value.
The overall policy for kitchen rental may need to be revamped.

- c. *Minister's Report*: attached
Susie McPherson-Derendy will be ordained at the Regional Meeting being held in Brandon in June 2019 (June 16, 2019 at Sunday worship service. We will discuss further a possible celebration at Knox and look into a gift from Knox. A stole was suggested and David Barrows will look into that with Peggy Barrows and Peggy Wojnarski.
- d. *Worship*:
Next meeting is Monday February 25, 2019
Motion: Diane Shepherd/Coleen Wall Carried
That Sophia Betty-Rose Rivera be accepted for Baptism into Knox United Church on March 31, 2019.
- e. *Congregational Care and Membership (CC&M)*: no report.
Clarification: Payment for pictures not taken by the directory photographers will be taken from the CC&M budget.
- f. *Vicechair*:
- g. *Christian Education (CE)*: attached.
- h. *Trustees*: no report
- i. *Stewardship*: verbal report
Motion: Alan Moulin/Roger Bright Carried
That the Stewardship event, being held on April 6, 2019, be approved for the sale of wine and beer as per Knox United's liquor policy.
Vern Gilbertson is looking after the paperwork required for this.
We also discussed the possibility of Memories Chapel holding services at Knox if they required a larger location. If a service was held at Knox would Knox provide lunch? There were concerns about displacing other renters if a service was held here. Would Rev. Craig be required to perform the service if held at Knox, or at least an approved celebrant within the United Church? It was discussed that an "Altar call" celebrant would not be appreciated in our sanctuary.
Motion: Wayne Clayton/ Laura Crookshanks Carried
That M&P Committee in conjunction with Worship Committee and Rev. Craig write a funeral policy for Knox United Church.
Further to this we would be concerned about Rev. Craig being too busy. Memories also has their own celebrant that takes services. Fees for sound person, pianist, caretaker, powerpoint operator.
- j. *Outreach*: attached
Sharing Circle is February 26th not February 25th.
- Refuge Brandon Update: Work is in progress for the refugee family coming in the next 4-10 weeks.

- k. *Green Team*: attached
We discussed reducing paper as much as possible. Please print fewer copies of reports for the next Council meeting, at least four of us would use a tablet to read and follow reports.
- l. *Affirm*: verbal report
Reminder of the event this Thursday, noon to 1:30pm. Next event is PIE on March 14, 2019, 5:00 till 6:30pm.
Laura Crookshanks also said they are looking for one more member for their committee.
- m. *Chairperson*: verbal report
World Day of Prayer is March 1, 2019 at 7:00pm. Knox is hosting this year and would encourage all to attend. Slovenia is the country being represented.

Motion: Laura Crookshanks/ Alan Moulin
The adoption of all Committee Reports

Carried

New Business:

- a. Laura Crookshanks wondered about getting a corporate credit card for various on line expenses. Concerns were raised. Laura Crookshanks will prepare a proposal for the March meeting.
- b. Bell MTS contract renewal.
Motion: Roger Bright/David Barrows
That we continue with our present arrangement.
- c. Reserve – UCC Assessment: Diane Shepherd asked if there is an option to have a fund set up for people to put money into a fund to help pay for the assessment? This will be discussed at the next meeting with Stewardship.
- d. Constitution: Laura Crookshanks would like this to be updated. Coleen Wall will assist. Possible end date September and will be presented to the congregation when it is completed. The policy manual will also be updated.
- e. There was a request to hold a session of “Community Matters Tour “ with Elizabeth May on March 15, 2019. The answer was no. It was felt an event with political connections would not be in fitting with Knox philosophy.

Carried One abstainer.

Next Council Meeting Date: Tuesday March 19, 2019
Opening Worship for March: Property

Rev. Craig led us in a closing prayer

Motion to Adjourn: Wayne Clayton

Property Notes – Feb. 2019

Winter Festival Pavilion event went well - no issues. Thanks to Sharon Christmas & Colleen Wall, Linda Schrader & Deb Carnegie, Doug & Laura Crookshanks and Art & Iona Godfrey for acting as Knox hosts.

New Sanctuary video projector has been received to be installed Wed. Feb. 20.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Bright

Property Chair

Minister's Report to Council
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Marianne Olfrey begins half-time at Reston Pipestone on 17 March and they will no longer be in need of a supervisor.

Critical Incident Stress Management through the Fire and Emergency Services College.

Brian Kayes is organizing a meeting of community partners in Emergency Social Services Team for 4 April, Thursday from 2-4 pm at the City Civic Complex.

June 13-16 is the Inaugural meeting of Region 5 here in Brandon at the Keystone Centre.

Rev. Craig S. Miller

There are some exciting upcoming events at Knox that we wanted to make sure you had on your calendars to participate in, as well as request your assistance in sharing your time and talents.

The events are outlined below and here are the requests we have for each event:

- 1) For the afternoon at Kemnay - the InBetweeners Group is providing the food and covering the cost of the rec centre; we have been asked to provide cupcakes/cake for dessert - we need four families to bring 2 dozen cupcakes or a 9x13 cake (Mel has committed to bring, so we still need 3)
- 2) For the Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras event - we'd like to have 3 to 4 make and take activities - do you have ideas? Craig is open to anything creative or theme appropriate as we change seasons to recognize Lent. There are MANY resources (craft supplies) in the white cabinets along the east wall of the lower hall that are available to be used - so before buying supplies, you are welcome to check them out. Please let me know if you can facilitate an activity!
- 3) Easter Sunday - similar to #2 - do you have a spring/renewal/celebration activity to share? We have found that 4 - 6 stations, including a snack station have been sufficient to allow all the children to participate. You don't have to staff the station - you can use your contacts to arrange for someone to do something :). Again, please do let me know what you would like to share with our little group of children and youth!
- 4) Music - we would really like to initiate something for the children to practice and then participate in worship - it does not have to be in this season, it could be later. If you would like to work together to develop a plan, please do let Craig or I know what you have in mind.

) KNOX FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON - Sunday, February 24 at 3 PM

All are invited out to the Kemnay Recreational Centre on Sunday Feb. 24th for an afternoon of skating, board games, snowmobile rides and food. We will gather at 3 PM until 7 PM. Kemnay is on 1A west of Brandon, rec centre is on the right just after the bridge. A chili/hotdog supper will be served at 5 PM. No specific cost, free will offering only. Please join us for a funfilled time, bring your friends, grandmas and grandpas, open to all! Bring your own skates and helmets if you have them. If you have extra skates bring them as well in case someone wants to try skating and needs the equipment. SEE YOU THERE!

2) Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras, Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Pancake Supper and Intergenerational Celebration

Food! Music! Fun! Join us as we celebrate Mardi Gras with a stack of pancakes, a little Jazz, and a lot of fun! Get something to eat and then come and join the intergenerational activity stations.

5 March 5 pm - 7:00 pm**Pancakes available until 6:30 pm

3) EASTER SUNDAY GROUP EVENT, April 21, 2019

The last number of years, the one room Spirit Kid's Club has been a lot of fun and capitalizes on everyone's ideas as well as providing a great atmosphere for visitors to Knox that weekend. We typically meet in the lower hall and have 5-6 stations of activities or crafts for kids to take home.

4) Trinity United Church is hosting MESSY CHURCH monthly - the next one is Friday, February 22, 5-7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Looking forward to continuing the positive momentum we are experiencing in Spirit Kid's Club!

Leanne Sprung CE Chair (p.s. there is a vacancy in the Sunday School Superintendent position if anyone is really looking for something to spend time on :)

Knox Outreach Committee Report to Council February 2019

- **7th St. Access Brown Bag Lunch Meeting - March 21, 12 noon – 1:30 pm (Chris Blakey, Service Navigator, will present)**
- **Sharing Circle – Next Sharing Circle Feb 25.**
- **Truly and Humbly: Memories of the First Apology Film – March 17, 6:30 pm**

Green Team Report to Council for Feb 20/2019

Feb 5/19 event with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation went well. Great speakers and a number of people from outside Knox attended. \$110 received in donations at the event.

Tuesday Feb 26/19 at 6:30 PM **Knox Green Team Speaker Series Presents:**

“Insulation/retrofitting your home”

Do you want to save on your energy bill?

Come hear Kevin Hiebert, a contractor with Evergreen Building Solutions in Brandon;

- Walk us through from the basic retrofitting all the way up to a more elaborate energy reconstruction.
- Also what you should be considering if you are building a new home.

Hope Switzer, Community Development Coordinator for Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) will also be there to touch on some of the Manitoba Hydro Incentive Programs that she had experience with as the Energy Efficiency Coordinator with BNRC.

April 30/19

Water Sustainability and Composting for Your Backyard event– details to be announced shortly

The Green Team is following up on a suggestion from one of the visioning sessions that we “Offer nature activities”. Planning is in progress to make this happen.

We are also reaching out to the other United Churches and inviting them to be part of our events.

The Green Team is always looking for other suggestions of events or speakers we could host.

Our next Green Team meeting is March 7/2019 at 3:00.

Submitted by
Wayne Clayton
On behalf of the Green Team