

Knox Church Council Meeting

October 15, 2019

Vice - Chair: Debby Dandy

Secretary: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Debby Dandy, Shelley Tataryn, Coleen Wall, Roger Bright, Laura Crookshanks, Leanne Sprung, Alan Moulin, Doug Crookshanks, Ken Wojnarski

Regrets: Sharon Christmas, David Barrows, Wayne Digby, Wayne Clayton, Diane Shepherd

Call to Order. 6:30 pm

Opening Worship: On behalf of Christian Education, Leanne Sprung read "Why Leaves Change" and also showed the video of "If Not Now" by Carrie Newcomer.

Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting as circulated.

Motion: Coleen Wall/Shelley Tataryn

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business:

- a. Let's Talk Knox
The group met. They are waiting for the community round table event to take place.
- b. Preparation of a Covenant of Mutual Commitment, Accountability and Support with the Prairie to Pine Region
Leanne Sprung circulated a first draft. Council was asked to review it and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Council was also invited to send suggestions to Leanne.
Discussion:
We might consider using some of the wording from the final visioning report. Also, we can refer to the last Joint Needs Assessment.
- c. Emergency Response Plan
Coleen Wall advised the committee has not yet had opportunity to meet when all members are available.
Discussion:
It was asked if there was any sort of deadline for completing the plan, and if there could be possible liability issues if a plan is not yet in place. The committee does not see any liability issues and there is no specific time frame. The United Church of Canada does not mandate we have a plan.

- d. **Planned Giving Policy**
Members of Council met with the Planned Giving Committee prior to today's council meeting. After discussion, it was decided the Planned Giving Policy needs to be rewritten. The Planned Giving Committee have been tasked with rewriting the Planned Giving Policy. While the ideal target date is to have a draft ready for next council meeting so that a final draft might be ready in time for the Annual Congregational Meeting (Part I), that might prove to be unrealistic.

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: presented by Shelley Tataryn

Motion: Shelley Tataryn/Laura Crookshanks Carried
That the September 2019 Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Discussion:

-Total expenses are at 79% of suggested budget, and total income at 62%. However, we are in line with the previous year. Historically, income is much higher during November and December. If the same holds true for this year, the situation should improve by year end.

-The September amount in building reserve includes payment from MPI for building repairs due to vehicle damage to the building in the spring.
-To ensure sufficient operating funds over the summer, money was taken from our short term investments. It was suggested by the Treasurer that we now put some of the money in our bank account back into short term investment.

Motion: Roger Bright/Coleen Wall Carried
That we put \$15,000 into a separate short term investment (30-60 days).

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* Attached
- 2) *Property:* Attached
-Payment was received from MPI. The replacement window is on order.
-For information, the 2019/20 (increased) rental rates were circulated to Council.
- 3) *Minister's Report:* Attached
-A request was received for a wedding for August 8, 2020 (Stacy Chapman/Collin Moskal). While not a member of Knox, there is a connection as Stacy Chapman's mother was married here and she wishes to do the same. She has also requested Rev. David Wilson

officiate as he did at her mother's wedding. Rev. Wilson was originally ordained UCC, then moved to Presbyterian. Craig Miller is in agreement with this providing Rev. Wilson is willing to honour the fact we are affirming and it is done in accordance with our wedding policy.

Motion: Coleen Wall/Shelley Tataryn Carried, 3 abstentions
That we accept the wedding of Stacy Chapman and Collin Moskal with Rev. David Wilson officiating within the provisions of our wedding policy.

-Craig Miller gave further information/clarification on organizing an interfaith network for Brandon. Council feel it is a worthwhile initiative.

- 4) *Worship:* No Report (committee has not met since last Council)
- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M):* No report.
- 6) *Vice Chair:* No report.
- 7) *Christian Education:* verbal report by Leanne Sprung
 - The committee has not met.
 - They are carrying on with Spirit Kids Club initiatives.
 - Until the Youth Director is back, the kids are all going in one big group. Numbers have varied, and so far, it is working.
 - There was a small attendance at the Pumpkin Patch, but it was a very good opportunity for the kids to connect with Craig on their terms.
- 8) *Trustees:* No report
- 9) *Stewardship:* Attached
- 10) *Outreach:* Attached
- 11) *Green Team:* Attached
 - The team is working on Brandon becoming a "bee city".
 - Since this report was processed, the Waste Free Management Training for the Girl Guides has been cancelled.
 - The Green Team will make contact with some of the high school students who went to Winnipeg climate strike to see if they would like to talk about their experience.

- 12) *Affirm Committee*: verbal report by Laura Crookshanks
-The Committee will meet next week.
-With regard to the Affirm workshop on October 19, to date there are 18 registrants, from many parts of Manitoba (not just Brandon/Westman).
-Trans Day of Remembrance Service will be on November 20.
- 14) *Chair*: No report

Motion: Leanne Sprung/Ken Wojnarski Carried
The adoption of all Committee Reports

New Business:

- a. Snow Removal
Per the M&P report, the Caretaker has indicated he can do the snow removal this year. However, our snowblower is old and we should look at replacing it with a newer model. Roger has researched prices on a 24" 2 stage snowblower. A quote of \$1,165 was received from Collyer's. Such an item retails for approx. \$1,200 at Canadian Tire. Some money in the building reserve (\$4,500) was given by Mr. Galloway for replacement of lighting in the lower level, however, this project is quite substantial as new LED fixtures would need to be installed. Roger Bright suggested we use some of this for the purchase of a new snowblower.

Motion: Roger Bright/Alan Moulin Carried
That we purchase a new snowblower using the (above) funds from the building reserve.

- b. Committee Budgets Due November 1.
Committee Chairs are asked to submit their budgets to the Treasurer by November 1. She will compile and bring the first draft of the operating budget to the November council meeting.

Next Council Meeting: November 19, 2019

Opening Worship: Stewardship

Closing words were offered by Craig Miller.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 pm