

Knox Church Council Meeting

December 17, 2019

Chair: Sharon Christmas

Secretary: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Sharon Christmas, Coleen Wall, Roger Bright, Diane Shepherd, David Barrows, Doug Crookshanks, Wayne Digby, Laura Crookshanks, Ken Wojnarski

Regrets: Debby Dandy, Shelley Tataryn

Call to Order. 6:40 pm

Opening Worship: On behalf of the Outreach Committee, Wayne Digby reflected on 2019 and the Climate Crisis, read excerpts from an article in Broadview, and offered a prayer.

Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting:

Motion: Roger Bright/Ken Wojnarski

Carried

Addition to agenda under business arising: Constitution.

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business:

a. Emergency Response Plan (update)

A meeting of the committee is planned for January 20, 10:00 am. There should be a report ready for February.

b. Constitution: Laura Crookshanks brought to council's attention the regional representative duties as compared to the old presbytery representative duties, i.e. they are no longer part of the quorum for Knox Council and are not required to attend all meetings.

Correspondence:

Dec. 3/19 David Barrows

Subject: Formal Association with Knox

Referred to: Craig Miller to draft a letter to the Regional Council

Dec. 3/19 Peggy Barrows

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Discussion:

- David Barrows expressed concerns with how the permissions might limit their abilities to provide pastoral care as needed. He then excused himself while council discussed the matter.
- In response to the question, Craig gave some background information as to the how and why of the requirement for formal association. It is a mechanism of accountability.
- The issue was raised that in the past (some years ago) retired ministry personnel had to be in a covenanted relationship with Knox.
- This new requirement has more formality and provision for oversight.
- The new requirement should not limit providing pastoral care unless the minister acted inappropriately.
- The new requirement provides for some accountability: the ministry personnel should report to council quarterly on their activities.
- If concerns were to come up, it would be dealt with at Knox council level, and if not resolved (at Knox council level), it would go to the region.
- This is a new and evolving procedure.

Motion: Coleen Wall/Wayne Digby Carried
That we accept Peggy Barrows' request for formal association with Knox United Church being her community of faith to be able to provide worship, funerals, weddings, pastoral care, and education; that Peggy report quarterly to the Knox Council, and this ministry be approved within the Knox community of faith and within the Prairie to Pine Region, and in keeping with her respective call to meet and serve Christ in the world, that she will perform the same functions of ministry where the Spirit leads her within this Region while respecting the boundaries of existing pastoral charges, our colleagues in ministry and in accordance with the policies of the United Church of Canada and Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Motion: Roger Bright/Laura Crookshanks Carried
That we accept David Barrows' request for formal association with Knox United Church being his community of faith to be able to provide worship, funerals, weddings, pastoral care, and education; that David report quarterly to the Knox Council, and this ministry be approved within the Knox community of faith and within the Prairie to Pine Region, and in keeping with his respective call to meet and serve Christ in the world, that he will perform the same functions of ministry where the Spirit leads him within this Region while respecting the boundaries of existing pastoral charges, our colleagues in ministry and in accordance with the policies of the United Church of Canada and Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Motion: Ken Wojnarski/Diane Shepherd Carried
That we accept Quentin Robinson's request for formal association with Knox United Church being his community of faith to be able to provide worship, funerals, weddings, pastoral care, and education; that Quentin report quarterly to the Knox Council, and this ministry be approved within the Knox community of faith and within the Prairie to Pine Region, and in keeping with his respective call to meet and serve Christ in the world, that he will perform the same functions of ministry where the Spirit leads him within this Region while respecting the boundaries of existing pastoral charges, our colleagues in ministry and in accordance with the policies of the United Church of Canada and Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Motion: Ken Wojnarski/Coleen Wall Carried
That we accept Joe Ball's request for formal association with Knox United Church being his community of faith to be able to provide worship, funerals, weddings, pastoral care, and education; that Joe report quarterly to the Knox Council, and this ministry be approved within the Knox community of faith and within the Prairie to Pine Region, and in keeping with his respective call to meet and serve Christ in the world, that he will perform the same functions of ministry where the Spirit leads him within this Region while respecting the boundaries of existing pastoral charges, our colleagues in ministry and in accordance with the policies of the United Church of Canada and Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Financial Report: prepared by Shelley Tataryn

Motion: Wayne Digby/Coleen Wall Carried
That the November 2019 Financial Report be accepted as circulated.

2020 Operating Budget – 2nd Draft: prepared by Shelley Tataryn

Discussion:

The amount of the 2020 United Church Assessment is \$7,500 according to UCC. The budget should be amended to reflect this, and church givings adjusted accordingly to balance the budget. The Treasurer will be asked to bring a 3rd draft with change to the January meeting to approve prior to the Annual congregational meeting.

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* Attached
- 2) *Property:* Attached
- 3) *Minister's Report:* Attached

- 4) *Worship*: Diane Shepherd
 -The committee has not met since last council meeting.
 -They plan to take Christmas decorations down probably on January 8.
- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M)*: David Barrows
 Christmas cards were sent to shut-ins, those in personal care homes, etc., in early December.
- 6) *Vice Chair*: No report
- 7) *Christian Education*: No report
- 8) *Trustees*: Attached
- 9) *Stewardship*: Attached
- 10) *Outreach*: Attached
- 11) *Green Team*: Attached
- 12) *Affirm Committee*: Laura Crookshanks
 -Knox Church has been booked for PIE day on March 14.
 -An affirm cluster brown bag lunch is planned for January.
- 13) *Chair*: Sharon Christmas
 Sharon thanked Debby Dandy for chairing the October and November meetings.

Motion: Ken Wojnarski/Laura Crookshanks Carried
The adoption of all Committee Reports

New Business:

- a. Video Licence
 Craig Miller gave background information on the video licence available through Buying United. The cost would be approx. \$250 for the year. The deadline to purchase through this program is December 31. Monies are available in the New Ministries budget.

Discussion:

-Is this something we want to try, and is it something we would actually use? If we buy it, we will have to make sure committees are aware and make use of it.

Motion: Wayne Digby/Laura Crookshanks Carried
That we purchase the video licence available through Buying United.

b. Date for the Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 1

The date will be February 9, with a snow date of February 23.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2019

Opening Worship: Green Team

Closing prayer was offered by Craig Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Coleen Wall