

Knox Church Council Meeting

January 21, 2020

Chair: Sharon Christmas

Secretary: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Sharon Christmas, Shelley Tataryn, Coleen Wall, Roger Bright, David Barrows, Wayne Clayton, Leanne Sprung, Laura Crookshanks, Wayne Digby

Regrets: Diane Shepherd, Debby Dandy, Leanne Sprung

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

Opening Worship: On behalf of the Green Team, Wayne Clayton began with some quotes about nature from famous people. He then led Council in reading "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (words attributed to St. Francis), and offered a prayer.

Adoption of Agenda as amended and Adoption of Minutes of the Dec. 17, 2019 meeting:

Motion: Laura Crookshanks/Roger Bright Carried

Addition to Agenda: Under New Business, Review the agenda for the Annual Congregation Meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business: None

Correspondence:

Jan. 15 Betty Kelly
Subject: Volunteers to serve on Prairie to Pine committees.
Referred to: Circulated, then file.

Financial Report: presented by Shelley Tataryn

Motion: Shelley Tataryn/Wayne Clayton Carried

That the December 2019 Financial Report be accepted.

Motion: Shelley Tataryn/Roger Bright Carried
That we move \$35,000 into short term investments (90-179 days).

Discussion:

The Treasurer was asked if there were any "red flags" for unusual expenses coming up in 2020. There are no indications at this point in time.

2020 Operating Budget – 3rd Draft presented by Shelley Tataryn

The Treasurer highlighted certain areas, i.e. church givings, brunch club, rentals. The budgeted total income is going up 2%, and overall expenses increase by 2%, for a balanced budget. The budget looks attainable.

Motion: Shelley Tataryn/Wayne Digby

Carried

That the 2020 operating budget be recommended to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Discussion:

Church givings might be difficult to attain.

The increase follows the trend of the previous year.

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* Coleen Wall
 - Staff reviews are near completion.
 - The Caretaker has increased hours this year over last year.
- 2) *Property:* Roger Bright
 - The Caretaker has had opportunity to use the new snowblower. It is much better than the old one.

Discussion:

-Update regarding what happened with flooring in lounge: Two quotes were received previously. Roger Bright will look into it more. The Inbetweeners would like information as they are looking at projects (to support).

-Update: Regarding using an MP3 player to record and post parts of services on the website, no action has yet been taken to research this further.

-Update regarding the other projector: We have not yet got it back. The supplier shut down, making it difficult to track.

- 3) *Minister's Report:* Attached
 - Another round table is planned with the same questions for those who missed the first
 - Craig Miller highlighted the main points put forth at the roundtable.
 - Craig Miller highlighted the main points brought forward at the Youth Meeting (Knox).
 - Craig also emphasized the importance of providing youth programming.
- 4) *Worship:* No report

- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M)*: David Barrows -Gayle Watt has agreed to be the new committee member in charge of sending out cards of caring.
- 6) *Vice Chair*: No report
- 7) *Christian Education*: No report.
- 8) *Trustees*: Attached
-The Scouts wish to help out and be involved with Knox activities.
- 9) *Stewardship*: Attached
Discussion:
-A more suitable date for the Stewardship event is being explored.
-The idea of operating a day care at the church brought about considerable discussion, with both negative and positive feedback. One main concern is that one of our current long-term lessees is a nursery school. It was decided that Craig Miller and Roger Bright will have a discussion with the nursery school before going any further.
- 10) *Outreach*: Attached
Motion: Wayne Digby/Coleen Wall Carried
That we recommend a Mission & Service goal of \$40,000 for 2020 at the annual congregational meeting.

Refuge Brandon:
The Rohingya family wish to move to Winnipeg to be closer to other Rohingya community. Refuge Brandon will continue to provide support financially for the full term of commitment, but are looking to churches in Winnipeg that can help support the family in non-financial ways.
- 11) *Green Team*: Attached
- 12) *Affirm Committee*: Laura Crookshanks
-Thirteen people attended a lunch and learn (“Ruth’s Story”), including three from Trinity. The video was viewed, followed by a good discussion.
-March 14 is PIE day.

- 14) *Chair:* Sharon Christmas
-The draft Emergency response policies are almost completed. There is one more item to review. Once reviewed, the committee will meet with Brian Kayes, and then bring their report to Council. The report may not be completed in time for the February meeting, but this project is going forward.
-If you know of people leaving your committee and you want the nominating committee to find replacements, please contact them sooner than later.

Motion: Coleen Wall/Shelley Tataryn
The adoption of all Committee Reports

Carried

New Business:

- a. Secretary Absence – February meeting (for information)
Sharon McIntosh advised she would be absent from the February meeting but had made arrangements with Diane Shepherd to act as secretary.
- b. Agenda for the 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting
The past year’s agenda was reviewed, and an agenda for the next congregational meeting was set.
- c. United Church of Canada Assessment
Motion: Coleen Wall/Shelley Tataryn
To pay the full \$7,500.00 assessment fee (rather than quarterly installments) **due February 1, 2020.**

Carried

Next Council Meeting: February 18, 2020
Opening Worship: Affirm Committee

Closing prayer: Craig Miller led Council in a unison reading of the first verse of “May the God of Hope Go with Us (VU 424)

Motion to Adjourn: Laura Crookshanks