Regular Meeting of St. Paul’s United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

26 February 2018

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Chair: Betty-Anne Elliott

Randy Willick Rev. Cathy Paul

Gary Munro Bev Cameron

Deb Sutherland

Secretary: Anita McNeil

Regrets: Margaret Elliott-Niesen

Guests: John Inglis

Transition Team

Bev Willick

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 7:00 PM

2. Spiritual Sharing – Rev. Cathy Paul

* Shared thoughts from booklet entitled “Renewed for Life” by Henry Nouwen – daily readings for the season of Lent
* Compassion, walking with someone
* Core values in a church setting, for example; forgiveness, embracing diversity, and faith
* Rev. Cathy led us in a prayer for guidance, then offered a benediction; *Walk with me, I will walk with you*.

3. Behavioural Covenant – recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

* Amendments recommended to the agenda under correspondence

**Moved by:** Deb Sutherland

**Seconded by:** Randy Willick

That the Agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of Minutes of 15 January 2018

* Chair called for errors or omissions

**Moved by:** Randy Willick

**Seconded by:** Deb Sutherland

That the Minutes of Meeting dated 15 January 2018 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes of 28 January 2018 (emergent meeting)

* Chair called for errors or omissions
* Secretary shared bullet points of clarification to addend to these minutes

**Moved by:** Bev Cameron

**Seconded by:** Deb Sutherland

That the Minutes of Meeting dated 28 January 2018 be approved as amended.

Discussion

* Question arose regarding sending of Council Minutes to Laurel – clarification that Laurel receives approved Minutes
* Discussion regarding posting of Minutes on website – only approved Minutes are posted, no reports attached.
* Minutes of January 28 will not be posted, due to the confidentiality of the information regarding wages

**CARRIED**

6. Previous Meeting Action Item Follow-Up

i) United Fresh Start – matter set down to be included with report from the Transition Team

ii) Discussion re: delay of making announcement to the congregation regarding Minister appointment. Secretary to undertake contact to Presbytery for confirmation.

iii) Council vacancies – there has been no further indication of interest from members of the congregation to join Council. Council members will continue to advertise vacancies.

iv) Paisley Steam Show – Bev Cameron reported she had not heard that anyone has been assigned to volunteer. This is a huge undertaking for August 17, 18 and 19. Bev will contact the person in charge to see if they may welcome volunteers, rather than have St. Paul’s take it over.

7. Reports

i) Transition Team – John Inglis / Bev Willick *(report attached)*

* John invited questions – and highlighted the United Fresh Start Program
* St. Paul’s is in a unique position – Fresh Start is a fairly new program
* Transition Team will be meeting with facilitators on March 8th, and should have more information following
* John read the list of topics included in the modules for the program – each module is approximately three (3) hours
* Council members provided questions to the team to be presented to the facilitators when they meet
* Discussion regarding invitation to neighbouring congregations to be included in the program
* Costs will include travel for facilitators – costs are not known at this time
* Start date is not set at this time – Transition Team still has no knowledge of the start of the two year term set by Presbytery
* John reported that some of the modules contain work that has already been done by the Future Directions and/or Transition Team
* Invitation extended to Gary Munro to attend March 8th meeting – Transition Team will provide information to Finance Committee if Gary cannot attend.
* Recommendation to Council – given that Rev. Cathy has overwhelming support of the congregation and it has been beneficial to have her stable influence and continuity over worship, and Transition Team recommends extension of her contract for a further term. Transition Team recommends a two year term might be granted by Presbytery

ii) Treasurer – Gary Munro *(report attached)*

* Budget will be revised to include the confirmed appointment
* Fundraising proposal regarding concert by Scott Woods
* June 20th has been reserved, all materials are on their way for the concert
* All materials are provided by Scott Woods, including tickets and posters
* Request will be to have a reception following the concert

iii) Trustee – Randy Willick

* Randy referred to GIC reported in the financial report
* Two more GIC’s will come due in June
* Recommendation to invest further monies into a GIC in June
* Trustee will confer with Finance to discuss

iv) Worship Committee – *(report attached)*

* Downstairs office has been set up for Rev. Cathy Paul
* Rev. Cathy expressed her appreciation for the sunny space

v) We Care Team

* Lois Freiburger has taken on this committee
* Bev Cameron commented on communication with this team so they may assist Rev. Cathy whenever necessary
* Bev also commented on the chain of communication from Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre – each hospital has a book which is accessible by the Minister. Emails from the Health Centre come through the church office, and will be forwarded to the Minister.

vi) Stewardship – Deb Sutherland *(report attached)*

* Ministry and Outreach report

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Parlour Painting

* Deb Sutherland reported that there are volunteers and equipment ready to paint the walls and re-dress the windows in the parlour. Bob Weber was contacted and had no issue with this.
* Deb will consult with the Ladie’s coffee group, and find an appropriate colour.
* Open Doors will necessitate dressing up the room, including changing the furniture from the former Minister’s office upstairs.

**Moved by:** Deb Sutherland

**Seconded by:** Anita McNeil

That a committed group of volunteers be given Council’s approval to proceed with painting the parlour, hanging new window dressings, and potentially exchanging the furnishings.

**CARRIED**

8.2 Discussion Group

* Deb commented on the success of this new group
* Next meeting may include a guest speaker
* Topics will change according to the wishes of the participants

8.3 Doors Open

* Email has been sent to Myrna Inglis to thank her for her willingness to help out with this event
* Need expressed for leadership and organization
* Myrna had shared handouts used at Homecoming, which may be re-done and used
* Any publications or scripts for this event must be channelled and approved through Council prior to being printed and used.
* Proposed that youth may act as guides
* Council will determine which areas of the church will have open doors.
* Myrna will be asked to submit her proposal for the day to Council for approval

8.4 Cleaning Team

* Nina McTeer is considering forming a cleaning team to shine up the church
* She will create a sign up sheet for volunteers

9.0. Correspondence –

9.1 Spiritual Visitor’s Training Program

* Chair shared the brochure – this is an opportunity, for example, for the We Care Team
* Four sessions to be held in Owen Sound
* Recommended to check registration – see if the fee might cover up to four different members attending one of the four sessions scheduled.
* Chair suggested that Lois Freiburger see if we could register more than one person for one fee.

9.2 Youth Skills Training Opportunity

* Offered through the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation
* Youth, Grade 8 to Grade 11, training for the workforce
* Poster to be included on St. Paul’s website and/or Facebook

9.3 *Minutes paused at this time for the reading of personal correspondence*

10. Spiritual sharing for next meeting will be provided by Deb Sutherland

Chair moves that meeting be adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Council will meet next on **Sunday, March 18, 2018, following Sunday Services**

Respectfully Submitted:

Anita McNeil

Secretary