Regular Meeting of St. Paul’s United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

24 April 2018

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Chair: Betty-Anne Elliott

Randy Willick Rev. Cathy Paul

Margaret Elliott-Niesen Deb Sutherland

Bev Cameron

Secretary: Anita McNeil

Regrets: Gary Munro

Guests: Bev Willick – Transition Team

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

Rev. Cathy reported she had just spoken with Gary Munro – his surgery went fine and he was recovering well.

2. Spiritual Sharing – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

Margaret advised that April is Organ Donor month, and she recalled her husband’s heart replacement surgery done 26 years ago. She reminded us of those within our congregation who had benefited from organ donation, and expressed her thanks to the researchers, doctors, medical teams and especially the donors and their families. A prayer was shared.

3. Behavioural Covenant – recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Deb Sutherland advised that M&O Minutes should appear under Stewardship. Anita advised she would correct the agenda template

**Moved by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen

**Seconded by:** Randy Willick

That the Agenda be approved as circulated

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2018

**Moved by:** Randy Willick

**Seconded by:** Deb Sutherland

That the Minutes of Meeting dated March 18, 2018 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

6. Previous Meeting Action Item Follow-Up

6.1 Painting Update

* Deb Sutherland indicated delay because of difficulty in painting the ceiling
* Expressed interest in creating a budget item for the cost of painting – will consult with Gary Munro.
* Expressed hope that Women Together group may donate money towards replacement of lights
* Chair suggested that the committee speak to Bob Weber regarding monies available in his budget.
* Discussion regarding music stored in cabinets, and what to do with it.

6.1 Doors Open

* Deb Sutherland shared a conversation she had with Myrna regarding Doors Open, and the wish list compiled
* Discussion held that this list would need to be presented to Council for consideration
* Rev. Cathy expressed appreciation for the work being done for Doors Open
* Council members reiterated that ALL plans for any event in the church must be approved by Council
* All requests will be carefully considered

6.2 Pasta Dinner

* Chair advised it was a “go” for May 23rd
* Committee will meet on Sunday to brainstorm and organize
* Tickets will be given out at no cost, and payment will be by donation at the door
* Chair recommended students seeking volunteer hours might be helpful
* Deb Sutherland indicated that the social group will be called upon later on for help at the Scott Woods concert

6.3 Progressive Dinner

* Margaret Elliott-Niesen floated out the possibility of resurrecting the “progressive dinner” in the Fall.
* Chair reminded that a fundraising proposal should be given to Council, in order that Council remains aware of any planned events at St. Paul’s.
* Randy Willick suggested the possibility of using it as a fundraiser for a local charity, ie: the CT Scan.
* Chair suggested it might be good community involvement for St. Paul’s to make a donation to the CT Scan.

7. Reports

i. Transition Team – *Bev Willick (report attached)*

* Transition Team met April 23rd.
* Meeting was attended by Judy Zarubic and Liz Dillman
* Bev related to Council items in the attached report
* Re: Fresh Start Program – feedback is welcome from congregation
* Workshop/Service will have questions prepared in advance, possibly to be included on Website.
* Copy of previous service given will be provided to Rev. Cathy
* Team will meet in May to plan a Fall workshop – outside of Sunday service – focus to be on history of St. Paul’s
* Discussion regarding payment of facilitators
* Query regarding maintenance of quorum on Transition Team – one member has resigned and a new member is needed.
* Discussion ensued regarding potential candidates for the team – reference to previous list created by Council. A commitment required for two years.
* Margaret Elliott-Niesen will approach two possible members.
* Discussion regarding difficulty in accepting change by congregation members. Chair indicated “*we got ourselves into this position, so we have to deal with that, and we’re not dealing with it”*.
* Deb Sutherland commented that we are not blindly accepting rules given to us by Presbytery, and have challenged some of the process.
* Chair wondered if Council had not been communicating well enough with the congregation. Suggested we use the “Minute for St. Paul’s” to update the congregation on the Transition Team’s progress
* Randy Willick volunteered to do so on the next Sunday.

ii. Treasurer – *(no report)*

iii. Presbytery – *Margaret Elliott-Niesen*

* Margaret shared information about the rearrangement of areas being proposed by Presbytery

iv. Trustee – *Randy Willick*

* No report – however, question arising about wood being saved for possible new communion table.
* Discussion regarding old communion table, and possible uses of it in our church.

v. Stewardship – *Deb Sutherland*

* Trillium walk to take place on May 5th at Susan Smith’s home, with proceeds going to Food Grains

vi. Ministry & Personnel – *Bev Cameron – (report attached)*

vii. Faith Leader – *(vacant)*

* Chair commented on how helpful Chantelle Neuman is in Kid’s Church

viii. Worship Committee *– (report attached)*

* Communion will be held at Brucelea Haven on May 3rd
* Rev. Cathy commented on the need for gluten-free options in order that no one is excluded from taking communion

ix. Pastoral Care – *(no report)*

x. Future Directions *– (committee on hold)*

xi. We Care Team – *(no report)*

8.0 Other Business

i. Structure of Council – Flowchart

* Flowchart provided, corrections/additions/deletions requested in order to update
* Discussion ensued regarding clarification of names and positions

9.0. Correspondence –

* Rev. Cathy circulated forms for the Hospice Walk on May 6th
* Rev. Cathy shared information she had received regarding a survey on homelessness in our area
* Rev. Cathy will consult with Gary Munro regarding next covenant

10. General Discussion

(none)

11. Spiritual sharing for next meeting will be provided by Randy Willick

Chair moves that meeting be adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Council will meet next on **Tuesday, May 29, at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

Anita McNeil

Secretary