

Regular Meeting of St. Paul's United Church Council
303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

September 4, 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	
Transition Team – Co-Chair: Bev Willick	

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 7:00 PM
2. Spiritual Sharing – Bev Cameron
 - Bev commented on the progress of St. Paul's through the past year
 - She shared a reading – *“this is a good world”*....., followed by a short prayer.
3. Behavioural Covenant – recited by all in attendance.
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Rev. Cathy suggested that the Pastoral Oversight visit should be kept on our agenda, even though we do not yet have a date. (between October & December)

Moved by: Randy Willick
Seconded by: Deb Sutherland

That the Agenda be approved as written.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of 28 June 2018

Moved by: Bev Cameron

Seconded by: Randy Willick

That the Minutes of Meeting dated 28 June 2018 be approved as written.

CARRIED

6. Previous Meeting Action Item Follow-Up

6.1 New Horizons Application (*report attached*)

6.2 Doors Open

- Myrna has reported to the Chair that she has sufficient volunteers
- Discussion regarding cleaning of the building

7. Reports

7.1 Minister's Report – Rev. Cathy Paul (*report attached*)

- Referenced Observer article – “*Pray More, Meet Less*”
- Variation of the theme of “*Worry Less, Pray More*”
- Discussion regarding need to pay honorarium for Gina (Duque) Jacklin, who will be speaking on November 4th
- Moment of silence and prayer taken for the Oestreicher family
- Rev. Cathy put forward a request that pulpit supply be found for her on the weekend of October 27th – request was forwarded to Bev Cameron of the M&P Committee.
- Bev Cameron commented on the definition of a “praying church” – discussion followed.
- Rev. Cathy shared the article from the Observer

7.2 Transition Team – Bev Willick (*report attached*)

- Process to become an affirming church has officially been put on hold
- Asked that Cameron Funeral home be made aware that Rev. Cathy is available for grief counseling and funeral services – Anita will undertake to make sure they know of her availability.
- Bev alluded to various dates for events, which are included in her report

7.3 Treasurer's Report – Gary Munro (*report attached*)

- Gary remarked that this report is positive to the church, due to a very generous person in July.

7.4 Presbytery – (no report)

- Rev. Cathy remarked that the next Presbytery meeting will be September 18th at the Deemerton Retreat Centre, and that she will attend.

7.5 Trustee – Randy Willick

- Randy commented on the process of cleaning up office files, in collaboration with Laurel.

7.6 Stewardship – Deb Sutherland

- Reported on Fundraising Concepts Committee's attempt to promote a talent event – all three individuals who were approached, declined
- The committee will meet again Thursday to discuss
- Discussion regarding Capital Expenditures list update

7.7 Ministry & Personnel – Bev Cameron (no report)7.8 Faith Leader – Betty Anne Elliott

- Commented on the difficulty in engaging kids – and the non-attendance of kids to church
- Nearly impossible to compete with hockey on Sundays
- Chair commented that we may need to consider having Kid's Church at a different time

7.9 Worship Committee – (report attached)

- Discussion regarding honorarium for Gina (Duque) Jacklin

Moved by: Gary Munro

Seconded by: Deb Sutherland

That an Honorarium be paid to Gina (Duque) Jacklin, at the current pulpit supply rate.

CARRIED

7.10 Pastoral Care (vacant)

- Bev Cameron commented that, without a Pastoral Care Leader, some committees don't bring reports to Council – for example Women's Ministry Network.
- Chair indicated that committee reports can be brought directly to Council.
- Reported on the celebration of life held in August.

7.11 We Care Team

- Rev. Cathy commented on the excellent job Lois Freiburger does to keep her in the loop

8.0 Other Business

- Discussion regarding dedication of the new lectern – date not set due to family's circumstances
- Discussion regarding honouring of Barry Randall, and his contribution to St. Paul's
- Rev. Cathy reported that there are currently two Soup Sunday's planned for October 14th and November 4th.

8.1 Pastoral Oversight

- Discussion on methods of delivering the questionnaire to the congregation – every member should get one
- No date has been chosen for the visit – the team meets with the Minister, the M&P Committee, the Board or Council, and any member of the Pastoral Charge. Anyone may attend.
- Randy commented that we may have a better understanding of the date of the meeting following the next week's meeting of Presbytery

9.0. Correspondence – none

10. General Discussion - none

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

Chair moves that meeting be adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Council will meet next on **Monday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:
Anita McNeil
Secretary