

## Regular Meeting of St. Paul's United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

10 May 2022

### MINUTES

<u>In Attendance:</u>	<b>Chair:</b> David Inglis	
	<b>Vice Chair:</b> TBD	
	Gary Munro	(Treasurer)
	Margaret Elliott-Niesen	(Regional Rep)
	Bev Cameron	(Ministry & Personnel)
	Laurel Douma	(Recorder)
	Randy Willick	(Trustee)
	Rev. Cathy Paul	(Minister)
	Gord Smith	(Member-at-large)
	Shelley Crummer	(Member-at-large)

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 7:01 PM by Chair, David Inglis  
Special welcome to Gord as a new member of the Board
2. Spiritual Sharing – Rev. Cathy Paul  
“Church of the Wild” – development of a “wild” spirituality
3. Behavioural Covenant – recited
4. Approval of Agenda  
**Moved by:** Randy Willick    **Seconded by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen    **CARRIED**
5. Approval of Minutes of 15 March 2022  
**Moved by:** Gary Munro    **Seconded by:** Bev Cameron    **CARRIED**  
Correct Margaret's e-mail to [Margaret\\_en1@yahoo.com](mailto:Margaret_en1@yahoo.com)
6. Business Arising from Minutes – none
7. New Business
  - 7.1 Shared Services with Knox Presbyterian
    - Walkerton Baptist no longer involved. Knox would like the first weeks of July. Rev. Cathy would prefer to simply suspend services for August altogether. Pastoral Care/Funeral coverage not included. Refuse offer. David & Laurel to follow up.
  - 7.2 Future Directions
    - Covered under Treasurer's Report
  - 7.3 Hall Tables

- Is there a need for them? 7 currently upstairs, 7 downstairs. Tables downstairs to remain there. Needed for funerals and Soup Sunday if they resume. Deferred until need does arise.

#### 7.4 E-sign Advertising

- Not-for-profit community events only. Mildmay Rotary sign charges \$20/week for 1 week only. Group to send file for us to upload. Will increase interest in what we are posting. Two fees – one event, vs. on-going. Clearly state where event takes place.

### 8.0 Reports

#### 8.1 Minister's Report – Rev. Cathy Paul

- Development of invitation to community to come to church (other than Sunday.) Develop church building as a community hub. Bag lunches? Benches? Warming/Cooling Centre for community? Council to come back with ideas. What end do we wish to achieve? How do we wish to achieve it?

#### 8.2 Treasurer's Report – Gary Munro

- Edge program – guides churches through the process of innovation.
- Years of surplus are at an end. We must increase fundraising, membership, attendance, and other sources of revenue. We have lost many members and loss each year will erode all our savings (-5%/year) in 8 years. Refer to Gary's 10-year forecast model.  
Will our finances outlast our people?  
Do we sell our property and rent a smaller space for worship?  
Do we partner with another congregation/denomination?  
Can we reach out to the people we're not seeing now?  
Hold an outdoor service in a public space?  
Next Steps: 1 – Contact congregation with invitation to return to church.  
2 – Contact Edge Network and see how they can help us repurpose and rejuvenate.  
3 – Reopen for Soup Sunday & Dinners  
4 – Resumption of Sunday School. Fall date.

#### 8.3 Regional Report – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

- Kindred Works: reimagining spaces, offering rentals below market value. Consider adding church buildings to these spaces. Margaret to forward information to David.

#### 8.4 Trustee – Randy Willick

- David no longer a Trustee. Leslie Dobson has agreed to join as a member. Will be officially voted in on the next AGM.

8.5 Ministry and Personnel – Bev Cameron

- Wendy Fung has resigned as our pianist. Finished as of the end of June or the end of summer? Hoping to advertise for musician/choir director combined position beginning in June. Post to ChurchHub, Owen Sound and Kitchener papers.

**Motion:** To advertise for musician/music director position

**Moved by:** Gord Smith **Seconded by:** Randy Willick

**CARRIED**

8.6 Worship – Peggy Munro – no report

9.0 Correspondence - none

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

Motion that meeting be adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Council will meet next on **31 May, 2022, at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Laurel Douma, Recorder

