

Regular Meeting of St. Paul's United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

15 March 2022

MINUTES

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 7:01 PM by Chair, David Inglis
2. Spiritual Sharing – Bev Cameron
 - Ukraine Reflection
3. Behavioural Covenant – recited
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved by: Gary Munro **Seconded by:** Randy Willick **CARRIED**
5. Approval of Minutes of 8 February 2022
Moved by: Margaret Elliott-Niesen **Seconded by:** Randy Willick **CARRIED**
6. Business Arising from Minutes – none
7. New Business
 - 7.1 Nominations to Council
 - Gord Smith
 - New Trustee to replace David Inglis
- 8.0 Reports
 - 8.1 Minister's Report – Rev. Cathy Paul
 - Concerns over removal of mask mandate. Urges caution.
 - 8.2 Treasurer's Report – Gary Munro

- Nothing extraordinary to report. Thanks to Trustees re management of investment. Would like to see fundraising returning to church, especially for raising spirit of congregation.

8.3 Regional Report – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

- Easter Round Table – Monday, March 21, 2-4 or March 22, 7-9. Connect with others for youth and children’s ministry. Virtual event.

8.4 Trustee – Randy Willick

- \$155,000 originally invested with Fiera Capital, current value of \$205,000. Excellent returns.

8.5 Ministry and Personnel – Bev Cameron

- Participating in an upcoming virtual event for M&P committees on Thursday.

8.6 Worship – Peggy Munro

Considerations for the Pandemic Committee for Lifting Current Restrictions in Worship

1. Contact Tracing – yes for attendance at worship; not necessary at side door.
2. Greeters Table in the South Entrance. (Could be used to continue to have sanitizer available or for any other items being offered to members) – table yes, person no.
3. Offering Practice (leaving on Greeters Table or circulating) – move offering plate into sanctuary on table behind pew.
4. Lifting floor tape and resuming leaving by south and side entrance. - yes
5. Wearing Masks (as of March 21 it will not be mandated in Ontario) – encouraged to continue to wear mask
6. When to resume speaking and singing during Worship – table to April. Hum along.
7. Resuming Choir – 4-5 willing to sing beginning in April. Looking at Palm Sunday.
8. Distribution of communion (continue using prepackaged communion and individual pick up) – yes – next Communion Easter. Pick up at door.
9. Return of Hymn Books and Bibles – put back in April when singing resumes
10. Paper Bulletins – Not unless people start to ask for them.

As well it was noticed Sunday the backs of the pews are very dusty. I think a cleaning bee should be organized to clean the whole Sanctuary after having so many months empty – e-mail community living to clean the back of the pews. Nina to organize a work bee, Bev to follow up with her. Mouse trouble in kitchen.

9.0 Correspondence

- Jordana Wright – will hopefully circle back to us for next Black History Month.
- IPC – No to a church directory at this time.
- Rev. Cathy had a conversation with Peter Legace regarding thoughts and reflections on the situation in the Ukraine and how we can be of assistance.
- Cathy also reached out the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Waterloo. They are accepting cash donations only. Red Cross donated funds are being matched by the Canadian government. The maximum of matchable funds has been reached.

Motion: To send \$2,000 from the Special Gifts fund to the United Church of Canada Appeal for Ukraine.

Moved: Gary Munro Seconded: Bev Cameron **CARRIED**

- G.R.O.W. Support for Young Mothers Home – the Home (Armoury) has been sold and they are looking for a new home. Seeking community support.
- Cargill Lawnbowling Club Drive Thru Ham Dinner Fundraiser is taking place Sunday, April 3. See Margaret Elliott-Niesen for tickets - \$20.

10. Spiritual sharing for next meeting will be provided by Rev. Cathy Paul.

Motion that meeting be adjourned at 8:05 P.M. by Bev Cameron.

Council will meet next on **26 April, 2022, at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:
Laurel Douma, Recorder

