Special Meeting of St. Paul’s United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

17 February 2019

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: **Chair**: Betty-Anne Elliott

 Randy Willick

 Gary Munro

 Deb Sutherland

 Margaret Elliott-Niesen

 Bev Cameron

 Anita McNeil

 Rev. Cathy Paul

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 11:36 A.M.

2. Discussion re: Nominations for Council

* Discussion regarding asking for nominations from the floor
* It is required that nominations be called from the floor, in order to follow proper procedure.
* If more than one person is nominated for a particular position, then a vote is called.
* Chair reminded us that terms should be for two years.
* David Inglis has agreed to sit as Vice Chair (chair elect)
* Discussion that terms should be for two years to enable the “learning curve”.
* Various names were put forward and considered – current Council members will directly approach potential candidates.

3. Review of Marriage Policy of St. Paul’s

* Members reviewed the wording of the marriage policy, at the request of the Transition Team, to ensure it would be acceptable in an affirming church

 **Moved by:** Randy Willick

 **Seconded by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen

Council declares to the Transition Team that the Marriage Policy of St. Paul’s includes all couples, regardless of sexual orientation, and that the Transition Team is directed to include this in the Community Profile of St. Pauls.

**CARRIED**

 Chair moves that meeting be adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

 Council will meet next on **Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

Anita McNeil

Secretary