Regular Meeting of St. Paul’s United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

25 June 2019

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: **Chair**: Deb Sutherland **Vice Chair**: David Inglis

 Randy Willick (Trustee)

 Gary Munro (Treasurer)

 Shelley Crummer (Stewardship)

 Margaret Elliott-Niesen (Regional Rep)

 Bev Cameron (Ministry & Personnel)

 Anita McNeil (Secretary)

 Rev. Cathy Paul

 Regrets Nina McTeer

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

2. Spiritual Sharing – Gary Munro

* Gary shared his observations as he was travelling in North Carolina – one church, in particular, which had armed guards posted at each entrance and exit.
* Gary shared an article about “our vision for each other” and shared a brief prayer thanking those who began the mission and ministry of St. Paul’s.

3. Behavioural Covenant – recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

 **Moved by:** Randy Willick

 **Seconded by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen

 That the Agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

5. 5.1 Approval of Minutes of 28 May 2019

 **Moved by:** Shelley Crummer

 **Seconded by:** Gary Munro

 That the Minutes of Meeting dated 28 May 2019 be approved as written.

**CARRIED**

5.1 Approval of Minutes of Congregational Meeting 2 June 2019

 **Moved by:** David Inglis

 **Seconded by:** Bev Cameron

 That the Minutes of Meeting dated 2 June 2018 be approved as written.

**CARRIED**

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Chair advised that an email from Peter Thor was presented, outlining additional repairs needed, ie: north entrance and stained glass windows, parking lot.

Gary advised that this is a different expenditure stream, separate and apart from the doors open initiative, in that it is part of maintenance of the building, whereas the open doors projects are hoped to be self-funding.

Peter Thor will be producing a proposal which will include costs. Fundraising Concepts committee will undertake to call a meeting.

 6.2 Open Doors

* Gary reported that any income generated will prolong the life of this church
* Costs have been put together for all potential renovations
* Discussion centered on the installation of a digital sign, and the benefit of advertising events to bring souls inside
* Gary suggested that the renovation of the parlor into a meeting/seminar room might go in conjunction with the installation of the sign
* Grant application forms were provided to Peter Thor with respect to fund/grant applications
* Gary explained how available monies could be used as an investment in future income for the church. Gary noted what monthly income would be required to offset the investment costs.
* Discussion regarding the local need for small meeting rooms
* Discussion regarding the properties of the digital sign, ie: frame, header, border, size, cost, what’s included
* Discussion regarding tidying up of front landscaping to accommodate sign, and potential for vandalism
* Discussion regarding having a header on the sign with the name of the church.
* Gary will speak to Cathy Cormack, requesting that she speak with Holm Graphics with our questions with respect to suitable size, header, etc.
* Digital sign would need to be added to insurance policy
* Council will look at the existing sign at the end of this meeting.
* Discussion followed regarding parlor refurbishment and disbursement of articles

**Moved by:** Anita McNeil

 **Seconded by:** Randy Willick

That Peggy Munro be empowered to carry on plans for renovation of the parlor, in accordance with her plan, already submitted to Council

**CARRIED**

7. New Business

 7.1 Website

* Chair informed that she had been approached to say that the website has not been kept current.
* Anita reported that following set up of the site, it was not possible to keep it up to date, due to lack of flow of information. Laurel has indicated willingness to update the site, however, it is not clear whether the transfer of permissions has been accepted for the site. It is possible that Laurel hasn’t the time either.
* Chair commented that she would like to approach WDCS to find student volunteers to assist with sound tech duties
* M&P are asked to speak to Laurel to see if she has time available to keep the website updated for the time being.

7.2 Keyboard

* Margaret Elliott-Niesen suggested that the extra keyboard, not currently being used at St. Paul’s, be donated to Maple Court, to replace the “horrible” keyboard currently there.

7.3 Café St. Paul’s

* Chair advised that Café St. Paul’s will be operating during the first summer services at St. Paul’s.

8.0 Reports

 8.1 Minister’s Report – Rev. Cathy Paul

* Rev. Cathy expressed appreciation to the Transition Team and Council
* Meeting to plan covenanting service is scheduled for Aug 29th, 10:00 AM at the church.
* Covenanting service will take place on Sunday, September 29, at the morning service. Transition Team is invited to take part in the service.
* Rev. Cathy reported on services at Maple Court and Brucelea Haven.
* Chair commented that September 29th might be a Soup Sunday
* Invitations to be sent to Rev. Chuck Beaton and Pastor Bob Johnston – Anita will create an invitation for Rev. Cathy and Deb to sign.

8.2 Transition Team – no report

8.3 Treasurer’s Report – Gary Munro

* Gary suggested that Council cancel ongoing advertising in the Herald Times newspaper
* Given the availability of website advertising and the digital sign, the Herald Times is unnecessary.
* Council has agreed that the advertising be cancelled.

8.4 Regional Report – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

* Annual meeting was held in Port Elgin at the end of May

8.5 Trustee – Randy Willick

* Conversation held with Gary regarding re-investment of monies
* Funds are available for the renovations planned

8.6 Stewardship – Shelley Crummer (no report)

8.7 Ministry & Personnel – Bev Cameron (no report)

8.8 Pastoral Care – Nina McTeer (no report)

8.9 Future Directions – committee on hold

* Chair wondered if this team may be re-activated in the Fall

8.10 We Care Team - no report

9.0. Correspondence –

* Rev. Cathy offered correspondence from Universal Portraits – who wish to make a presentation to Council
* Chair advised that a second company approached her – these matters will be on the agenda for September.
* United Way – backpack program discussed
* Margaret Elliott-Niesen made suggestions about what might be needed most

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

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

 Council will meet next on **Tuesday, 24 September 2019 at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

Anita McNeil

Secretary