Regular Meeting of St. Paul’s United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

28 January 2020

**MINUTES**

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

Shelley Crummer (Stewardship)

Margaret Elliott-Niesen (Regional Rep)

Bev Cameron (Ministry & Personnel)

Anita McNeil (Secretary)

Rev. Cathy Paul (Minister)

Regrets: Randy Willick

Gary Munro

Nina McTeer

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

* Chair welcomed all and expressed appreciation for the return of Anita McNeil and also for the assistance of Bev Willick during Anita’s absence.
* Quorum established

2. Spiritual Sharing – Deb Sutherland

* Deb reflected on the 75th year of commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz
* She shared a quote from Anne Frank; *“It’s really a wonder that I haven’t dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet, I keep them because, in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.”*

3. Behavioural Covenant – recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen

**Seconded by:** Bev Cameron

That the Agenda be approved as written.

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of Minutes of 26 November 2019

**Moved by:** David Inglis

**Seconded by:** Shelley Crummer

That the Minutes of Meeting dated 26 November 2019 be approved as written.

**CARRIED**

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Seminar Room – rental opportunities – Shelley Crummer

* Shelley reported that she and Gary had met and assembled a list of local lawyers regarding opportunities for rentals for legal discoveries. Separate brochure recommended for those rentals.
* Discussion regarding distribution of brochures, for example through B.I.A.
* Concern regarding the readiness of St. Paul’s for rentals, who takes care of it, rental costs being established.
* Contact through office, schedule required, who is responsible for extras such as coffee
* Per person cost needs to be established
* Shelley questioned what St. Paul’s is prepared to offer as refreshment for rentals, and at what cost
* Rentals should be paid in advance
* Anita will seek out the minutes from the relevant meeting where these matters were previously discussed to share with Shelley.
* Current rental agreement is quite old, Shelley will review
* Chair recollected previous discussions regarding process
* Discussion regarding potential for a waiting area when discoveries are in process – no need to charge extra for a waiting area
* Proposal that a list of volunteers be created for opening and closing
* Shelley will contact Nina with respect to volunteers
* Proposed brochure for distribution to the lawyers passed around
* Request for ideas on how to circulate the availability and cost for meeting room

6.2 Constitution Updates – Shelley Crummer

* David, Shelley, Bev and Deb met on Saturday to discuss
* Goal is to shorten the current constitution
* Took direction from the recommendations of the Transition Team
* Wording of the constitution being looked at
* Term of office – two years for most positions – gives flexibility
* Rules need not be overly rigid – proposed as guidelines
* Discussion regarding responsibility of various committees
* Vision for our church and vision for our Council
* Chair commented on the need to be able to evolve as the church changes
* Transiiton Team recommended eliminating the title of “leader”
* Suggestion to invite current committee chairs to meet with Council
* Need to edit the flowchart
* Council needs to be more than policy makers – need to have a separate meeting to set goals and discuss personal vision and planning for a goal
* Discussion about attracting younger people to our church
* Timelines for the constitution are too narrow to be ready for the AGM
* Discussion regarding process for amendment of the constitution
* When an amended copy is ready, Rev. Gord Dunbar will be consulted regarding Region’s role

6.3 Concert

* New concert date is March 22nd for the concert
* Donation will be made to Grey Bruce Hospice in the name of St. Paul’s
* Fees will be waived for the concert

7.0 New Business

* Date set for Annual Meeting is March 15th.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Minister’s Report – Rev. Cathy Paul

(report attached)

8.2 Treasurer – Shelley Crummer (on behalf of Gary Munro)

(report attached)

**Moved by:** Shelley Crummer

**Seconded by:** Anita McNeil

That the Finance Report be approved as written.

**CARRIED**

* Chair Deb Sutherland commented that Gary was concerned about the need for new fundraising to be undertaken at St. Paul’s, to assist in capital projects needed

8.3 Regional Report – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

* Region are still “feeling their way”
* Seminars coming up, mostly for Ministers
* Comment that Region is very different from Presbytery
* Margaret commented that in another year, there may be more to report

8.4 Trustee – (no report)

8.5 Stewardship – Shelley Crummer - (no report)

8.6 Ministry & Personnel – Bev Cameron

* M&P are drafting an ad for the newspaper for a Music Director
* Margaret is assisting with the job description

8.7 Worship Committee

(report attached)

8.8 Pastoral Care – Deb Sutherland (for Nina McTeer)

(report attached)

* Food handling course is being held Feb 1st, at a cost of $70/person
* Question: will this cost be covered by the church? Discussion, and agreement that it should be paid by St. Paul’s.
* New revised list of social group leaders to be produced – Anita requested a copy

8.9 Future Directions - (no report)

8.10 We Care Team – (no report)

9.0. Correspondence –

(none)

10. Spiritual sharing for next meeting will be provided by Shelley Crummer

11. Adjournment at 8:05 P.M.

Council will meet next on **at 7:00 PM on the 25th of February 2020**

Respectfully Submitted:

Anita McNeil

Secretary