Regular Meeting of St. Paul’s United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

3 February 2019

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Chair: Betty-Anne Elliott

Rev. Cathy Paul Gary Munro Margaret Elliott-Niesen Deb Sutherland

Bev Cameron

Secretary: Anita McNeil

Regrets: Randy Willick

Guest: John Inglis – Transition Team

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 11:50 AM

2. Spiritual Sharing – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

* Margaret expressed how we should be thankful for St. Paul’s, in particular for those who put out “110% effort”
* Shared the importance of community in the church

3. Behavioural Covenant – recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by:** Bev Cameron

**Seconded by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen

That the Agenda be approved as written

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of Minutes of 25 November 2018

**Moved by:** Deb Sutherland

**Seconded by:** Gary Munro

That the Minutes of Meeting dated 25 November 2018 be approved.

**CARRIED**

6. Previous Meeting Action Item Follow-Up

* none

7. Reports

7.1 Minister’s Report – Rev. Cathy Paul

* World Day of Prayer will be hosted at St. Paul’s on Friday, March 1st, 2019
* Sunday, March 24th, 2019, Outreach is hosting a Canadian Foodgrains Sunday, with a guest speaker, and seeks Council’s approval for soup lunch to follow
* Sunday, April 7, 2019 Saugeen Masonic Lodge #197 wishes to take part in a Divine Service at St. Paul’s. This has been approved by the Worship Committee.
* Rev. Cathy reminded Council that her current contract will expire on June 30th, and requested that she be permitted to take her accrued paid holidays, commencing June 15th.

7.2 Transition Team Report – John Inglis

* John shared the description for the position of Minister at St. Paul’s, as part of the Community of Faith Profile, under the new Regional system.
* All Communities of Faith are required to have a profile to submit to the hub
* The Transition Team will undertake to submit this profile as quickly as possible
* John described a number of components to be included in the profile, and detailed some of the items required to be included.
* The Team is not recommending a full time Minister – John outlined some of the options available to St. Paul’s
* Council needs to request a liaison person. The Transition Team has requested that Rev. Gord Dunbar be appointed to that position.
* The liaison person will be involved in any change in pastoral relations

**Moved by:** Deb Sutherland

**Seconded by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen

That Council request that Regional Council appoint Rev. Gord Dunbar as liaison for St. Paul’s United Church in Walkerton, given that Rev. Gord has an established working relationship with the Transition Team, and is familiar with the challenges the congregation faces as we move forward.

**CARRIED**

* Secretary, Anita McNeil, will forward this motion on to Rev. Gord. Dunbar, and request that he forward on where required.
* John outlined some parts of the draft profile, and invited input from Council
* John also remarked on the positive impact on St. Paul’s of the Ministry of Rev. Cathy Paul
* Discussion ensued regarding possible future scenarios for St. Paul’s
* General consensus is that the congregation has no complaints regarding a part-time Minister
* Transition Team will take the comments of Council and the congregation into account in putting the statement together.
* Discussion continued regarding moving toward becoming an affirming church, and whether it would still be possible with a part-time Minister. Rev. Cathy Paul agreed it was definitely possible. Affirming church is set to welcome all who are marginalized.
* Fresh Start will be discontinued at this time – it had some value, however, the congregation has grown tired of the questionnaires and workshops.
* Transition Team mid-term report has been submitted to Laurel, and will be included in the Annual Meeting Report.
* Discussion ensued regarding the transition from Presbytery Rep. to Regional Rep.
* Margaret Elliott-Niesen agreed to remain as Rep. for one more year.

7.3 Treasurer’s Report – Gary Munro – report submitted

* Gary reported that, for the first time in six (6) years, he is able to report a budget surplus
* Gary highlighted some points in his report, and reported on his draft budget.

**Moved by:** Gary Munro

**Seconded by:** Anita McNeil

That the Treasurer’s Report be approved as submitted

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Gary Munro

**Seconded by:** Bev Cameron

That Jim Smith and Patrick McNinch be permitted to host a fundraiser

at St. Paul’s on the 31st of March, 2019

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Bev Cameron

**Seconded by:** Deb Sutherland

That $600.00 be allotted for the repair of the compressor on the kitchen cooler.

**CARRIED**

7.4 Presbytery Report – no report

7.5 Trustee – no report

7.6 Stewardship Leader – Deb Sutherland – previously discussed

7.7 Ministry & Personnel – Bev Cameron – report submitted

7.8 Worship Committee – report submitted

7.9 We Care Team – no report

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Oversight Report

* Rev. Cathy Paul included a short note of clarification on the completed report, which has been sent and receipt acknowledged.

8.2 Annual Meeting

* Discussion of roles at the annual meeting.
* Discussion regarding nominations for 2019 Council.
* Chair will announce vacancies on Council at a Minute for St. Paul’s

9.0. Correspondence – none

10. General Discussion - none

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

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

Chair moves that meeting be adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anita McNeil

Secretary