

Regular Meeting of St. Paul's United Church Council

303 Jackson Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

31 May 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)
	Gord Smith (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 – Randy Willick
“A Gift from God” – power of memory; remembering our good fortune
3. Behavioural Covenant – recited
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved by: Bev Cameron **Seconded by:** Margaret Elliott-Niesen **CARRIED**
5. Approval of Minutes of 10 May 2022
Moved by: Randy Willick **Seconded by:** Bev Cameron **CARRIED**
6. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 6.1 Future Directions
Bring forward at each meeting
 - 6.2 Phone List
To call congregation. A Team will be assigned to update phone numbers and create the message, an average of 10 calls/volunteer. First priority is to call and find out how people are doing, then share our future directions. Volunteer call will go out in the Friday file and presented during the Minute for St. Paul's.
 - 6.2 COVID Protocols
Postpone until the June meeting
 - 6.3 Our Community Perspective
Outdoor seating: Bev spoke to Greg Fertney at the Municipal office re: placing a bench in front of the parking lot. Land does fall under county's right of way (66 feet from the centre of road in each direction.) Their concern primarily be

snow removal on the sidewalk. A member of the congregation has come forward to donate two benches. Suggestion to keep the benches on church property and install an awning for shade. We would need to relocate the accessible parking spaces and check with the insurance company regarding liability. Prepare to announce to the congregation at the end of June.

7. New Business - none

8.0 Reports

8.1 Minister's Report – Rev. Cathy Paul

- How can our space be of benefit to our community? We have a responsibility to maintain the sacredness of the land on which St. Paul's sits.

8.2 Treasurer's Report – Gary Munro

- Right on track with projected 2022 deficit. Downturn in PAR Givings.

8.3 Regional Report – Margaret Elliott-Niesen

- Synopsis of Regional Meeting: Items discussed included Missions, Anti-Bullying, Racial Justice, Pronoun Use – Issues we may wish to address to appeal to younger members. Gary proposes having Josh Yandt come as a guest speaker to be part of a movement at St. Paul's to create a safe space for youth.

8.4 Trustee – Randy Willick

- Nothing to report.

8.5 Ministry and Personnel – Bev Cameron

- Nothing to report.

8.6 Worship – Peggy Munro

- Creation of committee to begin search for music director/musician. Suggestions: Arlene Legace, Bev Willick, Shelley Crummer. Update a combined job description and salary. Limited contract vs. permanent employee? What do you think would be attractive to those we're looking to attract? Contact area churches to find out how other musicians are compensated. Include what we have to offer: baby grand piano, 2 keyboards, drums, flexible choir schedule, open to creative approach to music styles. Shelley to contact Arlene and Bev to get committee formed.
- Three upstairs rooms. Request Guides move to upstairs and keep basement strictly for Clothes Closet. Peggy volunteering to get in touch with Guides to discuss their needs to further the proposal re; future expenses.

Motion: To accept reports

Moved by: Shelley Crummer

Seconded by: Gord Smith

CARRIED

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Edge - Gary Munro

Did not receive response we were hoping for. We've done enough soul searching and we now want to be beginning. Let's determine the needs of our community and set out to meet them with what we have to offer. Not recommending hiring Edge for their program. Recommending Council take on beginning. Reach out to the local organizations already meeting community needs and find out how we can support/reinforce their work with what we have. i.e.) How can we support the Saugeen Hospice?

10. Spiritual sharing for next meeting will be provided by David Inglis.

Motion that meeting be adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Council will meet next on **28 June, 2022, at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:
Laurel Douma, Recorder

