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**St. Paul’s United Church Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Please note change of location 19- 401 Victoria St S. – Willick home**

In Attendance:Chair Deb Sutherland, Rev. Cathy Paul, Randy Willick, Gary Munro, Bev Cameron, Dave Inglis, Shelley Crummer, Margaret Elliott-Niesen, Bev Willick

Regrets: Anita McNeil, Nina McTeer

**1. Welcome and call to order at 7:00**

Welcome and thank yous were expressed by the Chair

**2. Spiritual Sharing by ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­David Inglis** – comments from Lindsey Inglis about daily blessings, gratitude for all our blessings and a positive attitude towards all challenges

**3. Reading of Behavioral Covenant**

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| Keeping God at the centre we will: Speak for oneself / Speak for a purpose and on topic Sincerely say what we really feel with sensitivity / Separate people from problems  Allow for equal participation, including the quiet people  Listen carefully without interruption / Welcome and respect differing opinions  Be mindful of our body language / Honour the decisions of the congregation  Commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners |

4. **Motion: to approve the Agenda for Tuesday October 29, 2019**

**Moved by Margaret Elliott-Niesen**

**Seconded by Gary Munro**

**Carried**

**5.** **Motion: to approve the Minutes Dated September 24, 2019**

**Moved by: David Inglis**

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**Seconded by: Randy Willick**

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

6.1 Gary Munro noted that a brochure regarding use of the church facilities was created and advertisement is on the sign. How do we move forward to promote the space for rentals? Where do the brochures go? Gary will get names and addresses for potential legal groups that could use the space. Shelley will help brainstorm locations for the brochures BIA possibly, service clubs etc.

6.2 Randy will assist in contacting the grocery stores for advertisements to be placed in the new photo directory.

6.3 Constitution update can start with the proposals presented by the Transition Team. Some committees are redundant, some need to be renamed, shorten and tighten up the content, better align the constitution with the needs of St. Paul’s

Need to have 2 or 3 individuals to work on this project. Volunteers include Bev Cameron, perhaps one person from the Transition Team, David Inglis, Shelley Crummer and Rev. Cathy provided the meetings can match up with her time.

**7. New Business**

7.1 Pictorial Directory – Turn out has been reasonable, photo submissions go to Myrna Inglis. Cathy Cormack is contacting people who are unable to attend the church sittings to ensure that a photo can be submitted.

Members submitting their photos should have to buy the directory $20 or $25 charge

Wait and see how many would have to be charged as to whether the church will absorb the costs

Gary has been contacting companies regarding advertisements to be included in the directory. Advertising pages in the directory will pay for the brochures that were handed out at the photo sittings.

7.2 A request from Tom Traversey regarding the musical concert in April: Could the proceeds from the concert go to the South Bruce Grey Hospice? Proceeds from the last concert went directly to the church.

Comments from discussion: The rental agreement includes a free gratis for non-profit groups – the April concert is not a free concert since tickets have to be purchased.

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Could consider a tithe (10%) of the profits to go to the church.

Set a precedent and be consistent about rentals

Agreement that this is good community outreach project but we need to stick to the established policy

Conclusion: Council endorses the request for proceeds to go to South Bruce Grey Hospice, the church will cover their costs at $30.00 per hour for a three hour period

7.3 John Inglis asked about adding the Rainbow Flag to the new sign.

Comments from discussion: We are not yet an affirming church so perhaps we should not yet have the rainbow flag on our sign?

Where is St. Paul’s in the process of becoming an affirming church?

Agreement that it is the intent of Council to move forward in completing the affirming church process. Council will seek out interested people to sit on a committee through an announcement in the weekly Church Bulletin.

Conclusion: That the rainbow flag be put on our sign for the month of June

Dave Inglis will inform John Inglis of this decision.

7.4 Margaret asked the question regarding mileage to WOW meetings. WOW has indicated that mileage expenses are a responsibility of each church. It was agreed that Margaret should submit her mileage expense to St. Paul’s.

7.5 Stained glass windows (6). Council is aware of 3 individuals who want to buy one and they are to be offered to congregational members first. Cathy Cormack will look after the buy and swap of any left over. Cost was determined to be $50.00 for the small, $100.00 for the large

Could bring one and show the congregation

**8. Reports**

**i. Minister’s Report** – Rev. Cathy Paul

Cathy expressed appreciation for the flexibility in her schedule and for the support she has had in the past few weeks. Thanks to Randy Willick for his willingness to lead the service last Sunday.

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**St. Paul’s Council Report: November 26, 2019**

Before Jesus told what is known as the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we hear an interesting question asked by an expert in law: “Who is my neighbour?” After Jesus had finished the story, the lawyer figured out the answer for himself. His answer still speaks to us today: the one who shows compassion is the one who acts as a neighbour. Compassion is a gift we offer to each other. It is a gift that has no price tag, but it fuels our outreach to local and global communities.

On that topic, thanks to everyone for going above and beyond with your generous donations of food and hygiene items for the Walkerton Food Bank. Working together, the 7 churches in Walkerton have met the food collection challenge and filled the cargo van to overflowing. This initiative originated at our monthly ministerial meetings, where we’re encouraged to think of new ways for local churches to work together and make a difference in the community.

The ministerial also organizes regular services at Maple Court and Bruce Lea Haven, providing another form of community outreach. On November 14, Margaret, Lynn and I presided at Maple Court for Communion and carols.

Blessings on the Advent journey, Rev. Cathy

Advent – readers are signed up

Cargo Food Van support was amazing pick up is happening tomorrow morning

Gorrie Bible Fellowship is now meeting in Walkerton and their minister is coming to the Ministerial Meetings, where great support is offered to all

8 services a year at Maple Court and Bruce Lea Haven –thank you to all congregational members for their support with these services

Longest Night Service Dec 22 7:00 p.m. Kincardine United Church

WOW website is now available

Received a letter which will be posted – Enbridge Gas Project Zero have offered to give fire alarms to any individual who is need

Could be copied and given to the Food Bank – Deb Sutherland will look after this

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**ii. Treasurer’s Report** – Gary Munro – report submitted

Peter Thor’s fund raiser has been very successful; great news - there will be a surplus this year

Budget discussions have already begun

**iii. Regional Report** – Margaret Elliott-Niesen – report submitted

Margaret presented some of the financial information from this meeting

Bruce Presbytery Funds all went to WOW region $87,202.00

Restricted funds $27,000.00 from Bruce Presbytery to WOW

There are some documents that we are supposed to complete – Transition Team submitted the Profile but not sure about the Covenanting Template – it looks like it is a simple submission

Margaret will check with Laurel; maybe she will know how to do the updates or if they have already been done. Rev. Gord Dunbar may have information as well.

Question: how many staff work at the Region? Margaret thinks probably about 10 but their duties are shared with WOW and 2 other Regional Councils.

The Region still has many processes to work through.

Next meeting will be in May

**iv. Trustee** – Randy Willick – nothing new to report

**v. Stewardship Leader** – Shelley Crummer – nothing new to report

**vi. Ministry and Personnel** – Bev Cameron – report submitted

Wendy will contract for another year – ending December 2020

Wendy is making adjustments to how our music and worship work together

A job description will be developed for a music director/choir leader in advance of Margaret Elliott-Niesen’s retirement

**vii. Faith Leader** – no report

**viii. Worship Committee** – report submitted

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**ix. Pastoral Care Leader** – Nina McTeer – no report

**x. Future Directions** – committee on hold

**xi. We Care Team** – no report

9. **Correspondence** – Tom Traversey contact St. Paul’s with a suggestion for a possible revenue stream from the new sign. Space could be rented to organizations who wish to advertise upcoming community events. Tom suggested that if an organization was charged $50.00 per week for 5 advertisements, revenue could be 1000.00 per month

Council is open to looking at this suggestion, someone would have to input the advertising on the sign, would have to think about who to charge, case by case situation, could be added as another line on our fee schedule, how do you promote this idea?

Some updated wording has been included on the sign “Join Us”

10. **Spiritual Sharing for Next Meeting** – Deb Sutherland

11. **Adjournment at 8:43**

12. Thank you to Margaret who will fill in as secretary for the next meeting

**Next Meeting Date ­­­­­­­­­­Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlour**

Respectfully submitted by Bev Willick, acting secretary

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Deb Sutherland, Council Chair Bev Willick, Acting Secretary