



**MINUTES of Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 24, 2021**  
**Held in the Zoom Platform at 4:00 p.m.**

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**Members Present:** Charles MacDonald (Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Janice Sinker (Affirming) left at 5:00 p.m., Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lynne Desjardine and Lois Gill – Co-chairs (Fellowship & Outreach), Bryan Beattie – (Finance/Treasurer), Rosalind MacDonald (Lay Pastoral Minister/WOW), Steve Northey (Ministry and Personnel), Deb Gill (Property Management), Bob Illman (Trustees/WOW), Wilma Harris (Worship)

**Absent:** The Rev Dr. Kate Crawford (Minister), Vacant (Accessibility), Ruth Ann Eagleson (Worship/WOW)

**Guest:** The Rev. Laurie O’Leary (Supervising Minister)

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Charles MacDonald:** at approximately 4:00 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY** (to avoid voice static, read aloud by Charles MacDonald)

3. **CANDLE LIGHTING – Charles MacDonald**

4. **OPENING PRAYER – Rev Laurie O’Leary**

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Charles MacDonald:** After asking for any changes,

- **A MOTION was made to approve the agenda as circulated. Moved, seconded and carried.**

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**Announcement from Charles MacDonald** in regard to building the Communications Working Group and possibly creating an Instagram account. An announcement was published in Shorelines and verbally announced on Sunday, June 20 asking for new members to join. Will monitor for a couple of weeks. Opening an Instagram account will depend on the results of gaining new members.

7. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Charles MacDonald:** Asked if any corrections or additions. As there were none,

- **A MOTION was made to approve the May 27, 2021 Council minutes as circulated. Moved, seconded and carried.**

8. **BUSINESS ARISING - Charles MacDonald:**

- **Bob Illman - Grants Working Group:** Will forward the Working Group plan to finance team and then the Finance Team will present to Council.
- **Bob Illman – use of kitchen with Leslie Schenko – nothing new to report.**
- **Charles MacDonald – Rev. Jacob Shaw invitation for our involvement with services at the Starlight Drive in theatre.** Charles sent an email reply thanking Rev. Shaw and explained that we are declining to take part.
- **Bob Illman - Rev. James Ravenscroft, who was enquiring about the developing of Grand Bend Place.** No further communication.

## 9. COVID-19 UP-DATE – Charles MacDonald:

- Phase 2 will commence on June 30. Gatherings allow 25 outside and 5 inside. Religious services (weddings, funerals) are at 25% capacity. Stressed that all COVID-19 Protocols will be in place. Sign in sheets will be required. A group (Prayer Shawl, BLUE, etc.) can manage their own sign in sheets.
- Will test Zoom from the Green Cathedral at rehearsal on Friday, July 2. Planning to do a Zoom service from the Green Cathedral in July.
- Charles asked Council if we should continue to ring the bells on Saturday night. Council agreed to continue. It was suggested that we ring the bells in honour of the Residential School Indigenous children. A very thoughtful discussion followed. John Scott (joined the meeting at this point) was asked to contact Jeffrey George to ask if the Kettle and Stoney Point First Nations would feel that this would be an appropriate gesture. Later in the meeting, Virginia Scott confirmed that Jeffrey George was pleased with this show of respect. Recently, Prayer shawls were offered as a healing gesture but this was declined **at this time**.

## 10. TEAM REPORTS

### • **Property – Deb Gill:**

- **Community Living Room** - hoping to get benches done soon. Hope to have irrigation system in by end of month. Lion's bike rack should be ready by Friday, June 25. Deb will send letter of thanks to the Lions.
- **Sun Sail Shade Cover** (for Green Cathedral) - Deb Gill will take a proposed grant application from the Sunset Community Foundation to Finance to cover the cost of the sun sail shade cover.

- **Finance – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary – (attached)** Bryan reviewed recent figures. Finance figures will be published in Shorelines with hopes that the Community of Faith will respond generously. The Finance Team reviewed the 2021 Budget column very carefully. Emphasized that it was very difficult to produce a budget in these COVID-19 times.

- **MOTION: to present the revised budget in the upcoming Special ~~Annual~~ Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Moved, seconded and carried.**

- **Fellowship & Outreach – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs: Mission & Service Fund** - Lynne thanked Steve Northey for stepping forward to cover as the Mission & Service Fund Enthusiast. Suggestion was made to have different folks read the (monthly) Minute for Mission (like the scripture readers). Many Council members responded that they would read. The chairs will manage a list. After more discussion, Rosalind explained that there is more to this role than just reading the Minute for Mission. Rev. Laurie was asked for advice. She went into more detail of the importance of having a key person in this role and more so now as the Mission & Service Fund is expanding their outreach.

- **Worship Report – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris: Preacher feature** – watch for it! It will be in Shorelines. Charles clarified that lay preachers are actually known as “Lay Licenced Worship Leaders”. Charles referred to the Worship report as to what CRWG stood for? It stands for COVID Regathering Working Group.
- **WOW – Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald:**
  - Pleased that some of our members attended the Zoom service on June 6 - the Affirming Designations of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils.
  - United Church’s Healing Fund – after a very thoughtful discussion, an announcement will be put in Shorelines that we are in the process of making a donation and open it to Community of Faith. Rev. Laurie explained in detail that the Healing Fund has been well established through the United Church of Canada to help the Residential School survivors.
    - **MOTION: that HSUC donate \$215 to the United Church of Canada Healing Fund in respect of the recent discovery of 215 at the Kamloops Residential School. Moved, seconded and carried.**
  - Question was raised as to how the Residential School survivors access the funds. Rev. Laurie offered to find out.
- **Lay Pastoral Minister – Rosalind MacDonald:** No further report.
- **Ministry & Personnel: Steve Northey:** Referred to Kate’s settling in Nova Scotia at L’Arche after some tense moments.
- **Affirming Team – Janice Sinker:**
  - Wilma has written the history of the Affirm process. Will have “package” prepared to give to folks struggling to understand the LGBTQ Community.
  - Discussion on Conversion Therapy, Bill C-6 and that the Bill will go to the Senate next. Michelle from the Grand Bend Bulletin sent email to Janice about Bill C-6 and how happy the team must feel.
  - Will keep sending Movie recommendations.
- **Trustees – Bob Illman: Security** – seemed to be a large difference in the price between the quotes. Suggest four cameras (instead of six) to bring down cost. Leaning toward Hay Communication – 7% discount due to bundling services. Having security installed will make no change in insurance. Will keep researching more information before any decision is made.

**11. SPECIAL ACM – Charles MacDonald:** This has been posted in Shorelines as a Mail Chimp and was verbally announced on Sunday, June 20. After Charles suggested that perhaps having the meeting on July 11 would be better, Council agreed to keep it as planned on July 4 during the zoom service. It will be a one item agenda with one motion to accept the 2021 Budget as presented by the Finance Team.

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**12. NEW BUSINESS – Charles MacDonald** – brief discussion on having meetings during the summer – Council agreed to meeting in July and August. Rev. Laurie is taking August off but she will supervise our August Council meeting.

**13. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m. in Green Cathedral observing all protocols. If raining it will be on Zoom**

**14. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 5:40 p.m.**

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Charles MacDonald, Chair

Mary McFadden, Council Secretary