



MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Held in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

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Council Members: The Rev Dr. Kate Crawford (Minister), Charles MacDonald (Chair), Rosalind MacDonald (Lay Pastoral Minister), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Vacant (Accessibility), Janice Sinker (Affirming), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs (Fellowship & Outreach), Bryan Beattie – (Finance/Treasurer), Steve Northey (Ministry & Personnel), Deb Gill (Property Management), Bob Illman (Trustees), Ruth Ann Eagleson/Wilma Harris Co-Chairs (Worship). WOW Representatives: Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald

Members Present: Charles MacDonald, Rosalind MacDonald, Mary McFadden, Janice Sinker, Virginia Scott, , Lois Gill, Bryan Beattie, Deb Gill. (Zoom), Steve Northey Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson (Zoom), Wilma Harris

Absent: The Rev Dr. Kate Crawford, Lynne Desjardine

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

Quorum Present

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 4:05 p.m.**

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY (READ by Charles MacDonald)**

3. **CANDLE LIGHTING**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **MOTION made to approve the agenda as written. Moved, seconded and carried.**

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Email from Peter Challen (attached)** – in response to Charles MacDonald’s article, “They are not coming back”. Peter’s response was very well written and appreciated.
- **Message from Marlene Britton** (FaceBook Messenger) thanking us for the card sent for Clergy Appreciation Day. In her message she said that she “Loves HSUC”.
- **Janice Sinker** – Thanked Lynne Desjardine for the card she received wishing her well after she was injured in a fall.

7. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **MOTION was made to approve the September 23, 2021 Council meeting minutes as written. Moved, seconded and carried.**

8. **BUSINESS ARISING – none.**

9. COVID-19 UP-DATE – Charles MacDonald

The “Regathering” team met Wednesday, November 27 to discuss recent government COVID-19 updates.

- Protocols have been updated to comply with government restrictions.
- Churches can open with up to 150 in attendance.
- Masking, double vaccinated and social distancing will be required.
- A concern of maintaining “No physical contact” was mentioned. There will be an attempt to monitor this. Many feel that this will be up to the individual as to their comfort level with physical contact.
- The updated government restrictions and information about RSVP no longer being required will be in Shorelines on Sunday, October 31.

10. TEAM REPORTS

- **Affirming Team – Janice Sinker:** No further report.
- **Finance – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary – (attached)**
- Bryan reviewed his comments from the financial report, emphasizing how pleased the team is that we are very close to “closing the gap”.
- All team chairs have been asked to present their budgets.
- General Council is once again allowing churches to defer their 2022 budgets until June 2022. Bryan asked for Council’s approval to follow this suggestion.
 - **MOTION to approve the arrangement to have a Special Congregational Meeting in June to approve the 2022 budget. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Lay Pastoral Minister – Rosalind MacDonald:** No further report.
- **Grand Bend Place – Bob Illman:** Asked for Council to approve the name “Gathering Place” when booking for entertainment, community groups, events, etc. “Sanctuary” will be referred to for worship services. Council agreed by consensus.
- **Ministry & Personnel: Steve Northey:** No further report.
- **Christian Development – Virginia Scott:** No further report.
- **Fellowship & Outreach – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs:** Correction in submitted report - Parking Project. “Metres have been covered”, should read “Parking boxes have been covered”.
- **Property – Deb Gill:**
 - Discussion on placing memorial plaques on the benches in the Community Living Room and in the Green Cathedral. This would be considered a fundraiser. After several points were brought up, Council declined by consensus.
 - Disposing of 50 chairs and the heavy oblong wood tables. Suggestion of selling, storing (off-site) or simply disposing of (especially the wood tables) was thoroughly discussed. It was strongly felt that the tables and chairs are of no real value. Eventually the tables will be replaced with lightweight folding tables. By consensus, Council agreed to dispose of these items. During this discussion, it was brought to Council’s attention that for special occasions needing more tables, that the tables could be rented at a low cost.

- **Worship Report – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris:**
 - Planning for Advent is in the works. Advent I- Marlene Britten will lead worship and Communion. Peter Challen will continue with all Avent services. Worship is undecided about Christmas Eve and Boxing Day services. Rev. Laurie strongly encouraged to have in person Christmas Eve service.
- **WOW – Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald:** No further report.
- **Nominations W.G. – Janice Sinker:** Very few changes in Council positions. Accessibility and Trustees need to be filled. At this time Janice asked to go “in Camera”.
 - **MOTION to go in-camera at 4:55 p.m. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - **MOTION to go out of camera at 5:10 p.m. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - By consensus, Council approved Vince Bury as a candidate for chair of Accessibility. Vince will be invited to attend the December Council meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **Steve Northey** – stated that to date over \$7,000 has been realized from the Anniversary appeal.
- **Construction Working Group – Charles MacDonald:** Will be off Council and now will be a Working Group under Property.
- **Faithful Footprints - Deb Gill** – this is a United Church of Canada grant opportunity to help United churches to reduce carbon pollution. The Construction Working Group have met to discuss the possibility of applying to this grant to replace the six remaining sanctuary windows. If the Construction W.G. are successful, UC of Canada will match us on a two to one basis for up to \$20,000.00. The Construction W.G. need to get exact costs and check into the energy audit before they can potentially move forward. They would present their plan with the Finance Team and if approved, then present to Council. Deb says, “Stay tuned”!

11. NEW BUSINESS – cont’d

- **Mary McFadden** – will be away during the November Council meeting. Mary will prepare reports for the meeting and Bob Illman will take minutes.

12. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room

13. ADJOURNMENT at 5:22 p.m.

Charles MacDonald,
Chair

Mary McFadden,
Council Secretary