



MINUTES of Council Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021
Held in the Zoom Platform at 4:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Charles MacDonald (Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), The Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford (Minister), Janice Sinker (Affirming), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lois Gill – Co-chair (Fellowship & Outreach), Bryan Beattie – (Finance/Treasurer), Steve Northey (Ministry and Personnel), Bob Illman (Trustees/WOW), Wilma Harris (Worship), Ruth Ann Eagleson (Worship/WOW) (arrived at 5:00 p.m.), Rosalind MacDonald (WOW)

Absent: Deb Gill (Property Management), Linda Obermaier (Accessibility), Lynne Desjardine - Co-chair (Fellowship & Outreach)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:04 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY (read aloud by council)

3. OPENING PRAYER – Rev Kate: Rather than a prayer, Kate read the poem, “It is Earth Day 2021 by Fr. Greg Kennedy, SJ.

4. MOTION was made that the agenda be approved as circulated. Moved, seconded and carried.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Charles MacDonald:

- Received sustainable loans fund information from WOW. Bob Illman mentioned that he had been made aware of this sometime ago. After some research, it was decided not to pursue.
- Letter of thanks sent on behalf of the Embellishment Team to Pete Broeders, Iron Barn for the gift of three metal trees.

6. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION was made to approve the March 21, 2021 Council Minutes as amended. Moved, seconded and carried**

*** Two corrections on page 55: item # 7 - Business Arising.** Add word “Room” to Community Living to read “Community Living Room”.

*** Item #9 – Team Reports – Nomination W.G.** Re-worded motion. Corrected motion reads: “MOTION that the Nominations Working Group move to elect Steve Northey to the position of Ministry and Personnel Team Chair. “

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Security - Bob Illman:** has spoken with an OPP officer from the “Crime Prevention Division”. An explanation was given as to doing an audit (inspect building for repairs, upgrades, etc.) As to the price for installing security cameras, Bob has ~~two~~ **one** quote and is working on **three quotes**.
- **Metal trees** from The Iron Barn – may be relocated and made more secure.

7. BUSINESS ARISING (cont'd)

- **Grant working group – Bob Illman:** Council reviewed the draft document “Proposed Grants Working Group”. A detailed discussion followed offering many suggestions as to how this could work as a group and who would make up the group. A suggestion was made that an experienced individual(s) would be more effective. If a team has a project in mind, they can take their idea to these individuals to seek out grant or donation opportunities. Action: Bob will generate a brief and enthusiastic announcement for the Shorelines for a grants/funding coordinator. Also, will approach individuals that have already had the experience of applying for grants.

8. **COVID-19 UP-DATE – Charles MacDonald:** Will wait for re-opening discussion until May 20 when the Provincial lockdown lifts. Any work-related needs will go on, such as the sliding door in kitchen that has been installed. Looking at equipment for Hybrid services. Discussion on getting the Green Cathedral ready – bench configuration and providing more shade. Discussing new and re-establish programs to utilize the kitchen. Council decided to conduct another congregational survey to distribute in May. An adhoc team of Bob Illman and Mary McFadden was formed to put together the survey questions. A COVID-19 announcement including the information about the survey will go into Shorelines.

9. **LEADERSHIP – Charles MacDonald:** Reading Fishing Tips by Rev Dr. John Pentland and attending Edge U.C.C. meetings. While Kate is on Sabbatical, Charles asked if Council members would agree to “slowing down”. Regular meetings and programs will continue but he’s suggesting not to introduce new initiatives. Leadership discussion will continue during regular Council meetings. Suggested topics: leadership in the future, being more in touch with the community, envisioning new style of leadership, how to make the community aware that we are envisioning “the future”. There may be “Envisioning” mini meetings. When Kate returns, Council will arrange to have a special meeting and then arrange to have a special congregational meeting.

10. TEAM REPORTS

- **Trustees – Bob Illman:** Correction in Bob’s submitted report. In the first sentence, the word “appointed” should read “elected”. No further report.
- **Grand Bend Place – Bob Illman:** No further report.
- **Ministry & Personnel – Steve Northey:** Correction in Steve’s submitted report. Second bullet, the date should read April 25.
- **Minister – Kate Crawford:** No further report.
- **Finance – Bryan Beattie:** Emphasized the good news and appreciation of March’s very favourable finances. Luke Nagel’s review of the 2020 records will need to be adjusted to include finances in regard to renovations. Will be updating a summary of these funds showing overall status of the funds, mortgage, etc. Will be in Shorelines. A question was raised about the government COVID-19 subsidy. It will be on-going up to end of June. The calculations have changed to the down side.
- **Sabbatical W.G. – Charles MacDonald:** No further report.

10. TEAM REPORTS – cont'd

- **Worship – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris:** No further report.
- **Fellowship & Outreach – Lynne Desjardine and Lois Gill:** It was mentioned that the Trivia Sundays have been enjoyed. The team will come up with some other ideas similar to the Trivia Sundays.
- **Affirming – Janice Sinker:** 3rd bullet from the bottom of their submitted report - Janice provided a clarification of what the team meant by “minutes”. This refers to an individual speaker sharing a personal experience.
 - **MOTION was made that the Affirming Team distribute PRIDE window clings and an accompanying letter of explanation to businesses in Grand Bend, inviting them to display the window cling in their store-front windows as a sign of welcome to all. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **WOW – Rosalind MacDonald:** Rosalind, Kate and Joanne Barry recently attended a lay volunteer webinar. Rosalind and Joanne have registered for an upcoming one on May 4. Commented that we are considered leaders in our church’s “Congregational Visitors” program.
- **Note - No reports from:** Accessibility, Christian Development, Property, Community Wellness W.G. and Nominations W.G.

11. **NEW BUSINESS – Bob Illman** – through conversation with Edge U.C.C. personnel, Grovenor Park United Church in Saskatoon are using our church as a resource in accessibility and our concert hall concept.

General Comments -

- **Charles:** Emphasized that Kate is on Sabbatical and is not to be disturbed with HSUC work.
- **Kate:** Very much appreciated her special service last Sunday and expressed confidence in our leadership.

12. **NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 27, 2021**

13. **A MOTION was made to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.**