



MINUTES of Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 24, 2019
Held in the Fellowship Hall

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After the congregation enjoyed the first pot-luck lunch since moving into our newly renovated space and use of our community kitchen, the meeting called to order by Rev. Kate Crawford at 12:00 noon.

This meeting was called to review and perhaps decide the issue of the cross that hangs in front of the sanctuary to be removed or covered if requested. The meeting was duly publicized three weeks in advance through the bulletin and verbally during worship. Approximately 60 attended.

Rev. Kate Crawford opened the meeting and introduced Janice Sinker, Charles MacDonald and Ruth Ann Eagleson as participants in the "Workshop".

- **Opening Motions**

- ***A MOTION was made that Janice Sinker be elected Chair.*** It was asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. ***Moved by Bill Green and seconded by Rosalind MacDonald. Discussed. Carried.***
- **At this time Janice Sinker took the floor as chair.**
- ***A MOTION was made that Mary McFadden be elected as recording secretary. Moved by Ruth Ann Eagleson and seconded by Virginia Scott. Mary was acclaimed.***
- ***A MOTION was made that voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present. Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Rosalind MacDonald. Discussed. Carried.***

Rev. Kate Crawford explained that the first part of the meeting would be a workshop on Values that would perhaps lead us to a decision. Kate offered a prayer. She then invited Ron Holmes, Charles MacDonald and Ruth Ann Eagleson to the front.

Ron Holmes provided background information on our renewal project and the many decisions that were made to bring us to where we are now.

Charles MacDonald and Ruth Ann Eagleson commenced the workshop.

- **Minutes were not recorded** during the Workshop but noted that:
 - **Janice Sinker** explained that during the November Council meeting, a motion was passed introducing the name "Grand Bend Place, Centre for the Living Arts".
 - **Charles MacDonald** mentioned that it would be our responsibility to provide a cover for the cross, if requested by any group.



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- **2:30 p.m. – Kate Crawford** ended the Workshop. The Values we selected are:
 1. Faith/Love of God
 2. Community/Inclusion
 3. Compassion/Compromise

At 2:30 p.m. Janice Sinker resumed the congregational meeting.

- *A MOTION was made by Ron Holmes – that the cross remain on the wall always but covered when requested. Seconded by Ken Eagleson. Discussion.*
- *An AMENDMENT was proposed by Luke Nagel - that covering the cross be requested by an external formally constituted organization. Seconded by Ava Nagel. Discussion.*
- **2:45 p.m.– Kate Crawford** took the chair, and Janice stepped down to address an issue regarding Grand Bend Place.
 - *Ron Holmes made a second AMENDMENT to add “or Grand Bend Place”. Seconded by Lynda Holmes. Discussion.*
 - *The entire amendment was withdrawn.*
 - *AMENDMENT to the original motion by Luke Nagel – “covered when requested and approved”. Seconded by Christine Bregman. Discussion.*
- **3:00 p.m. – Janice Sinker** returned to the chair.

The motion then read:

- *“MOVED that the cross remain on the wall but that it be covered when requested and approved.” Moved by Ron Holmes. Seconded by Ken Eagleson. Discussed. Carried.*
- *MOVED by Christine Bregman that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. 3:05 p.m.*

Janice Sinker
Chair

Mary McFadden
Recording Secretary



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The Annual Congregational Meeting was called to order by Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford as part of the worship service at 10:30am.

Opening Motions

- That Janice Sinker be elected chair of the annual congregational meeting;
- That Christine Bregman be elected secretary of the annual congregational meeting;
- That voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present; and
- That the agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by Charles MacDonald, seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.

Amendment: That the Ministry and Personnel report be lifted for discussion.

Act of Remembrance

The following congregation members who passed away in 2019 were remembered:

Kay Clarke	John Maxwell	Elaine Richardson
Frank Loscombe	Betty Morley	Donna Robottom
Margaret Love	Glena Olcen	Norma Walper

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 26, 2019 special congregational meeting were deferred to the 2020 annual congregational meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the annual congregational meeting held on January 27, 2019 be approved as circulated. Moved by Charles MacDonald, seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.

Annual Report 2019

Motion: That the 2019 Annual Report be accepted as amended excluding the financial report and the nominating report. Moved by Bob Illman, seconded by Steve Northey. Carried.

Amendments:

1. Page 13: The organ has been connected to a separate sound system.
2. Page 19: The team that led worship in November included Jim Marshall-Malcom.
3. Page 19: Thank you to...Bill and Onalee Walsh Welch.

Review of Individual Reports

Financial Report

Treasurer, Bryan Beattie, thanked Luke Nagel for conducting the 2019 independent review. Luke found the financial records to be accurate and in good order.

In the future, funds assigned to the building fund will go toward debt retirement. The liability is currently \$447,900 with an annual mortgage payment of \$51,000.

Motion: That the 2019 financial report be accepted. Moved by Bryan Beattie, seconded by Doug Procter. Carried.

Motion: That the 2020 budget be accepted. Moved by Bryan Beattie, seconded by Sherwood Eddy. Carried.

Motion: That Luke Nagel be appointed as the independent reviewer for 2020. Moved by Bryan Beattie, seconded by Don Tedford. Carried.

Motion: That the 2020 Mission and Service Fund target be set at \$15,000. Moved by Marion Ogilvie, seconded by Steve Northey. Carried.

Nominations Report

Motion: That the Nominating Working Group report be accepted. Moved by Lynne Desjardine, seconded by Carey Eddy. Carried.

Motion: That the trustees be approved as named. Moved by Bob Illman, seconded by Melody Northey. Carried.

Trustees: Bob Illman (chair), Larry Taylor, Norm Harris, Doug Kyle, Rosalind MacDonald, John Scott, Ron Turner and Glenn Miller.

Ministry and Personnel Report

Motion: That the 2020 congregational visitors be accepted. Moved by Charles MacDonald, seconded by Blanche Savage. Carried.

The 2020 congregational visitors will be Rosalind MacDonald and Joanne Barry. They will assist Rev. Kate with visiting congregation members who are not able to attend church regularly – reminding all members that we are community of faith.

Motion: That the Ministry and Personnel team report be accepted. Moved by Charles MacDonald, seconded by Bill Green. Carried.

Sabbatical Working Group Report

The Sabbatical Working Group and Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford have been working together to plan for Kate's sabbatical, which was approved by Council in November 2018. Including continuing education and vacation time, there will be 18 Sundays to fill from May 2020 to August 2020. Most worship services will

be covered by internal teams and working groups. Information about the worship services will be posted on the church website and bulletin board. Prior to the sabbatical, the April 26, 2020 worship service will focus on the blessings of the sabbatical leave. On Kate's return, the September 6, 2020 worship service will focus on the experiences of the sabbatical leave. Kate's salary and benefits will continue during the sabbatical.

Regional Council Report

Presbytery geographical boundaries have changed and our new Regional Council area has been named Western Ontario Waterways – WOW.

Policies and Procedures

Motion: That the revised policies and procedures, which had been circulated for two weeks, be approved. Moved by Bob Illman, seconded by Debbie Procter. Carried.

The finalized policies and procedures will be posted on the bulletin board.

Other Items

Fall Fundraiser

A Time, Talent and Treasure Auction is being planned to take place in the fall of 2020. There will be both a silent and a fun interactive live auction of items and services donated by congregation members. The event is hoped to be a major fundraiser to fund debt retirement.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:44pm.

Janice Sinker
Chair

Christine Bregman
Recording Secretary



MINUTES of Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 26, 2020 Held in the Zoom Platform at 10:45 a.m.

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This meeting was called to review the results of the survey sent out by the COVID-19 Reopening Working Group. The meeting was duly publicized three weeks in advance through the Shorelines newsletter and verbally announced during Zoom worship services. Approximately 36 attended following worship.

The Rev. Elise Feltrin acted as Supervising Minister. Rev. Elise made it clear that once a chairperson and recording secretary are nominated by motion at the Annual Congregational Meeting, a motion does not have to be made for Congregational Meetings that take place that year.

- **Janice Sinker – Chair**
- **Mary McFadden – Recording Secretary**
- **The Rev. Elise Feltrin** provided an opening prayer
- **Janice Sinker commenced the meeting** by thanking the COVID-19 Reopening Working Group and named each member: Charles MacDonald, Bob Illman, Wilma Harris, Deb Gill, Janice Sinker and Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford. Janice explained that each slide would be reviewed and to please hold any questions until the end.
- **The Powerpoint presentation** (slide deck is attached) was shared after the opening comments.
- **Additional information to the slides was provided:**
 - **Survey:** 80% of our Community of Faith completed the survey. The working group extended their appreciation.

Our Plan Based on Safety: Emphasis was given to the work of this group. Weekly meetings and constant research. Janice congratulated Bob Illman on the amount of research he did to generate a document outlining the Protocols for returning to our building for meetings, gatherings and worship. The Protocols are based on recommendations from the Lambton Public Health Unit. The Protocols will be published in Shorelines.

- **Timeline?:** The working group feels that we are a vulnerable community. Health and safety of everyone is a priority. It is recommended that Zoom worship and meetings continue through summer and into fall. Small groups may commence meeting in September.
- **Momentum:** An appeal was expressed for more members to come forward and become involved with the running of our Zoom worship services. Zoom has been a huge learning curve for all of us. We are becoming more and more familiar with Zoom. It is felt that to have it continue for the unforeseeable future, that it would be immensely appreciated for more to come on board. It was asked to contact any of the Working Group to express interest.
- **HSUC Family:** Much has to be put in place for any re-opening. The Kitchen and Served will be closed. Members will be asked to brown bag it if a meal is involved. As mentioned above, small groups may resume meeting in September, i.e., Bible Study, Meditation, Prayer Shawl, etc. There will be no choir.



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- **Janice complimented:**
 - The staff – Janna Oud, Elva McIntyre, Rev. Kate and all the group leaders (Bible Study, Meditation, etc.)
 - Financial position – appreciate all the support
 - A general thank you to all was expressed
- **In closing Janice used a quote** by Bishop Karen P. Olevto of the United Methodist Church: "We do not want one single case of COVID-19 traced to one of our churches because we did not care for those whom Jesus loves."
- **Questions and answers:**
 - How often will we be provided with updated information on re opening? Answer: Perhaps every couple of weeks through Shorelines and verbally during Zoom worship.
 - Why and who is "Sweeping" our building? Answer: The sweeping is done daily by Bob Illman, Debbie Procter, Deb Gill and Charles MacDonald on a rotating basis. This is done for insurance purposes.
 - Are there COVID-19 cases in Grand Bend? Answer: Will contact the Grand Bend and Area Health Centre to enquire.
 - Could we worship in the Green Cathedral? Answer: Not advised - it would be too challenging to comply with the Protocols.
- **Before adjournment** a resounding "thank you" and applause were given to the COVID-19 Reopening Working Group for their diligent work to date and their presentation.
- **A Motion was made for the Community of Faith to accept the COVID-19 Reopening Working Group's report and recommendations on re-opening Huron Shores United Church. Moved and seconded. Carried**
- **Janice Sinker adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.**

Janice Sinker
Chair

Mary McFadden
Recording Secretary

