



**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, August 26, 2021**  
**Held in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.**

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**Members Present:** Charles MacDonald (Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Janice Sinker (Affirming), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lois Gill – Co-Chair (Fellowship & Outreach), Bryan Beattie – (Finance/Treasurer), Rosalind MacDonald (Lay Pastoral Minister/WOW), Steve Northey (Ministry and Personnel), Bob Illman (Trustees/WOW), Ruth Ann Eagleson (Co-Chair Worship/WOW), Wilma Harris (Co-Chair Worship) on Zoom. **Correction: added “Co-Chair” following the names of Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris**

**Absent:** The Rev Dr. Kate Crawford (Minister), Vacant (Accessibility), Lynne Desjardine (Co-Chair Fellowship & Outreach), Deb Gill (Property Management)

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

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:05 p.m.**

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY (READ BY Charles)**

**3. CANDLE LIGHTING - Charles**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Email from Indspire (Attached).** Thank you letter with the success story of Alisa Favel who received a bursary from Indspire.
- **Email from Laura Bere, (Attached)** Community Librarian, Cultural Services Division. Letter to Rev. Kate wanting to meet to discuss the work of how our church has connected to the community. Charles contacted her and has not had a response.

**7. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **MOTION was made to approve the July 22, 2021 Council meeting minutes as circulated. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **MOTION was made to approve the August 4, 2021 Council meeting minutes as amended.**
  - **Correction: Omitted the motion to approve the donation to Indspire of \$500.00 in memory of Bradly Crawford Q.C.**

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Letter re-write from John Scott & Peter Challen (Attached)** – Charles asked for discussion. Several comments were made in regard to being uncomfortable with some of the wording in the letter. After more discussion, Council agreed by consensus not to send this letter to Regional Council. Charles will contact both John and Peter thanking them for all their efforts in the writing of this letter. As a result of the discussion, Charles will contact John Scott with the suggestion that members from our Community of Faith, go to Kettle Point for a “Gathering” to learn the history of Kettle Point. If this is possible, a date will be set and published in Shorelines and on FaceBook.
- **Bob Illman** – stated that the security cameras will be installed on September 8-9. WiFi will be installed soon.

## 9. COVID-19 Up-Date – Bob Illman:

- Reviewed two documents (**attached**), “Re-Gathering Procedures” and “Visual Vaccination Verification”. Emphasized that proof of being double vaccinated will be required to enter our building. Groups will be responsible to sanitize. Some input was suggested to reword and clarify certain areas of the documents. Bob will ensure that these changes are done.
  - **MOTION to approve the documents “Re-Gathering Procedures” and “Visual Vaccination Verification” as amended. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Charles MacDonald** – Service this Sunday (August 29) will be on Zoom and it is hoped to be in the Green Cathedral. If the weather is uncooperative, plans are in place to go inside the Sanctuary with a maximum of 32.

## 10. TEAM REPORTS

- **Affirming Team – Janice Sinker:** all Affirming information has been sent to the individual that complained about the Rainbow Sidewalk. Local businesses showed a very positive attitude when the Window Clings were distributed.
- **Property – Charles MacDonald:** Opening of the Community Living Room is up in the air. Snow removal contract is being pursued.
- **Worship– Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris:** Have organized greeters for August 29.
- **Ministry & Personnel: Steve Northey:** Reviewed written report. Emphasized that Kate’s return may not be until the end of year. Worship leaders for September are in place.
  - **MOTION: That Huron Shores United Church renew the contract of Rosalind MacDonald to continue as Lay Pastoral Minister until the position of full-time minister of HSUC has been restored. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Fellowship & Outreach – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs:**
  - **Parking Project** - A correction was made to the written report to take out word “monthly”. Charles mentioned that the cost of the revised Parking signs will come out of the Parking Project funds.

- **Finance – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary – (attached).**
  - Reviewed the Operating Summary. An update will go out to congregation reflecting the numbers to the end of August. This will be published the beginning of September in Shorelines.
  - How to handle collection due to COVID-19 is being reviewed. It was suggested that the counters should be under Finance rather than Worship.
- **Trustees – Bob Illman – no further report.**
- **Grand Bend Place – Bob Illman:** Asked for Council’s approval to move forward for the new position of Administrative Framework Plan.
  - **MOTION: That Council supports Grand Bend Place's Administrative Framework Plan as presented. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Lay Pastoral Minister – Rosalind MacDonald:**
  - **Prayer Shawls** - very successful during the summer meeting in the Green Cathedral. Will continue to meet outside for three more weeks. Plan to commence meeting indoors on October 18.
  - **Chat In the Green** – is complete for this season.
  - **Inviting folks to attend church** - Detailed conversation in regard to setting up a system. Investigating a website called RSVP.Church, which uses a form to “Self-register”.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Saturday night bell ringing** – Charles asked Council if this should be continued. After a brief discussion, it was decided to discontinue at the end of August.
- **Digital sign** – Charles informed that the sign now displays Rev. Kate Crawford and her email. This is to replace outdated sign out front.
- **Nomination WG** – Janice explained that the appeal to fill the roles of Trustee and Accessibility Chair in Shorelines will continue until more interest is shown.
- **Window Clings** – Janice explained that while delivering the Clings, she had a conversation with Monica Laws, Best Version Media. Monica expressed how impressed she is with the activities that our church has initiated and wants an interview. Bob Illman will contact.
- **Letters of Hope** – Charles explained that although these letters have been very well received, there is less interest in the number of folks wanting to write them. Rather than just putting a stop to the letters, it was suggested to compile all the letters and publish them as a fundraiser. Janice volunteered to speak with the Hyatts about the Letters of Hope.

**12. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

**13. MOTION to Adjourn at 6:04 p.m.**

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Charles MacDonald,  
Chair

Mary McFadden,  
Council Secretary