



MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, January 27 2022 Held on Zoom at 4:00 p.m.

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Council Members: Charles MacDonald (Chair), Rosalind MacDonald (Lay Pastoral Minister), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Vince Bury (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, Lynne Desjardine, Lois Gill, Steve Northey, Bob Illman, Wilma Harris, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Vince Bury, Bryan Beattie

Absent: Deb Gill

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

Quorum Present

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** approximately 4:00 p.m.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY** (Read by Steve Northey)
3. **CANDLE LIGHTING – Charles MacDonald**
4. **OPENING PRAYER – Rev Laurie O’Leary**

OPENING COMMENTS - Charles MacDonald: Opened the meeting with a review of what we need to accomplish in 2022. Welcomed Vince Bury as chair of Accessibility and thanked all for staying on Council for 2022. Spoke with Rev. Kate about the Transition Service and she was thrilled and relieved knowing that we are ready to move forward. Charles has spoken with Diane Blanchard, WOWRC representative for Pastoral Relations in regard to forming a Search Team to choose a Supply Minister.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **MOTION was made to approve the agenda as amended. Moved, seconded and carried.**
Under New Business:
 - Covenanting Service
 - Chamber of Commerce

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

7. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

8. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Janice Sinker** – asked about the World Day of Prayer. Information may be available sometime in February.
- **Charles MacDonald** - a thank you letter has been sent to the Donley's for their receiving a grant of \$750 through the Toronto Foundation. The funds are to go toward general programs.

9. COVID-19 UP-DATE – Charles MacDonald: Re-gathering W.G. met on Wednesday, January 26. Worship on Sunday, February 6 will be done in the Sanctuary on Zoom with just the tech team present. Worship on Sunday, February 13 will be in person. Same protocols as in the past. Bob Illman will be in touch with groups that use our facility.

10. TEAM REPORTS

- **Lay Pastoral Minister – Rosalind MacDonald:** In addition to the submitted report: **Interview with Rev. Dr. John Pentland** on Wednesday, January 26. Attended a UCC Zoom meeting for an interview with Rev. Dr. John Pentland, the author of Fishing Tips. Rev. John is from Hillcrest United in Calgary. Rosalind used one of his quotes, “Jesus did not call us to go to church. Jesus called us to go out to the world”? The interview was about how COVID has impacted our lives in connection with church.
- **Connectiveness** – has completed a four week program called "Social Connector for the Grand Bend Area CHC." This is an online virtual volunteer position where you get to connect with others who are isolated and help them find community events, programs or organizations to belong to, or just an opportunity to chat and engage with others. This is often referred to as Social Prescribing and our health centre staff will be referring people for the service along with self referrals. Then another program called, “Welcome to Paradise” is in connection with the Medical Centre, the Sunshine Community Foundation and Grand Bend Place. Information will be posted in Shorelines and on our Facebook page. Next meeting is Thursday, February 17. It was requested that we all tell folks about it. This program is in direct relation to having a Wellness Program Coordinator.
- In connection with the above, Charles mentioned wanting to encourage conversation with the two links that were recently posted on our Facebook page and Shorelines:
<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/interview/seattle-s-interfaith-community-sanctuary-includes-jews-christians-muslims>
<https://www.facebook.com/share.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Freligionnews.com%2F2022%2F01%2F05%2Ffor-dying-congregations-a-replant-can-offer-new-life%2F>
- **Property – Deb Gill:** Absent. Bob Illman mentioned that the grant from Faithful Footprints is coming along.

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- **WOW – Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald:** No further report.
- **Worship Report – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris:** No further report.
- **Accessibility – Vince Bury –** No report but pleased to inform that the team had their first meeting in two years!
- **Christian Development – Virginia Scott:** No further report.
- **Community Wellness W.G. – Charles MacDonald:** No report.
- **Ministry & Personnel: Steve Northey:** No report.
- **Affirming – Janice Sinker:** No report.
- **Trustees – Bob Illman:** No report.
- **Finance – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary – (attached):** After briefly reviewing comments in the Financial Summary, Bryan requested to go in Camera.
 - **Motion to go in Camera at 4:37 p.m. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - **Motion to go out of Camera at 5:08 p.m. Moved, seconded and carried.**
Directly after going out of Camera the below motion was made:
 - **Motion that the Restricted Funds for the Employee Benefit Proceeds be, as shown in the December 2021 financial statements as presented to Council. The Employee Benefit Proceeds will be reported as a note in 2021 Financial Statements to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Fellowship & Outreach – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs:** Further to the submitted report, Lois spoke about the idea of doing a “Lenten Garden” project as we did last year. Council agreed that it was a great idea!
- **Grand Bend Place – Bob Illman:** No report.
- **Grants – Bob Illman:** In the submitted report, Bob realized that the grant that covered the Administration cost for the Community Wellness Program Coordinator was omitted. Grant for Student employment has been submitted. Question was asked about the timeline for hiring students – should be in April. My Main Street grant should be completed soon.
- **Nominations W.G. – Janice Sinker:** Looking for Chair for Trustees.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Search Team – Charles MacDonald:** Has had conversations with Diane Blanchard, WOW RC Pastoral Care representative in regard to forming a search team for a full time or part time Supply Minister. It is suggested to have five on the team. Charles selected six and all accepted. The team members are Peter Challen, Mary McFadden, Steve Northey,

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11. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Search Team – Charles MacDonald (cont'd):**

Joanne Barry, Roger Hyatt and Janice Sinker. An announcement will be put in Shorelines asking the Community of Faith if anyone else would be interested. Charles explained the steps to commence and that the Church HUB has been updated.

- **MOTION To accept the names of: Peter Challen, Mary McFadden, Steve Northey, Joanne Barry, Roger Hyatt and Janice Sinker to form a Search Team for Huron Shores United Church with the power to add. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Grants – Bob Illman:** Encouragement was given for team Chairs to think of projects, inform Bob of their idea, and then a search can be done to find grant money. Once this is done, this information will be presented to the Finance Team.
- **Chamber of Commerce – Charles McDonald:** suggested to join the Chamber of Commerce. Many advantages were mentioned. There is an annual cost of \$210. After a brief discussion the following motion was made.
 - **MOTION to join the Grand Bend & Area Chamber of Commerce at a cost of a \$210 annual fee. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Covenanting Service – Ruth Ann Eagleson:** it's in the planning stages.

12. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place

13. ADJOURNMENT at 5:47 p.m.

Charles MacDonald,
Chair

Mary McFadden
Council Secretary