



MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, September 23, 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 (Zoom), Virginia Scott, Lynne Desjardine, Lois Gill, Bryan Beattie, Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Wilma Harris (Zoom)

Absent: The Rev Dr. Kate Crawford, Deb Gill, Steve Northey

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

Quorum Present

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:10 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 as circulated. Moved, seconded and carried.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE - none
7. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - MOTION was made to approve the August 26, 2021 Council meeting minutes as amended. Moved, seconded and carried.
 - **Correction** in “Members Present” under Worship the term “Co-Chairs” should have followed with the names Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris.

8. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Charles MacDonald:**
 - Wrote an email to Peter Challen and John Scott to explain Council's position in regard to their letter requesting that Regional Council take action in an apology from the Catholic church to the Indigenous community. Has not received a response.
 - Security cameras have been installed.
 - WiFi installation is nearly complete.
 - **Mary McFadden – Property:** The prayer tree is complete and could be installed in the CLR as soon as Friday, September 24.

9. COVID-19 Up-Date – Charles MacDonald:

- Commented that more community groups are approaching the booking coordinator for various gatherings.
- The Vaccination Verification document has been distributed to the community with a positive response.
- With clear protocols for many establishments, churches seem to be not so regulated. Our church has taken care to establish protocols with the priority of community health.

10. TEAM REPORTS

- **Finance – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary – (attached).**
 - Emphasized that we are \$5,000 behind last year at this time. That is a 7% drop. Not overly concerned. Noticed a surge in September offerings.
 - Charles emphasized that team budgets are due.
 - The Anniversary letter will be mailed. The appeal will be for the funds to support operations.
 - **MOTION that Council approve that the Anniversary letter appeal will go toward the operating fund. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - **ACM - Charles MacDonald:** Will be on Sunday, February 6 and will be integrated into the worship service. Permission has been given by Regional Council that the financial report can be presented at a later date.
- **Property Management – Deb Gill: In Deb's absence, Charles reported:**
 - **Correction** in Team Report to capitalize the Iron Barn.
 - **Kitchen** – Some reorganization will be done in the near future by a small group of volunteers.
 - **Organ** – is no longer working. Research has been done as to repair. This is not a viable option. A brief discussion followed in regard to other options. Council agreed to have the Property Management Team handle the disposal
 - **Plastic chairs/oblong wood tables** - There are 90 plastic chairs. It is suggested that 50 are disposed of, leaving us with 40. It is suggested to dispose of all the oblong wood tables. Suggest to sell the chairs to help raise funds toward the purchase of lightweight folding six-foot tables. After sharing ideas on how to handle the disposal of these items the following motion was made.

- **Property Management – Deb Gill (cont'd):**
 - **Plastic chairs/oblong wood tables (cont'd)**
 - **MOTION** that The Property Management Team evaluate the need for the extra tables and chairs and report back to Council in October with a plan. **Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - **Charles** – also suggested to limit the capacity of the Fellowship Hall to 72 for a sit-down meal plus the crew for serving. As buffet style is no longer appropriate, a served meal has to be factored in the set-up planning.
- **Sabbatical Working Group – Charles MacDonald:**
 - **MOTION** that Council disband and thanked the Sabbatical Working Group for their time and effort in managing the Sabbatical. **Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Ministry & Personnel: Steve Northey (absent):**
- **Lay Pastoral Minister – Rosalind MacDonald: No further report.**
- **Fellowship & Outreach – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill:**
 - **Parking Project – Lynne Desjardine:** Updated figure for parking funds - \$4,884.84.
 - **Pumpkin wreath making – Lois Gill:** 10 are expected to attend this fun event.
 - **“Celebration of Remembrance” service – Lois Gill:** to be held on October 31. The service will be interactive. Members who have lost family members since pandemic declared in March can express their loss. Lois spoke on some of the ideas how this will unfold. Will have an announcement in Shorelines.
- **Worship– Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris:**
 - Much thought went into the decision not to hold a Thanksgiving Service. It is felt that those involved with the technical aspect of running Sunday services need a well-deserved rest.
 - The PowerPoint and Zoom issue experienced last on Sunday, September 19 has been resolved.
- **11. NEW BUSINESS**
 - **Charles** is suggesting that changes be made in Policies & Procedures and the Organizational Chart:
 - **Policies & Procedures:** Remove “counters” from Worship Team under Structure.
 - **Organizational Chart:**
 - Remove Sabbatical and insert Communications.
 - Construction Team: Is it needed any longer? As Deb Gill was absent this is tabled until the next meeting that Deb is present
 - **Janice - Letters of Hope:** Process is in the making to create a booklet of these letters.

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- **11. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

- **Charles - Faith based:** Presented two articles to be in Shorelines and posted on FaceBook. "They're Not Coming Back" by Rob Dyer a minister at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Ill. And "What a pastor is - and isn't" by Laura Stevens-Reed, Clergy and Congregational Coach. From these articles, Charles is hoping to start conversations within our Community of Faith and invite the wider community.
- **Charles - Our minister, Kate:** Kate has given permission for Charles to contact her directly. Charles shared that they have arranged to, on occasion, go for 'walks and talk'. Kate is doing okay but it is clear that she needs time to heal. She is getting lots of help through professionals and family. Has talked with Steve Northey and the Worship team to put together Sunday services. All are in favour of continuing as we are as long as we can.
- **Charles - Prayer Shawls:** Individual from the Prayer Shawl group expressed how impressed they are with what we do. Feels that we need to get the congregation at large more involved. Rosalind added to this - that we just seem to wait for them to come to us! We should approach with, "What do you like to do" and ask if they would consider becoming involved.
- **Charles completed the meeting with the question, "Where are we going?"**

12. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

13. Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Charles MacDonald,
Chair

Mary McFadden,
Council Secretary