

Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church - Dec 9, 2020

In attendance via ZOOM: Bruce Amey, Barb McBean, Bob Crowley, Brion Crossman, Rev. Steve Longmoore, Bill Whittaker, Sally Allanach, Stu Baker, Una Wilson, Chris Young, Marilyn and Don Robertson, Sue King, Dan Forret, Diane Tonge, John Hill.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:38 PM. Rev. Steve offered a prayer. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Bill Whittaker moved approval of the agenda. Sue King 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Bill Whittaker moved approval of the minutes from Nov 12, 2020. Diane Tonge 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brion thanked Rev. Steve for his help and support as Supervisory Minister and for working with the search committee. Brion presented the Nov 2020 financial statement, showing a year-to-date surplus of more than \$22,000. Outreach received about \$4,000 in donations in November. Brion presented a draft budget of \$167,141 for 2021. This is about the same as 2020. Brion commented that we will need about \$17,000 more than we brought in this year and that PAR givings have increased by an annual amount of \$15,000 so far this fall. After discussion about technology upgrades it was agreed the best way to account for them is as a line item this year, so they do not appear as a new expense some month next year. Brion moved acceptance of the report, Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- 1) **Ministerial Search Committee** – Brion has Rev. Richard set up on the payroll system. Richard is looking forward to getting started.
- 2) **Choir Director Search** – Marilyn reported that the committee has an interview pending with a potential candidate.
- 3) **Safe Church Committee** – Sue King reported that we will continue with Zoom only services while we are in “orange”.
- 4) **Tech team update** - Dan reported that a tech booth is being built in the balcony. A new computer has arrived, awaiting software installation. The committee is waiting for quotes to purchase cameras and speakers. Rev. Richard is included in the committee's discussions about equipment.
- 5) **Fundraiser** – Dan reported that 57 orders for salmon were placed.

Correspondence: The Christmas Newsletter for the Region was received and distributed via email.

New Business:

- 1) **Year end / AGM reports** – Reminder that committee reports are due in January. The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Feb 14, 2021.

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Christian Life & Growth* – Una thanked the Worship Committee for all their help. She noted that parental consent forms are required before video of youth can be publicly presented online. The Advent boxes were well received. Thanks to Alicia Walls for providing them. **Una made a motion that we make a \$30 donation and send a card to St. David's. Sally 2nd. Carried.** A Zoom congregational Christmas party will be held Dec 20 at 6PM. The Christmas Eve children's service will have a back-up plan in the event of bad weather. An email will be sent out to the parents involved to be sure they are comfortable with either plan.
- 2) *Worship Committee* – Sally commented that there was discussion about what the 1st service in January would look like. While online services will continue in 2021, the viewing platform may

change from Zoom to YouTube. Sue commented that there was discussion about adding one more voice to the service for reading or singing.

- 3) *Property Maintenance* – Bill reported Kidzone will be donating wreaths made by the children. They will be hung in the sanctuary. Duguay Roofing will repair another leak in the roof. Barry Nice, Larry Watson and Bill finished building the tech booth in the balcony and expect the wiring to be done by the weekend.
- 4) *UCWs* – no report
- 5) *Social Committee* – no report
- 6) *Outreach* – Barb McBean reported that she was almost speechless from the generosity shown with donations to Outreach in November.
- 7) *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported that visitations, phone calls and food drop-offs continue.
- 8) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Sally reported meeting Shaye Lynn and Leslie prior to “orange”. Shaye will continue working without a change to wages but requested that the church purchase a new vacuum cleaner. Wages for Leslie are being renegotiated. Audrey has volunteered to help transfer information from the old computers to the new computer.
- 9) *Finance & Trustee* – **Stu Baker made a motion to transfer funds for technical upgrades from the general account to a special account before Dec 31, 2020. Diane Tonge 2nd. Carried. Stu Baker made a motion to top-up the 2020 M&S contribution to \$12,000. Sally Allanach 2nd. Carried.**
- 10) *Youth Representative* – no report.
- 11) *Affirming Committee* – The Affirming Committee have not met in person or on zoom since February 2020. However emails have been shared and inclusion of topics in services has continued. The most recent service on December 6th focused on Human rights and shared a video of the Moderator Rev Richard Bott speaking about reconciliation with indigenous peoples. We look forward to Rev Richard Bowley’s input in 2021.
- 12) *Regional Representative* – no report
- 13) *Minister’s report* – Sue expressed appreciation for all the help she received from Leslie, the tech team, and many others. Bob thanked Rev. Steve for his help and support.

Next online council meeting **Wednesday Jan 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM.**

Bill Whittaker moved adjournment at 9:10 PM. Rev Steve closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Steve Longmoore