

Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – June 9, 2021

In attendance via ZOOM: Rev. Richard Bowley, Barb McBean, Brion Crossman, Chris Young, Dan Forret, Sally Allanach, Stu Baker, Sue King, Bill Whittaker, Una Wilson, Diane Tonge, Bob Crowley, John Hill.

Chris Young opened the meeting at 7:34 PM. Rev. Richard offered a devotional. Chris acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Brion Crossman moved approval of the amended agenda. Dan Forret 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from May 12, 2021. Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brion presented the May treasurer's report. Brion commented the only unusual expense was a \$500 for pulpit supply and special speaker. YTD surplus is about \$7,000. **Brion moved acceptance of his report. Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.**

Business arising from the minutes:

- 1) **Safe Church Committee** - Bill Whittaker commented on reduced number of ushers needed for the summer. Reminder that COVID protocol requires seating from the back to the front. Additional volunteers are needed to serve as ushers.
- 2) **Tech team update** - Dan reported the choir monitor(display) will be synchronized to the screen display. Decision has been made to buy two video cameras. Replacement microphone has been purchased for the choir loft. Request for additional help on the tech team to reduce the time burden on current members.
- 3) **Reality check for Governance** – no report
- 4) **Al Graham scholarship** –Applications have been received from Ashley Orchard and Stuart Hossack. Discussion ensued regarding the original purpose and criteria of the award. Recognition that COVID has made the past year's participation in church events difficult. **Diane Tonge moved that each applicant receive the award and that criteria for future awards be reviewed and updated. Sally 2nd. Carried.**

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- 1) **COVID Reopening Plan** – Discussion of what will change upon re-opening. Safe Church committee will offer guidance based on Provincial guidelines and level of comfort within the congregation. A special council meeting may be called in August. The merits of continuing virtual services on Zoom were discussed with an understanding that we have invested in the technology to make it work. It allows us to extend our reach to those who may not or cannot attend worship in the sanctuary.
- 2) **Pride Flag** – The affirm committee recommended and **Sue King moved that the Pride flags currently on display in the sanctuary remain in the sanctuary for the month of June, Pride Month. Chris 2nd. Carried.**

Committee Reports:

1) *Christian Life & Growth* – Una Wilson reported that the committee is busy preparing the takeaway church boxes, encouraging people who left the church to return. Congregational Picnic tentatively scheduled for Oct 3 at the Hammond River Angling Association.

2) *Property Maintenance* – Bill received a request from Pat and Ron Vincent to use the sanctuary for rehearsing. Sunday Night Jammers are also rehearsing in the sanctuary. Leftover mulch was spread around the church property. Small leak in the sanctuary roof needs repair. Bill reported on parking lot maintenance

proposed by the KVUC Suites to re-seal the surface and repaint the lines to extend the life of the parking lot. The Suites asked for financial participation from QUC in the amount of about \$3,500. Bill will respond to them to explain the urgency of the work as we have not budgeted for such an expense.

3) *Worship Committee* – Sue reported that Covenanting Service was a wonderful success. It was a memorable event. A schedule of services for July 18th, 25th, and Aug 1st and 8th will be sent out in announcements in last week of June. Reverend Richard will lead us on Zoom from his home. August 1st will be an open Sunday for people to visit other churches. Rev Richard asked for assistance for music on July 25th. He may ask someone who is on Zoom to read scriptures each Sunday. More committee members are needed.

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5) *UCWs* – no report

6) *Social Committee* – no report

7) *Outreach* – Barb McBean reported no active projects at this time.

8) *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported a committee meeting planned on June 16 for education. Visitation continues.

9) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – no report

10) *Finance & Trustee* – no report

11) *Youth Representative* – no report

12) *Affirming Committee* – Sue thanked all who participated in the service. A card will be sent to Harmony recognizing their Affirming celebration.

13) *Regional Representative* – Bob reported attending a Zoom Regional AGM last weekend. Proposals put forward included action on Ecological Justice and confirmation that the region is an Affirming Region (**Agenda Item for next meeting**)

14) *Minister's report* – Rev. Richard reported visitation is continuing and the virtual prayer room is working well.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Sept 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Bill Whittaker moved adjournment at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley