

## Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Sept 9, 2021

**In attendance via ZOOM:** Rev. Richard Bowley, Barb McBean, Brion Crossman, Chris Young, Dan Forret, Bill Whittaker, Una Wilson, Bruce Amey, Diane Tonge, Bob Crowley, Sue King, Cindy Millican, John Hill.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Rev. Richard offered a devotional. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Diane Tonge moved approval of the amended agenda. Rev. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes** – Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from June 9, 2021. Bruce Amey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Brion presented the June/July/August treasurer's report. Brion commented the only unusual expense was a \$600 for a music license, which was higher than usual because it also covers presenting music on YouTube. There was a \$1,300 surplus for summer months. YTD surplus is about \$8,000. **Brion moved acceptance of his report. Bruce Amey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

- 1) **Safe Church Committee** - Bill Whittaker commented on the church sanctuary layout to accommodate social distancing or group sittings. One greeter is at each door explaining seating, mask wearing, hand sanitation and offering arrangements. It will be mid Oct before user groups are welcomed back. Choir practice postponed until at least the end of Sept. Kidzone is fine with coffee hour resuming immediately. Discussion of bringing Tim Horton coffee and paper cups and sitting outside, weather permitting. Volunteer needed to coordinate the coffee purchase. Bill will inquire about air filtration.
- 2) **Tech team update** - Dan reported the youth room TV will be mounted as a choir monitor and synchronized to the Zoom display. New sanctuary cameras should be usable by next week. Bruce reported a new youth volunteer has joined the tech team and will start this Sunday.
- 3) **Reality check for Governance** – no report

**Correspondence:** Bob read a card received from Ashley Orchard thanking the congregation for receiving the Al Graham award.

### **New Business:**

- 1) **COVID and Future Council Meetings** – Discussion of whether to continue the Zoom meeting. We will continue meeting virtually for now.
- 2) **Affirm Congregational Vote in October** – Sue moved that a congregation meeting be held Oct 3 to vote on becoming an Affirming congregation. Cindy Millican 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.  
The voting process would be in person in the sanctuary and anonymous voting on Zoom. Pros and cons of the date were discussed, and it was decided that Oct 3 would be the date.
- 3) **Region action on Ecological Justice** – Bob presented ideas from the Region about establishing a committee to incorporate education on Environmental Stewardship. Carry forward as item for next meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

1) *Christian Life & Growth* – Una Wilson reported that the congregational picnic is scheduled for Oct 3 at the Hammond River Angling Association. Needs additional volunteers to serve. Sunday school start-up may be delayed until mid-October. Families will be quizzed on comfort level of return to Sunday school. Rev. Richard has written to parents to garner their thoughts and worries about resuming Sunday school.

2) *Worship Committee* – Sue reported communion Oct 3, BYO communion. Thankful to tech team for their hard work. Stephen Alexander is planning the music for the fall services.

- 3) *Property Maintenance* – Bill reported humidity issues in the hall have been addressed by leaving bathroom fans on 24 hours and Venmars in MacDonald Hall on high. Pews were sanded and refinished. Thanks to those who helped. Met with Dugay roofing. Some plywood sheathing needs to be replaced. Duguay’s recommended replacing more of the roof. Bill will get a quote. Fire Marshall visited. Fire alarm needs to be inspected annually. Kidzone offered to have fire extinguishers recharged. Apohaqui and Lorneville United Church are closing and giving away the furnishings from the churches. Contact Bill to review the item lists.
- 4) *UCWs* – no report
- 5) *Social Committee* – no report
- 6) *Outreach* – Barb McBean reported the sneaker campaign is in progress. There is a great need for children’s sneakers. COVID restrictions have prevented regular fall programs from proceeding.
- 7) *Pastoral Care* – no report.
- 8) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Bob reported that the annual staff interviews have begun
- 9) *Finance & Trustee* – no report
- 10) *Youth Representative* – no report
- 11) *Affirming Committee* – no report
- 12) *Regional Representative* – no report
- 13) *Minister’s report* – Rev. Richard reported he has been conducting 4 to 6 visits with families per week and will continue. Bible study has begun again and is well attended.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Oct 13, 2021, at 7:30 PM.

Bill Whittaker moved adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley