

## Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Mar 8, 2023

**In attendance via ZOOM:** Chris Young, Bob Crowley, Diane Tonge, Barb McBean, Stuart Baker, Doug McDonald, Brion Crossman, Una Wilson, Sue King, Bill Whittaker, John Hill, Rev. Richard Bowley, Rowena Anderson.

Chris Young opened the meeting at 7:32 PM. Una Wilson offered a prayer.  
Bill Whittaker moved approval of the agenda. Barb McBean 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.  
Chris acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

**Approval of Minutes – Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from Feb 1, 2023. Bob Crowley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report** - Brion presented the Feb 2023 treasurer’s report. Higher revenue than last year partly because of including Outreach funds in general offering. Pancake supper raised \$591. The “pop-up” fudge sale, organized by Sally Allanach, raised more than \$100 for Mission & Service. Salary increases are reflected in the expenses. A small \$463 deficit is not unusual for this time of year. YTD deficit is \$2, 077.  
**Brion Crossman moved acceptance of the treasurer’s report. Diane Tonge 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Safe Church Committee update** – No report

**Reality Check on Governance** – No report

**Where to from here discussion** – Bob Crowley suggested the United Church of Canada’s Social and Ecological justice initiatives may be of interest to our congregation.

Brion Crossman commented on a suggestion that the Region will ask all pastoral charges to prepare a five-year plan.

Rev. Richard reminded us that physical accessibility to the church was a topic from earlier meetings to be discussed.

**Church Directory** – Directory photos are beginning April 11, 2023 and will be taken over 3 days by Universal Portrait Studio. Stu Baker commented that, since he will be away on those dates, he had called the company and found that a photo session could be scheduled at another church on different dates.

**Correspondence:** A letter presented at Home Mission Council regarding sponsoring an Afghani refugee family was read. St. Andrew and St. David United Church is sponsoring a family at a cost of at least \$40,000. They are looking for another pastoral charge to sponsor a related family or to provide financial support to another sponsoring group. Brion suggested that we could offer some financial support. **Bob Crowley moved that we agree to contribute as much as \$2,000 if sponsorship conditions are met by another sponsoring church. Diane Tonge 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.** Bob will draft a letter to send to St Andrew and St David.

**New Business:** AED training – Barb McBean suggested that more members need to be trained on the device. Currently only Heather McCurdy and Barb have training. Bill Whittaker will check with Kidzone to see if they have trained staff.

## Committee Reports:

1. *Christian Life & Growth* – no report
2. *Worship* – Sue King reviewed the *(attached)* report. Several people have inquired about moving the worship service starting time to 10am. **Sue King made a motion to move the start time of worship to 10:00am, beginning April 9, 2023. Diane Tonge 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried**  
Sue suggested that we consider the purpose of our sign, how often to change it. Snowbanks create a problem for Mike Martin to change the message on the sign.
3. *Property Maintenance* – Bill Whittaker reviewed the *(attached)* report. A request to provide space for a fitness class was declined. A request from Stephen Alexander to use the choir room for piano lessons was approved.
4. *Social Committee* – no report
5. *Outreach* – Barb McBean reviewed the *(attached)* report.
6. *Pastoral Care* – no report
7. *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Bob Crowley referred to the *(attached)* report.
8. *Finance & Trustee* – no report
9. *Youth Representative* – no report
10. *Affirming Committee* – Sue King reviewed the *(attached)* report. Thanks to Rev. Richard for his work updating the website.
11. *Region* – no report
12. *Minister's report* – Rev. Richard referred to the *(attached)* report. Rev Richard received a request from Charlene Stoddard to transfer her membership to QUC. **Diane Tonge moved that Charlene Stoddard be accepted as a member of the congregation. Barb McBean 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

Next online council meeting is Wednesday April 12, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Sue King closed with a prayer. Brion Crossman moved adjournment at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley