

## **Agenda Quispamsis United Church Council Meeting December 13, 2023, 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Brion Crossman, Bill Whittaker, Bruce Amey, Diane Tonge, Bob Crowley, Stu Baker, Sue King. **On Zoom:** Rev Ian Manson, Barb McBean, Marilyn Robertson, Una Wilson  
**Regrets:** Chris Young, John Hill Cindy Millican

Opening Devotional given by Rev Ian Manson on angels - discern messages -pay particular attention to any epiphanies, messengers that come our way this month- -What is God calling us to be about at QUC?

### **Acknowledging the Traditional Territory**

“As we gather to do the business before us let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples – predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Wolastoqey, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.”

### **Review and approval of Agenda**

Addition to agenda-small change to Treasurers report to discuss budget 2024.

Moved for approval Bob Crowley

Seconded by Diane Tonge. Carried

### **Approval of Minutes November 8, 2023**

No changes to minutes.

Moved by Barb

Seconded by Bob. Carried

**Treasurer’s Report**-nothing extraordinary -expecting surplus for year end.

Noted that Reverend Ian has not submitted travel expenses.

Motion to approve financial report: Moved by Brion Crossman

Seconded by Stu Baker. Carried

### **Budget 2024 discussion:**

Difficult to determine needs now as Faith Profile will not have a plan regarding ministry personnel until new year. Uncertain when /if we will have a full-time minister.

Potential budget outlay plus any surplus? -will go to Building fund towards roof repairs.

Will continue to budget for ¾ time minister for 2024 (no minister in July August)

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

· **Safe Church** Committee Bill continues to recommend people get their vaccinations.

- **Reality Check for Governance.** All committees could do with more people.

· **Faith Profile Committee** Where to from here -

We completed a 1/2-day workshop attended by 27 congregants plus the 8 committee members. A lot of discussion and ideas about where we are going. Thanks to all who attended and shared their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Apart from work it was a very good get together as well. The committee is now working through the results of our discussions, along with the surveys to break out the key concepts and areas of focus as we start to pull together our profile. This is actually the hardest part, but we've got good info and a dedicated committee. We have one more meeting before Christmas and will start again early in new year. Possibly mid February for an initial report. B Crowley

· Update on Chair Qigong classes at QUC? Cancelled not enough interest.

**Correspondence nil**

**New Business**

*The Cool Chics and Ugly Doclings* fundraiser raised 3,754 dollars. The Bake tables and Christmas Decorations made more money.

There can be a table this coming Sunday to continue to sell Christmas decorations.

**Committee Reports** (refer to attached reports, discussion on highlights / critical / time sensitive items)

**1. Christian Life and Growth** –CLG'S December Progress Report

CLG is pleased with the success of the Christmas pageant and is busy planning for 2024. Some highlights are as follows:

- There are Sunday School facilitators signed up for the month of January.
- Kathryn is organizing a "Book Club" using articles from the Broadview magazine. It will start in January using Zoom.
- We are planning a spring retreat. Details to follow.

Thank you for all your work to enrich our church family. Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

Submitted by Una Wilson

**2. Worship Committee – see attached report**

- Upcoming services

10<sup>th</sup> Pageant arranged by CLG -all arranged.

Also, on the 10th the whole Sherrard family presenting music.

12th December -Christmas in the Shadows -Wendy and Sue musicians, Sue reader, and singing and Dannie on Tech

19th December Shannex Services: Sue will enquire if they need a service -1.30 in Concord and 2.00 in Embassy

24th – am 10 am normal service with anthems.

5 pm Family Communion Doug will find servers –with anthems.

31st 9.55 am on Zoom Doug and Ruth leading “Emmanuel God is with us”. Year in review

Jammers are returning in near future.

Community Connections services:

28th January Romero House -Evelyn McNulty Sue has contacted by email.

25thFebruary KV Food Basket Brian Riganesi -Sue has contacted.

- 2. Discussion re Communion:

Need a third server as runner in New year.

Use gluten free bread for everyone. Is Council in agreement?

Social Media Committee?

- 3. Discussed need for a new social media committee? -to come as sub of worship. Rev Ian said he is attending to Face Book currently on twice weekly basis -this can be discussed at Council.

*Discussion tonight arising from report* -Rev Ian discussed that he is posting three to four times a week on Face Book on activities. His suggestion was to see the response to this. The opportunity for QUC is for people who use FB -to like it, and share it as this increases algorithms.

Web page is updated with FB page -Thank you to Leslie for her work on this and continued excellent work with mail chimp announcements. Council persons present agreed that our demographic mostly uses email and Face Book and for now Rev Ian and Leslie will continue. It was agreed that a Social Media committee was not needed yet.

Submitted by Sue King

### **3. Property Maintenance - see attached report.**

Seeking permission for Lorie Hoffman ( Kid Zone ) to have a Shower for her daughter down stairs on Saturday February 03rd. **Approval was given for this to occur.**

- Security and Fire Alarm System inspected on December 06th. Waiting for Certificate to send a copy to the Fire Marshal.
- Need a permanent visible marker to keep dumpster the proper distance from the building.
- Embers starting in the new year.
- Met with Shaelyn Clark re communications and cleaning. Setting up email just for church

and Horizon, devising a new cleaning schedule, purchased a new vacuum (current was 10 years old ) and looking into a new supplier ( delivery problems ).

- Joy sign and front stair lights installed.
- Reattached drainpipe to eve trough on back corner by side entrance.
- Assistance needed in selecting window coverings for the Choir Room. Did some research. Cost can go from \$19 to \$640 for two windows. Curtains would also suffice. Discussion tonight **Need help from Congregation members if someone could offer .**
- Need to have a clean up committee setup with any event held at the church.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bill Whittaker

**4. Social Committee – no report**

**5. UCW – no report**

**6. Outreach –see attached report.**

Our focus has been planning and receiving names for Christmas families, as our generous congregation once again has donated over \$3000 (3180) to support our 8 families totaling 27 people. We’re increasing our food gift cards by 25% and therefore reducing the personal gift amounts but they are still very generous.

Our Newcomers continue to arrive steadily, and we continue to supply Welcome Bags until Dec 31/23

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb McBean

**7. Pastoral Care** – A luncheon and gathering of volunteers occurred this week -to thank volunteers and allow meeting time together.

**8. Ministry & Personnel Committee –.**

We have now interviewed all staff for fall interviews. Nothing to bring forward currently.

**9. Finance & Trustee.** Nothing to report.

**10. Youth Representative** – no report.

**11. Affirming Committee** –Thanks to the elves who decorated the church for Christmas -Lights and Joy sign -increases welcome!

**12. Region and Home Mission Council** – nothing to report

**13. Minister’s report** – Rev Ian was pleased with his interview with M and P recently. Has led weekly worship in November and December to allow continuity. Bible study going well with attendance of approximately 10 people.

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Rev. Ian Manson closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at.8.34

**Chairs to send in Annual reports need to be submitted by Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>. 2024**

**15. BUDGET 2024 MEETING January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM**

Next council meeting will be in person at the church and zoom **January 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue King