

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST.PAUL'S CONGREGATION

Sunday, May-24-15

SANCTUARY

Derrick Grant (Chair) called the meeting to order; the agenda was distributed before the meeting got underway.

Attendance: approximately 45 people attended this meeting

Rev.Richard Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Screens for the Sanctuary

- John Gaskin made a presentation regarding screens for the Sanctuary; the research completed by the Property Committee members was shared with the Congregation. A number of questions from the Congregation and members of the Property Committee answered the various questions.
- **Motion:** *"I move that we as a Congregation continue the investigation and implementation of screens for our Sanctuary."*
(David Thorne, Tammy Coughlan) **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Joint Needs Assessment Committee

- Derrick Grant updated the Congregation regarding the work of JNAC; results of the questionnaire have been gathered and reviewed by the members of JNAC. The next step is to schedule a meeting with Rev.Richard Bowley to discuss his ideas and vision for St.Paul's United Church. When all information and data has been gathered and considered, a recommendation will be presented to St.Paul's Congregation for their consideration and approval.

3. United Church of Canada Restructuring

- Rev. Richard Bowley gave a brief presentation on changes being considered by the United Church of Canada; Rev. Richard will send the links for us to read the proposals for change being considered and voted upon in August, 2015. The Congregation is urged to read these proposals so that we can all provide feedback to our Minister regarding these major changes for our church.

4. Update from the Finance Committee

- Ron Naugler presented an update regarding our finances to the Congregation; the importance of maintaining our givings to St. Paul's during the summer months was emphasized.
- The Finance Committee would like 1 or 2 more members to assist with the very important work of this committee; please submit a resume to this committee if you are interested in joining the Finance Committee.
- For your convenience, a summer envelope was included with the bulletin today. Please consider placing it in the collection plate or dropping it off at the Church Office.
- The importance of getting more members on PAR was emphasized and encouraged...regardless of the amount per month.
- Finance Committees from other United Churches in the area have had a meeting to share strategies and build relationships among sister churches in Fredericton and outlying areas. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 25/15.

Motion to Adjourn: Marilyn Brewer

Closing Prayer: Rev. Richard Bowley