

Minutes of the Meeting of St. Paul's Congregational Board

April 14, 2015

Present: Derrick Grant, Frank Morrison, Julian Walker, Ann Krause, Kelly Simpson, Rev. Richard Bowley

Regrets: Debbie Allison, Ron Naugler, Jack Simpson

- Derrick called the meeting to order; the draft agenda was distributed electronically in advance of the meeting.
- Rev. Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Derrick welcomed all to the meeting and additions to the agenda were made. The revised agenda was adopted (Julian Walker, Kelly Simpson).
- **Following a few editorial changes, the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved as circulated, moved by Julian Walker and seconded by Frank Morrison.**
- There was no business arising from the minutes of the March 10th meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** has done an excellent job with all the details and logistics of the services during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Feedback has been very positive regarding each of the services held and Rev. Bowley's leadership has been very much appreciated. For some members of the congregation and some Board members, this Lenten and Easter season was the most meaningful and poignant! The Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, April 19th to plan new and exciting things for Spring!
- **The Property Committee** continues to do excellent work at St. Paul's ; new signage was installed today on the front wall of the church; another sign will be installed on the York Street side. Research is ongoing regarding screens for the sanctuary.
- **The Stewardship Committee** distributed the Easter Newsletter to all families. The establishment of a Pastoral Care Team is the next project for this committee.

- **The Christian Education Committee** is a “work in progress”. Rev. Bowley is directly involved with this very important part of our church.

Joint Needs Assessment Committee:

- Derrick provided a little update regarding meetings held to date. Board members were reminded of the survey that has been distributed both electronically and with copies in the narthex and hall. **Sunday, April 26th is the deadline to submit the surveys. Rev. Bowley will remind the congregation of this important feedback survey on Sunday; it will also be in the bulletin.**

Derrick also discussed other meetings taking place with various United Churches in the area and the potential tie in to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee.

Correspondence:

- **Contact Information for all Board Members** was distributed; additions were made in phone contacts and committee liaisons. Ann will continue to revise this information and then distribute to all Board members at the May 12th meeting.
- **Thank you letters** will be sent to 3 longstanding members of the Board: Jane Blakely, Lynne Naugler and Bill McNamara.

Transfers/Baptism/Wedding Requests:

- Susan and Victoria Kulesza’s transfer to Wilmot United was approved (Ann, Kelly with regrets)
- A temporary license for Rev Mac Campbell to conduct a marriage at St. Paul’s on July 15/15 was signed by Derrick and Rev. Bowley. (Julian, Kelly)
- A wedding for Simon Walter Simpson Pearn and Marie Ashley Ann Babin to be held in Upper Gagetown on Sept.19, 2015 was approved (Kelly, Frank).

New Business:

- **United Church of Canada Restructuring:** Rev. Bowley gave us a brief overview of the changes being proposed by the United Church of Canada. An insert for one of our bulletins was shared with the Board and a brief discussion ensued. The Board members present felt that this topic needs more time on upcoming agendas so that all members are provided a chance to express their feedback on a very important matter for all United Churches.

It was also suggested that a brief presentation on this matter might be included at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for May 17th.

Other:

Board's Role: Derrick reviewed the six (6) points outlining the Board's role in our current Governance Model. The Board's role was circulated with a brief discussion on each point.

Wedding Policy: to be reviewed at a future meeting of the Board

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Krause, Secretary