

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

March 10, 2015

Present: Derrick Grant, Frank Morrison, Ron Naugler, Julian Walker, Rev. Richard Bowley

Regrets: Debbie Allison, Ann Krause, Jack Simpson.

- Derrick called the meeting to order, with the agenda distributed in advance of the meeting.
- Rev. Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer.
- It was suggested by Frank Morrison that future agendas for board meetings would provide for agenda additions at the meeting, if warranted. There would then be a vote on the revised agenda.
- **The minutes of the February 10, 2015 were approved, moved by Frank Morrison, and seconded by Rev. Bowley.**
- **Business Arising from the minutes of the Feb. 10 meeting:**
Rev. Bowley expressed support for acquisition of a defibrillator unit but said care should be taken to provide training for the office staff (not including evening security staff). Rev. Bowley cautioned that ministerial staff should not take the training as they would have a comfort and devotional role in the event of a cardiac arrest situation. Research on what other churches are doing for training etc. would also be valuable.

Ron Naugler and Frank Morrison moved and seconded that the office staff should be included in the training. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

- Agenda for committee reports: It was suggested by Ron Naugler that the agenda for meetings should include a line for each committee to provide its report.
- **The JNAC Committee:** The role of JNAC was discussed and it was understood that the role of the committee is to make recommendation(s) which would then go to the congregation for discussion and vote.
- **The Worship Committee** has received suggestions on the selection of older hymns for worship services. Rev. Bowley noted the importance of maximizing opportunities for members of the congregation to participate in the work of the church. It was agreed that in this and other areas, way should be found to constantly increase participation for all members who wish to do so. In the meantime, it was suggested that a "good mix" of hymns would be desirable.

Rev. Bowley confirmed that a congregational letter is being prepared for the Lenten season.

It was noted the value of the committees of the church explaining their important work, including as part of upcoming orientation sessions for members of the Church Board.

Financial Report:

- Ron Naugler reported that recent monthly financial statements have been encouraging. The committee has been considering the relative merit of staying with Irving Oil for fuel, or going to Enbridge Gas. Staying with Irving is recommended. A letter is also being send to Irving oil requesting a status report on pricing.

Correspondence:

- A request has been received from New Maryland United Church minister, Rev. Kelly Burke, for the use of the St. Paul's sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 for the wedding of Kristina Lipsett and Greg Shanks. **Moved by Frank Morrison, seconded by Julian Walker that the request be accepted. The motion was approved.**
- **Orientation for Board members:** This would involve three sessions for the board, with one half hour of orientation scheduled for each meeting.
- **Rev. Bowley concluded business for the evening with a prayer.**
- **Meeting adjournment was at 9:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Julian Walker for Secretary Ann Krause