

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

June 9, 2015

**Present:** Derrick Grant (Chair), Frank Morrison, Ron Naugler, Debbie Allison, Julian Walker, Kelly Simpson, Rev. Richard Bowley, Ann Krause (Secretary)

**Regrets:** Jack Simpson

- Derrick (Chair) called the meeting to order; the draft agenda was distributed electronically in advance of the meeting.
- Rev. Richard Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Derrick welcomed everyone to the meeting and additions to the agenda were made. The revised agenda was adopted ( Ron, Julian)
- The Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting were approved. ( Kelly, Debbie)

### **Committee Reports:**

- **The Worship Committee** continues to make preparations for several special services in June. On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will thank Iris Kim for her contribution and dedication to St. Paul's Choir and the Congregation. Our next Communion Service will be held on Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>. Communion is to be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> which represents the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Rev Richard Bowley as our Minister. A Pulpit Exchange with Nashwaaksis United Church has been arranged for September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Property Committee** shared good news that they have secured Cox Electronics to provide Screens for the Sanctuary, to be installed as soon as possible. Repair to the steps and ramp leading to the Entrance of St. Paul's Church are going to be repaired as well as soffits around the hall roof (quotes to be gathered for each of these projects). Motion: "We approve the lending of resources, up to \$20000, to pay Cox Electronics for Screens for the Sanctuary, with the money to be repaid to the Housing Account by Nov.30<sup>th</sup>, 2015." (Ron, Debbie) Motion carried. It was also noted that Kyle Mathers does an excellent job of keeping the boiler maintained.
- **Partnership Committee** has had discussions regarding "rules of engagement" for the Pantry; perhaps written guidelines might assist those interacting with those seeking help through St. Paul's Pantry. More feedback to follow in the near future.

- **Stewardship Committee** has been working on a Pastoral Care Team for St. Paul's; Lois Walker will have an announcement for the Congregation on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Stewardship Committee has a meeting scheduled for next week.
- **UCW** with Donna Chauvin as Chair is "rapping up" tomorrow with a Lunch scheduled to be held at the Diplomat Restaurant.
- **M&P Committee** with Chair Ross Mathers will connect with Chair Derrick Grant in the near future.
- **Christian Education Committee** continues to be a "work in progress" with a launch potentially scheduled for the fall.
- **Community Committee** provides taxi service for those in need of transportation.
- **Finance Committee** shared that the budget deficit (at the end of May) was \$28000; cash flow problems were discussed and some suggestions were made for addressing these problems: more members signing on to PAR, Fellowship Dinners, Soup and Sandwich Lunches, etc. A three year budget is being considered beginning next year. The joint meetings being held with 5 sister churches is proving to be very helpful to all.

#### **Joint Needs Assessment Committee:**

The next step for JNAC is to schedule a meeting with Rev. Richard Bowley.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Letter regarding a request for a cat for Raymond and Karen Redbourne  
Motion: "Be it resolved that we continue to endorse the no pet of any kind policy in the rental building". (Ron, Frank) Motion carried.
- Requests for Support from the Atlantic School of Theology  
Motion to table this request (Julian, Kelly) Motion carried.
- Changes to Salary  
(For information only...to be filed)
- First Aid Training Update  
(For information only...training is in progress)

#### **Baptism/Wedding Requests**

- Baptism...1 request...names to follow
- Weddings...2 requests for September 2016...names to follow

## **New Business**

- **United Church of Canada Restructuring:** Rev Richard reminded us that there will be some amalgamations and combining of courts which will have an impact on every United Church. The proposed changes were discussed at Maritime Conference where various suggestions were expressed. Voting on the proposed changes will be held in August 2015.
- **Board Orientation**
  - a) Quorum for Board Meetings: Motion: “Moved that the quorum for Board Meetings be 50% +1 member which translates to 5 members for the current Board.” (Ron, Kelly) Motion carried.
  - b) Communication strategies...handout was distributed.
  - c) Board liaison for Facilitation Committee...Julian Walker
  - d) List of duties/responsibilities for each committee...to be collected in the Fall
  - e) Nominating Committee...agenda item for September 2015 Board Meeting...Ann to research history and structure for the formation of a Nominating Committee

## **Other:**

- Coffee hour for Board on June 21<sup>st</sup>.....Kelly, Derrick and Debbie will help out on that day.
- Rev. Bob Jones Contract: Motion: “Moved that St. Paul’s employ Rev. Bob Jones from September 6- December 31, 2015”. ( Ron, Kelly ) Motion carried. Ann to e-mail Ross Mathers and the Secretary of Presbytery regarding the results of the above motion. **This agenda item needs to be considered again in November 2015.**
- **Wedding Policy**...tabled
- **Conference Report**...distributed via e-mail and a paper copy was made available this evening

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm (Frank).**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Krause, Secretary

