

Minutes of the Meeting of St. Paul's Congregational Board
October 13, 2015

Present: Derrick Grant (Chair), Kelly Simpson, Rev. Richard Bowley, Ann Krause (Secretary)

Regrets: Frank Morrison, Ron Naugler, Julian Walker, Jack Simpson

- Derrick (Chair) called the meeting to order; the draft agenda was distributed electronically in advance of the meeting; quorum for the meeting was reviewed and it was agreed that we would proceed.
- Rev. Richard Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer
- The agenda for the evening was adopted(Kelly, Rev. Richard)
- The Minutes of the September 8th Meeting were approved (Rev.Richard, Kelly)

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** is working on special services that are coming up in November and December including the 183rd Anniversary Service, Remembrance Day Service and Advent and Christmas Services. The Board approved a motion from the Worship Committee regarding the collection of offering in the balcony of the church. (Kelly, Ann)
- **The Property Committee** have been busy with tree cutting located near the church hall, getting the furnace ready for winter and completing the screen project.
- **The Stewardship Committee** met last week and finalized the Thanksgiving Letter to be mailed for those who do not use e-mail. This committee is overseeing a Pastoral Care Committee of 7 or 8 members.
- **The UCW** has been busy preparing wreaths for sale; they will soon be completing mincemeat pies for Christmas.
- **M & P Committee** are considering the completion of yearly reviews of staff in November.

Joint Needs Assessment Committee:

The JNAC Report is ready to be presented to our Congregation; a Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th following the morning worship service. **Motion by Kelly, Seconded by Ann to approve the JNAC Recommendation...Carried.**

Correspondence

A thank you letter from Lauren Ryan to the Board was read. It was agreed that we should have a general discussion regarding the Wark Scholarship at our November Meeting. (Amount, fundraiser to bolster funds, etc.)

Baptisms/Wedding Requests

- Cormac Murphy, son of Corey and Leah Murphy to be baptized on Nov.1st
- No new wedding requests

New Business

- Most of the items under New Business were deferred to the November meeting with the exception of "Reporting by each Committee to Congregation" which Rev Richard agreed to facilitate under Minute for Community.

Other

- We began a discussion of the Marriage Policy for St. Paul's. Following our discussion, it was agreed that Rev. Richard share some of the policies in place in some of our sister churches at our November meeting for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Krause, Secretary