WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

December 6, 2015

Present: Rev. Richard Bowley; Larry Buick, Chair; Jan Buick, Secretary; Tammy Coughlan; Florence Bartlett; Bob Miller, Roger Miller; Dorothy Dauphinee

Regrets: Colleen Hanna; Clare MacIntyre

Rev. Richard opened the meeting with a prayer.

Jan read the minutes of the November 15th meeting.

Larry advised that the bell rope is till frayed, but useable.

New Members:

There were six new members welcomed last Sunday, November 29th.

Collection:

Roger is responsible for looking after all collections. He will have the names of the collectors put in the bulletin every week. Roger said he will be back-up for Scripture readings.

Weekly Ad in Gleaner:

Discussion regarding the elimination of the weekly ad for St. Paul's in the Gleaner.

MOVED by Bob Miller

SECONDED by Tammy Coughlan that the weekly ad in the Gleaner for Paul's be eliminated and only special services will be advertised individually. The United Church of Canada already lists St. Paul's in their advertisements for weekly services and this will eliminate duplication. Larry will advise Carole Peacock of this decision. Carried

Rev. Richard will discuss with Wilmot as to who will advertise the Longest Night Service at Wilmot.

Christmas Services:

The new Christ candle is in place and will be lit at the 7:00 and 11:00 Christmas Eve Service. The Worship Committee will set up for the December 20th Communion on Saturday, **December 19th at 1:00.** Rev. Richard will serve bread and Bob will serve juice on the parking lot side. Dorothy and Florence will serve the York Street side and Tammy and Larry will serve in the balcony. Roger will be the floater.

Before the service, Rev. Richard will announce that anyone who wishes to take their bread and cup back to their seats may do so, and when he takes his bread and juice,

they will be invited to participate then. There was discussion regarding serving communion to the congregation. The point was made that going up and down the stairs serving communion in the balcony is extremely hazardous. There is a great concern for the safety of the people serving.

Due to low attendance last year, the balcony will be closed for the 11:00 service. For the 11:00 Christmas Eve Service, Rev. Richard and Larry will serve Communion. Roger will be floater and will serve the sound person and anyone else who may be in the balcony.

Larry will light the Christ candle in the balcony for the 7:00 service. Rev. Richard will start lighting the choir tapers and then go down and light the congregation's tapers. Roger will light the taper in the balcony if there is anyone there. Roger has the scripture readers for Christmas Eve.

December 27th:

There will be a joint Caroling service with Wilmot at St. Paul's on Sunday, December 27th. Larry will advise Carole Peacock regarding placing an ad in the Gleaner.

January 3, 2016:

Rev. Richard advised that he had originally planned to be away on January 3rd, but he will now be at church.

Rev. Richard closed the meeting with a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Buick, Secretary