

Minutes of the Meeting of St. Paul's Congregational Board, February 16, 2016

Present: Derrick Grant (Chair), Ron Naugler, Julian Walker, Frank Morrison, Kelly Simpson, Rev. Richard Bowley, Pastor Sarah Magie, Ann Krause (Secretary) **Regrets:** Jack Simpson

- Derrick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone; the draft agenda was distributed electronically in advance of the meeting.
- Pastor Sarah opened the meeting with scripture, reflection and a prayer.
- The revised draft agenda was adopted (Ron, Frank). Motion carried.
- The following amendments were made to the Minutes of January 12, 2016: (Sarah's title changed from Rev. to Pastor; regarding Visioning Exercise for St. Paul's, we added that Pastor Sarah would act as a facilitator for this process; with respect to Julian Walker's letter to the Board, we added that it was a letter of resignation. Following these additions/corrections, the Minutes of January 12, 2016 were approved. (Julian, Kelly).

Business arising from the minutes:

- a) A draft agenda for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 21st was distributed; it was reviewed and appropriate changes were made.
- b) The nomination process for openings on the following committees was reviewed: Congregational Board, Trustees and M&P. Various suggestions of names were advanced for consideration and phone calls were to be made by several members of the Board.
- c) Presbytery Representatives for St. Paul's are: David Thorne, Marguerite MacAlpine, Isabel Green, Blaine Irving(alternate)

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** is meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17th to review and consider feedback on the change in collection gathering in the balcony at St. Paul's.
- **Stewardship and Outreach**---The Lenten Envelope Challenge has been launched; the message regarding the envelopes will be repeated again on Sunday so that more envelopes will get picked up by the congregation. This committee needs some new members to assist with fundraising for the church.

- **Ministry and Personnel**---a suggestion was made to have Ross Mathers (Chair) of Ministry and Personnel make a presentation to the Board at our March meeting. Following discussion, a motion to invite Ross Mathers to our next meeting was passed. (Ron, Frank) Motion carried.
- **Christian Education**---stay tuned for exciting news regarding this committee.
- **Finance**--- financial statements for 2015 were distributed to Board members

Correspondence

- Atlantic School of Theology
- Fredericton Chamber of Commerce(Krista Ross)
- Card from Chris Grant

Baptisms/Wedding Requests

- a) No new Baptismal requests
- b) Weddings: March 12, Catherine MacIsaac, Derek MacKinnon(Ann, Julian);
September 10, Caitlyn Mathers, William Stymiest (Kelly, Ron)

New Business

- a) Kelly provided us with a brief update from the Joint Search Committee---searching for a full time minister; applications have been received.
- b) Draft Budgets for 2016 and 2017 were distributed
- c) A discussion regarding future relationships between St. Paul's and Wilmot United was held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm (Frank)

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Krause (Secretary)

