

Minutes of the Meeting of St. Paul's Congregational Board, March 15, 2016

Present: Derrick Grant (Chair), Ron Naugler, Frank Morrison, Kelly Simpson, Chris Walker, Blaine Irving, Rev. Richard Bowley, Pastor Sarah Magie, Ann Krause (Secretary)

- Derrick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone; a special welcome was extended to our 2 new members, Blaine Irving and Chris Walker; the draft agenda was distributed electronically in advance of the meeting.
- Pastor Sarah opened the meeting with a prayer.
- ***Motion to adopt the revised draft agenda (Chris, Ron). Motion carried.***
- The following amendments were made to the Minutes of February 16, 2016:
Finance---financial statements for 2015 were distributed to Board members **and reviewed**

Draft Budgets for 2016 and 2017 were distributed **and reviewed.**

Following these additions, the Minutes of February 16, 2016 were approved.

(Frank, Kelly) Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- a) It was noted that Ross Mathers, Chair of the Ministry and Personnel (M& P) Committee, will make a presentation to the Board on April 12th regarding the function and role of the M & P committee. Also, Andrew Steeves, (Chair of Trustees) will make a presentation at the May meeting of the Board.
- b) A thank you note to be sent to Jack Simpson for serving on the Board.

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** has been concerned about safety and liability in the balcony at St. Paul's; following discussion, ***a motion to contact our insurance broker to gather more information was passed. (Kelly, Chris) Motion carried.*** The Worship Committee has been busy with the details for the upcoming services: Palm Sunday (March 20th), Maundy Thursday (March 24th) and Easter Sunday (March 27th). The schedule for summer services with Wilmot United has been set: June 26th-July 24th at Wilmot United; July 31-August 28th at St. Paul's United. ***A motion to accept these dates was passed. (Frank, Blaine) Motion carried.*** The next date for Communion is May 15th, Pentecost Sunday
On May 29th, Bob Miller will be assisting Rev. Rose Hannah at Wilmot, while Rev. Bowley and Pastor Magie are away.
- **The Property Committee**---the defibrillator has arrived and will be installed outside of Cathy's office; first aid training for designated personnel has been completed ; a trolley for music materials has been repaired for Alexis Ervin by Harold Raper

- **The Stewardship and Outreach Committee**---an Easter letter to the congregation will be distributed electronically next week; also, hard copies will also be available for those not using email.
- **The UCW Committee** will provide breakfast for St. Paul's and Wilmot following the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday
- **Ministry and Personnel Committee**--- Ross Mathers, Chair of this committee will make a presentation to the Board on April 12th. A discussion regarding policy as outlined in the Manual of the United Church of Canada was led by Pastor Sarah.
- **Christian Education**---Donna Chauvin and Jennifer Green have agreed to lead this committee.
- **Finance**---Ron Naugler, Chair of this committee indicated that he is not too concerned about this year; he does have concerns regarding finances for the future.

Correspondence

- a) Letter regarding night time calls for the alarm system; ***motion to support this request; (Frank, Chris) Motion carried.***
- b) Lay Worship Leader; ***motion to support Bob Miller's request (Ron, Blaine) Motion carried.***
- c) Remit documents...tabled to the April meeting; Rev.Bowley to send copies electronically to Board members

Baptisms/Wedding Requests

New Business

- a) Joint Search Committee(JSC)---the committee has been meeting regularly and is ready to hear from interested candidates; some applications have already been received
- b) Follow up to the Annual Meeting---tabled until April meeting
- c) Triennial Meeting with Presbytery---April 4th as a potential date to be confirmed
- d) Second full time minister---we do not have money in the budget for 2016
- e) Sharing responsibilities for the future---there should be a focus to involve new, younger members on the committees of St. Paul's
- f) Vision Planning meeting on Sunday, March 20th in the Sanctuary, following the morning worship service
- g) Orientation of new Board Members on April 12th---moved to May 10th meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm (Frank)

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Krause (Secretary)

