

Minutes of the Meeting of St.Paul's Congregational Board, April 12,2016

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

- Derrick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone; the draft agenda was circulated electronically in advance of the meeting. Andrew Steeves was welcomed to our April meeting; Ross Mathers is scheduled to attend our May meeting.
- Rev. Richard opened the meeting with a prayer.
- **Motion to adopt the revised draft agenda (Frank, Ron). Motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve Minutes of March 15, 2016 was approved. (Ron, Frank) Motion carried.**
- Andrew Steeves (Acting Chair of the Trustees), made a presentation to the Board regarding the Function and Role of the Trustees Committee. Andrew presented a Draft of "A Trustee's Vision of St. Paul's United Church 2031". Andrew shared that he has a very strong committee and he is optimistic about the ongoing work of the Trustees. Derrick will email the Vision Statement of the Trustees to all members of the Board. The Board will consider the Vision of the Trustees at the May Board meeting.
- **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Remit documents represent big changes coming to the United Church of Canada; these changes must be voted on by our congregation. **On the Agenda for our May meeting of the Board, we will consider #1 on the list of remits.**
 - b) Board members had a brief discussion regarding the process of filling vacancies on the M&P Committee, Trustees, and the Board. Following a discussion of the process used in 2016, it was agreed to continue with the same process in 2017.
 - c) The Board discussed an orientation for new members to the Board; the United Church Manual to be emailed to Ann by Rev. Richard and then on to all members of the Board. A suggestion to possibly work on an Orientation Binder for each new member of the Board was discussed.

Notice of Motion: Ron distributed a handout with a Projected Budget from 2016-2018; it included a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and should be considered with the goals of the Stewardship Committee.

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** has done a great job in assisting with the many details of the Easter Season. A letter of thanks will be forwarded to the Worship Committee.

In addition, a letter of thanks will be sent to Larry and Jan Buick; Larry has served as Chair of this committee and Jan has been the Secretary of the Worship Committee.

- **Stewardship and Outreach Committee** is working on new directions and goals for this committee; the Easter Newsletter showed some of these new directions for this committee.
- **The UCW Committee** has had a very successful Bridge Luncheon; there has been some discussion regarding a Spaghetti Dinner

Correspondence

- a) Letter from the Military regarding Pastor Sarah's role at St. Paul's...Derrick to circulate a draft response to Ann, Rev. Richard and Pastor Sarah

Baptism/ wedding Requests—no new requests

New Business

- a) JSC continues their work of reviewing applications, responding to applications and searching for candidates
- b) A new Board member to be considered at the Congregational Meeting in June 2016
- c) A revision of the Liaison List for members of the Board and the Committees of St. Paul's was considered and will be finalized at the Board Meeting in May
- d) Ron circulated a draft "organizational chart" for our consideration
- e) We had a short discussion about the Triennial Meeting with Presbytery...positive and well received by those who were in attendance
- f) An orientation and review of roles meeting for the Board and the various Committees of the church was proposed...perhaps a Breakfast Meeting in the fall? This item will be discussed at our May meeting of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm (Chris)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Krause (Secretary)