

Minutes of the Meeting of St. Paul's Congregational Board, May 13, 2016

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

- Derrick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone; the draft agenda was circulated electronically in advance of the meeting. Ross Mathers was welcomed to our May meeting.
 - Rev. Richard opened the meeting with a prayer.
 - **Motion received to adopt the revised draft agenda (Ron, Blaine). Motion carried.**
 - **Motion received to approve Minutes of April 12, 2016 (Kelly, Frank). Motion carried.**
 - Ross Mathers, Chair of the Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee, described the function and role of M&P. He referred to the criteria provided by the United Church of Canada and indicated that the M&P Committee was adhering to these criteria as much as possible. **Motion: Be it resolved that St. Paul's Congregational Board empower the Ministry and Personnel Committee to make decisions and to provide a little update to the Board every 3 months, via their liaison person on the Board. (Kelly, Ron) Motion carried.**
 - **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Remit Documents #1 were discussed for several minutes; it was decided to continue the discussion regarding #1 at the June meeting of the Board.
 - b) **Motion received to support the Vision Statement of the Trustees (Frank, Kelly). Motion carried.**
 - c) A tentative date of **Sept. 10/16** was set for the Congregational Board and all Committees to meet to review the roles of the Board and Committees of the church.
 - d) **Graeme Smith** will be nominated to the Board at the Congregational Meeting on June 12/16; Derrick will call for other nominations for the vacancy that exists on the Board. If there is more than one nomination, a little election will be held so that the congregation can vote to fill the vacancy.
- Ministry Report**, a new agenda item is to be added at this point in our meetings.

Rev. Richard updated us on his Bible Study class and the Men's Discussion Group.

Pastor Sarah updated us regarding the Visioning Team: the history piece continues with the identity piece starting in the fall.

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** has new officers: Colleen Hanna (Chair), Roger Miller (Vice-Chair) and Bob Miller (Secretary). The Worship Committee debriefed on the various services of the Easter season. An unsung hero award for deserving folks at St. Paul's is being considered. Roger will follow up on this idea. Colleen is doing some work on establishing terms of reference for the Worship Committee.

Name tags for the congregation are being considered for the fall. Next communion is to be held on May 15th.

- **The Property Committee**—the defibrillator has been installed
- **Stewardship and Outreach Committee** continues to discuss new directions and goals for this committee; the Board will include a discussion on this at the June meeting.
- **Finance committee** indicated that we were in pretty good shape; the expenses at this point are \$11000 less than budget; this is due to the mild winter (savings in snowplowing, electrical, heating). **Motion received to transfer \$10000 to the Maintenance committee budget to paint the church windows. (Ron, Frank). Motion carried, Kelly opposed.**
- **Facilitation Committee**—Board plans to invite Carol Peacock to a future meeting of the Board

Correspondence

- a) Pastor Sarah informed the Board of a possible fund raiser for St. Paul's; Trevor McKinven, a 1 man show would like to present "They Came From Away"...Newfoundland's 911. He does his own advertising and St. Paul's would provide the venue. **Motion received to invite Trevor McKinven. (Kelly, Ron) Motion carried.**

Baptism Request: Jeffrey and Jennifer (Moore) Lenehan would like to have their baby Kate baptized on June 5/16 at St. Paul's United. **Motion received to accept this request for baptism. (Kelly, Ann) Motion carried.**

New Business

- a) The Joint Search Committee continues their search for a second minister. A closing date of June 30/16 for the current list of potential candidates has been established.
- b) Blaine Irving is the Board Liaison for the Stewardship and Outreach Committee.
- c) A brief discussion on the topic of "Growing the Congregation" was held; "Bring a Friend Sunday" is being considered.
- d) **Next Congregational Meeting to be held on June 12/16**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm (Kelly)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Krause (Secretary)