

Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Feb 10, 2021

In attendance via ZOOM: Rev. Richard Bowley, Sue King, Sally Allanach, Brion Crossman, Barb McBean, Diane Tonge, Bob Crowley, Stu Baker, Bill Whittaker, Una Wilson, Dan Forret, Chris Young, John Hill.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:36 PM. Rev. Richard offered a devotional and a prayer. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Bill Whittaker moved approval of the agenda. Diane Tonge 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from Jan 13, 2021. Rev. Richard 2nd. Carried

Treasurer's Report - Brion presented the January treasurers report. Givings were higher than same month last year. Expenses a bit higher. Three more members signed up for PAR. Explained how tech expenses are coming out of Tech Fund, rather than general expenses. Brion explained that the PAR commitments and rental income amount to about \$125,000 per year. Brion moved acceptance of his report. Bill Whittaker 2nd. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- 1) **Safe Church Committee** – Bill Whittaker reported that at a meeting on Monday night the committee decided that it is not feasible to have a pancake supper. Instead, a virtual supper will be held at 5 PM Tuesday, Feb 16. Make your own pancakes and share the meal experience on Zoom. Contributions will be accepted for the Outreach Fund.
- 2) **Tech team update** – Dan Forret reported that a new projector and screen have been ordered at a cost of about \$5,000. Still looking for cameras, consulting with Chris Pine of Hi-Tech Security about sourcing the cameras. Existing camera is now connected to the new computer.
- 3) **Year end AGM and reports** – Bob Crowley sent out draft reports earlier this week for review. Sue King will add a short report for Safe Church. Bob commented that the revised Vision Statement, approved at the 2020 AGM, has been included in the 2020 Annual Report. Each report was reviewed for accuracy and a few corrections will be made to the final draft. Chris suggested that the “egg chart” should include ad hoc committees. **Bill Whittaker moved, Sally Allanach 2nd acceptance of the annual report for presentation to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting. Carried.** Bob thanked all members of the committees for their contributions that allowed us to continue worship and meetings during the pandemic. Discussion ensued about how to distribute the annual report. It was decided that a PDF copy of the report will be posted on the website. Hard copies will be available for those who want one.
Dan will coordinate a polling procedure that is suitable for online voting with Zoom.
- 4) **Storm Policy Update** – Bob presented the updated storm policy. The updated policy will be posted on the website.

Correspondence: Sue received an email from Norval United Church thanking us for the \$100 donation we gave them for letting us use their Daily Minute devotionals since June 2020.

New Business: Wendy and Sue will coordinate a virtual fundraising event on Mar 6 at 6:30. “Cahoots” is a game similar to Jeopardy. Admission will be \$15 per family.

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Christian Life & Growth* – Una Wilson reported that five youth have signed up for youth group. Three attended the 1st meeting. Rev. Richard reported five have signed up for Confirmation classes.

- 2) *Worship Committee* – Sally Allanach reviewed the upcoming services leading to Easter. Zoom Bible study will be Tuesdays at 7 PM, Wednesdays in Lent will be pre-recorded services on Zoom. The Good Friday service will be shared with St David's. Easter will be confirmation Sunday. Rev. Richard presented his continuing education and vacation schedule.
- 3) *Property Maintenance* – Bill Whittaker reported no more roof leaks. Furnace repairs completed. Rev. Richard and Stephen Alexander now have their names their parking spot signs. Updates were done to electrical panels. The KidZone contract is the same as it was in 2020.
- 4) *UCWs* – no report
- 5) *Social Committee* – no report
- 6) *Outreach* – Barb McBean reported that \$200 was donated to Outflow. Rose Martin and Jane Barefoot are distributing fresh fruit to local schools until the end of February.
- 7) *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported that an updated member list will soon be available.
- 8) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – no report
- 9) *Finance & Trustee* – no report
- 10) *Youth Representative* – no report
- 11) *Affirming Committee* – Sue reported that a revised marriage statement is in progress.
- 12) *Regional Representative* – Bob reported the May AGM will be a Zoom meeting
- 13) *Minister's report* – Rev. Richard commented that it is a busy time, planning Bible study, Wednesday services, Confirmation classes and Easter. He is in awe of the engagement of our community of faith for the support shown on the Sunday morning services.

The Annual congregational meeting will be held as a Zoom meeting on Feb 21, 2021

Next online council meeting is Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Rev Richard closed the meeting with a prayer.

Barb McBean moved adjournment at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley