

## Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Dec 8, 2021

**In attendance via ZOOM:** Rev. Richard Bowley, Barb McBean, Brion Crossman, Dan Forret, Bob Crowley, Bill Whittaker, Sally Allanach, Una Wilson, Sue King, Stuart Baker, Don and Marilyn Robertson, John Hill. Regrets from Diane Tonge, Chris Young.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Rev Richard offered a devotional. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Bill Whittaker moved approval of the agenda. Dan Forret 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes** –Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from Nov 10, 2021. Barb McBean 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Brion presented the Nov 2021 treasurer's report. Brion commented that half the fundraising money went to cancer society. No unusual expenses. Total 18k spent in the past year for technology. Outreach balance for Christmas families is about \$3,000. Brion asked to be advised of unusual expenditures to help plan for 2022 budget. Christmas envelopes were not available this year. A notice will be added to the weekly bulletin. YTD surplus is about \$7,300. **Brion moved acceptance of his report. Stu Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

- 1) **Safe Church Committee** - Bill Whittaker reported no changes to protocol. A note will be put in the weekly bulletin and a sign on the door explaining to latecomers to the service why the door is locked and to ring the bell for entry. Brion suggested an alert "light" that triggers when the door is opened.
- 2) **Tech team update** - Dan reported contacting screen vendor about a wave in the screen.
- 3) **Reality check for Governance** – No report
- 4) **Nov 28 Affirm vote / next steps** – Brion reported some calls from members who are leaving the church and withdrawing from PAR.

**Correspondence: None**

### **New Business:**

**Year end AGM and reports** – Proposed dated for AGM is Feb 13, 2021 Committee reports will need to be submitted by Jan 24, 2022. Preliminary budget will be presented at the council meeting of Jan 12, 2022. Feb council meeting if proposed to be held Feb 2, 2022

### **Committee Reports:**

- 1) *Christian Life & Growth* -Una reported Advent Adventure series continues, 3<sup>rd</sup> video this Friday. Congregation Zoom PJ party this Sunday. Sarah (mom)and Aria have been attending. Activity packages for kids. Dec 13 CL&G meeting for plans in the new year.
- 2) *Worship* – Sue reported worship met today. Xmas Eve is Stephen's last day. All are encouraged to write cards. 2 communions this month. Shannex service Dec 21. Longest night Dec 21 Zoom. Choir has/will record music for January services.

- 3) *Property Maintenance* – Bill reported quiet month, minor maintenance. Circulating pump acting up. Thanks to Dan for his help with yard maintenance earlier in the year. Losing committee members, need members to step up to share their skills.
- 4) *UCWs* – no report
- 5) *Social Committee* – Sally reported the social committee has been inactive for about 5 years. We need someone to step up to re-activate the committee.
- 6) *Outreach* – Barb McBean reported that Outreach busy with newcomer families. Last date for names on Christmas exchange was today. 23 names registered will be given gift cards.  
*Pastoral Care* – Sue wondered if continued phone calls are required. It was agreed that fewer members need to be called regularly. The number of people the pastoral care team are visiting have dropped. Nursing home persons suffer because of this. Looking for options for education in New year. The Pastoral Care Callers list is not as necessary now Rev Richard is visiting and attending to pastoral care.
- 7) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Sally reported annual staff meeting begin tomorrow.
- 8) *Finance & Trustee* – no report
- 9) *Youth Representative* – no report  
*Affirming Committee* – Sue reported celebration planned in the new year. Proposed date Feb 27 (transfiguration Sunday). Affirm Committee of the congregation needs to be disbanded and a new committee Affirm of Council be created. Continuing Education to include a mental health topic on depression and anxiety. Bob suggested updated bookmarks with our Vision and Mission statements, including the Affirm United logo. The work of the church continues by finding people with a passion for some of the work that needs to be done as an Affirming congregation. The outside church sign will have an additional rainbow stripe added to the bottom of it. Leslie will contact Bill Whittaker re this, and Cindy will arrange for it to be made. Sue has contacted Affirm United and local United Church clergy, Rothesay High School, Stu Kearney and KV Oasis Youth Centre and informed them of this status. Sue discussed with Stu Kearney how to reach out to youth and he suggested a bookmark with QUC logo and rainbow (Affirm United) with a couple of sentences of welcome and website.
- 10) *Regional Representative* – no report – Brion cautioned that there may be additional assessments from Region in the new year.
- 11) *Minister's report* – Rev. Richard reported lots of visiting when allowed by regulations. Thank you to Leslie for her support in this first year with us.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Jan 12, 2022, at 7:30 PM.

Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley