

Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Feb 2, 2022

In attendance via ZOOM: Rev. Richard Bowley, Chris Young, Barb McBean, Stuart Baker, Diane Tonge, Sally Allanach, Una Wilson, Brion Crossman, Bob Crowley, Ruth Buckley, Bill Whittaker, Bruce Amey, Cindy Millican, Sue King, Hally and Carolyn Kimball, John Hill. Regrets from Dan Forret.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:33 PM. Rev Richard offered a prayer. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Bill Whittaker moved approval of the agenda. Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Minutes –Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from Jan 12, 2022. Barb McBean 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brion presented the January 2022 treasurer report. Worst January in a number of years. Only \$8,600 in general offering, down \$2,600 in donations from the same month last year. No unusual expenses. YTD deficit of \$4,200. The seriousness of the shortfall will be expressed to the congregation at the AGM.

Brion moved acceptance the treasurer's report, Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- 1) **Year End – AGM & Reports** – Review of draft annual reports. Corrections were put forward for editing. Final report will be available online on Feb 2. A paper copy of the report can be available on request. *Diane Tonge moved, Bill Whittaker 2nd acceptance of edited report to be presented to the congregation at the AGM. Carried.*
- 2) **Affirming signage** – Sue presented proposed Inclusive Flag made of coroplast, affixed to plywood to be hung on the right side of the front of the church. Dimensions and location of the sign are yet to be finalized. Cindy will arrange to have a mock-up of different sizes for visualization.
- 3) **Safe Church Committee** – Bill reported continuing Zoom services. Next meeting Feb 16.
- 4) **Reality check for governance** – no report
- 5) **Region action on Ecological Justice (deferred to March 2022)**

Correspondence: none

New Business: none

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Christian Life & Growth* – Una reported a Zoom Valentine party planned for Feb 13. Three Lenten videos are going to be shown during Lent. Applications for the Al Graham award are being accepted. An online application will be available.
- 2) *Worship* – Sue reported upcoming special Zoom services - Ash Wednesday Mar 2, Maundy Thursday Apr 14. The Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services have not been finalized.
- 3) *Property Maintenance* – Bill reported stair damage from plowing. Urban Landscaping will repair it in the spring.
- 4) *UCWs* – no report
- 5) *Social Committee* – no report
- 6) *Outreach* – Barb reported newcomer bags are being prepared tomorrow. School food program sending food home on Friday.
- 7) *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported good Zoom session with Rick Benson on Monday, Jan 31.

- 8) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Sally reported she received a very positive response from Leslie regarding the kind words shared at council about her work and her wage increase.
- 9) *Finance & Trustee* – no report
- 10) *Youth Representative* – no report
- 11) *Affirming Committee* – Sue reported a Zoom session will be presented Feb 21, 2022 at 7pm, with Stephanie Fowlow, from Laura Gatién & Associates. It will be a 1 hr Zoom session on Mental Health supports and issues. Still planning a date to celebrate becoming an Affirming congregation.
- 12) *Regional Representative* – no report
- 13) *Minister's report* – Jun 3 and 4 have been set for the Regional meeting. Hospitals only allow Minister visits if the patient advises the hospital when being admitted.

Date and time of next meeting:

Annual report available online by Feb 6, 2022

Annual Congregational Meeting (AGM) Feb 13, 2022 – formal notices Jan 30 and Feb 6, 2022

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Mar 9, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley