

## Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Nov 9, 2022

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

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:31 PM. Bob offered a prayer. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Bill Whittaker moved approval of the agenda. Barb McBean 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes** –Chris Young moved approval of the minutes from Oct 12, 2022. Una Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Brion presented the October 2022 treasurer report. Decent month for revenue. Unusual expenses included technology purchases. \$400 surplus for the month. Replacement photocopier has been installed. \$920 raised from salmon sale will be recorded in Nov revenue. Thanks to Dan Forret for organizing this and previous events. Brion moved acceptance for his report, Stu Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Safe Church Committee update** - Bill reported no changes needed at this time.

**Reality Check on Governance** – no report

**Where to from here discussion** – Rev Richard read the letter from council that will be distributed to the congregation. The letter is asking for volunteers to participate in committees and activities. A few wordsmithing edits were offered. The letter will be sent by email in early January to those with email and mailed to those without. The “egg” chart will be sent out with the Committee Chair, with a brief description of the work done by the committee and their number of vacancies. A second “egg” chart will have a current list of committee members. Richard suggested including a “moment for community” during worship, for times when Minute for Mission is not available, to have someone from a committee speak briefly about what they do.

**Church Directory** – Leslie has had only a few responses from those who don’t want to be in the directory.

**2023 Budget and Outreach:** Barb reiterated from last month that the work of Outreach is integral to the work of our congregation and funding should not be based solely on regular pleas for money from the committee members. Positive discussion followed and it was agreed to prepare a budgeted amount for 2023.

**Correspondence:** None

### **New Business:**

**Commercial request for use of space** - Request from a Speech Pathology Clinic to use a room in the church for 3 hours each week. Bill will follow up with the applicant to find out more details about the need.

**Recognition moment** – Bob shared a photo of Barb McBean recently receiving a Platinum Jubilee medal, presented for volunteerism. Congratulations Barb!

### **Committee Reports:**

1. *Christian Life & Growth* – Una Wilson reported that Nov 27 coffee hour will include making an advent wreath social, materials will be provided, as will treats. Dec 11 will be the Christmas pageant and social. The committee purchased 6 colouring posters for use by all.

2. *Worship* – Sally is stepping down from Worship and M&P indefinitely for personal reasons. Bob thanked Sally for all her hard work. Sue received good feedback about the anniversary service. Christmas Eve services will be at 5PM and 7PM. Need communion servers for Nov 20 and Dec 18, and for Christmas Eve Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Sue reported that Layton Peck has COVID and may not be well enough to attend the service on this Sunday. He will update Sue on Friday. PJ service on Christmas morning by Zoom. New Year’s service also by Zoom. Not planning for white gift service this year. Advent Wednesday services will be held.

*Property Maintenance* - Bill reported Nancy Long, piano teacher, requested use of the sanctuary for a piano recital on the afternoon or evening of Dec 18, with a reception in MacDonald Hall to follow.

**Bill moved acceptance of the request for use of the sanctuary 2:30 to 4:30 on the afternoon. Rev Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

**Cindy Dutton requested use of the sanctuary for a piano recital Dec 9 6:30 to 7:30. Bill moved acceptance of the request for use of the sanctuary on Dec 9, 2022, at 6:30 to 7:30. Diane Tonge 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.**

Bill reported an increase of 16% in the cost for snow removal from Urban Landscaping. **Bill moved acceptance of the quote for snow removal by Urban Landscaping. Sally Allanach 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

Bill courageously changed the light bulbs in the sanctuary. Electrical outlet in kitchen replaced. Broken plastic screen on 2<sup>nd</sup> pulpit will not be replaced. Coffee hour needs more volunteers.

Chris Young requested use of the hall for a “Mom and Tots” cookie decorating time on Thursday morning, Nov 17. Bill will make the arrangements.

3. *UCWs* - no report

4. *Social Committee* – no report

5. *Outreach* – Barb reported that in a 4-week period newcomer bags were distributed for 63 people. Christmas letter will be sent out on Friday. Romero House serving more than 400 per day, only by take out.

6. *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported Nov 26 education on prayer workshop

7. *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Sally taking a leave of absence.

8. *Finance & Trustee* - no report

9. *Youth Representative* - no report

10. *Affirming Committee* – Sue King reported the Nov 27 service is 1-year since the affirming vote and will be celebrated.

11. *Region* – Rev Richard reported the 2023 annual meeting for the Region will be held in PEI.

12. *Minister’s report* – Rev Richard reported visits continue, prayer workshop, hospital visits as needed.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Dec 14, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Rev Richard moved adjournment at 9:28.

Sue King closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley