

## Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Jan 18, 2023

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

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

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Diane Tonge moved approval of the minutes from Dec 14, 2022. Barb McBean 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Brion presented Brion Crossman noted the year end 2022 had a \$5,500 surplus. In good shape going in to 2023. Brion moved acceptance of his report. Diane Tonge 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

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

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

**Reality Check on Governance** – Letter to congregation will be mailed out today with up to date “Egg Chart”. Chris suggested it also be added to our website. Bob suggested committee chairs schedule time during worship over the next weeks to elaborate on what their committee does. Una Wilson - CL&G will speak at the Jan 29; Feb 5 Bill Whittaker – Property Maintenance; Feb 12 Bob Crowley - M&P, Feb 19 Barb McBean - Outreach, Feb 26 Brion Crossman - Finance & Trustees, Feb 5 Sue King - Worship.

**Where to from here discussion** – Rev Richard suggested spending more time during council meetings on what we want to do rather than extended committee reports about what has happened. Chris suggested that committees send out bullet point reports sent out prior to meeting and any questions be asked at council. Concerns or upcoming events and significant items to addressed still brought up during council. The new procedure will begin in March.

**Church Directory** – no update

**Speech Pathology Clinic** – Bill updated Beth Baker on our decision.

**Correspondence:** Sue received an email of thanks from family of Shannex pastoral care visits

**New Business:** Sue proposed approval of a request to use the sanctuary in April for the annual Dalhousie Medical School Memorial service. Time and date to be determined. All in agreement.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. *Christian Life & Growth* – Una Wilson reported full slate of teachers to the end of March. Proposed a Painting Party Art class fundraiser Apr 29, \$40 per person, all supplies provided.
2. *Worship* – Sue King reported looking for new members as soon as possible. Currently only Rev Richard, Stephen Alexander, Ruth Buckley, and Sue King. Christmas Eve 2023 -would prefer it to be 7:00 pm. Upcoming services at Shannex Feb 20 at 1:15 pm (*Concord*) and 2:00 (*Embassy*). February 19, 2023 - Servers are needed for Transfiguration Sunday Communion. QUC, Hampton United and St. David’s United will be sharing Easter Lent ministry and services and it is hoped people will travel to each service. Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday at St David’s 6:30 pm; April 7 - Good Friday service at Hampton United 2:30 pm; April 9 - Easter Sunrise Service at Meenan’s Cove 6:30 AM. Proposed a cooked breakfast in MacDonald Hall on Easter morning. Easter Day - Communion. Proposed Lenten prayer services on Wednesday or Tuesday night Bible study.
3. *Property Maintenance* - Bill reported a water leak at “boy scout” entrance to MacDonald Hall. Met with Kidzone regarding increase in rent. Wilson Security confirmed our security system will work with the additional of “506” to all dialed numbers in NB in February.
4. *UCWs* - no report
5. *Social Committee* – no report

6. *Outreach* – Barb reported 3 newcomer families arriving soon. Booksale has made \$183 so far.
7. *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported via email - Daily visitations to Shannex to assist with feeding a congregant ended December 28th. Family really appreciated it and sent a donation. Occasional visits will continue to people. Cards to be sent out as per usual for support. Connie Downey, Jane Barefoot and Patti Brett have stepped down from the committee. We are grateful for their service.
8. *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – No report
9. *Finance & Trustee* - no report
10. *Youth Representative* – Bob waiting to hear back from a possible youth representative.
11. *Affirming Committee* – Sue King reported via email - Education series will continue four times a year. Meetings will continue every second month. Discussion regarding accessibility is ongoing (electric chairs for stairs, elevator). Discussion about raising Face Book profile to make it more welcoming weekly (e.g. *announcement post could include photo of the Church with inclusive sign, affirming logo and a welcome*). Events such as education seminars could be advertised. The calendar of events will be on the QUC website. Discussed having videos on subjects of diversity a few times a year. We hope to have QUC presence at the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia on May 17th. Flag raising 12 noon at SJ City Hall followed by a march. We are exploring creating a banner that will include the Affirm United Logo with Quispamsis United Church logo so we can march and attend this event. Affirming Committee would like to lead a worship service with an invited guest speaker in May 2023. Ruth Buckley and Leslie Reid are leaving the committee. We thank them for their service.
12. *Region* – no report
13. *Minister's report* – Rev. Richard recovering from Christmas workload. Weather is limiting visitations. Shannex services continue in February.

Next online **council** meeting is Wednesday Feb 1, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Annual Congregational Meeting Feb 12, 2023 following worship. (*reports to congregation by Feb 5, 2023*)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM. Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley