

Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Sept 13, 2023

In attendance: Rev Ian Manson, Chris Young, Brion Crossman, Sue King, Bob Crowley, Hally Kimball, Rowena Anderson, Una Wilson, Doug MacDonald, Stu Baker, Sally Allanach, Bill Whittaker, Bruce Amey, John Hill. **On Zoom:** Don and Marilyn Robertson, Cindy Millican. Regrets from Barb McBean.

Chris Young opened the meeting at 7:32 PM. Rev Ian offered a prayer and acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Approval of Minutes – Bill Whittaker moved approval of the minutes from June 14, 2023. Bob Crowley 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brion presented the June/July/August 2023 treasurer's report. Surplus for the summer months is about \$2,567. YTD surplus is about \$715. **Brion Crossman moved acceptance of the treasurer's report. Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.**

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Safe Church Committee update** – *no report*
- **Reality Check on Governance** – *no report*
- **Where to from here discussion - Faith Profile Committee** – See attached report.
- **Refugee Family Participation** – Chris will inquire to St. David's United Church about the status of their project and when donations are expected to be made.
- **Remit 1 - Establishing Autonomous National Indigenous Organization** - invitation to review the documents linked, which we discussed on June 14 – decision on Remit 1 is to be made at a future Council meeting (due by March 2024)

<https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization>

Correspondence: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

1. *Christian Life & Growth – see attached report.*
2. *Worship – see attached report -*
3. *Property Maintenance – see attached report -*
4. *Social Committee – no report*
5. *UCW – no report*
6. *Outreach – no report*
7. *Pastoral Care – see attached report.*
8. *Ministry & Personnel Committee – no report.*
9. *Finance & Trustee – no report*
10. *Youth Representative – no report*
11. *Affirming Committee – see attached report.*
12. *Region – no report.*
13. *Minister's report – no report*

Rev. Manson closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next council meeting will be in person at the church and on Zoom on Wednesday Oct 13, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Ian Manson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Profile Committee

- Met 3 times since last council meeting.
- The survey was completed and distributed late June. We are now compiling the results of the 38 surveys returned.
- We also had a zoom session with Kendall Harrison of Region about the Faith Profile process which was informative. Rev. Ian Manson is our Region liaison and has attended 1 meeting.
- We are considering a congregational workshop for late October/early November, more info to come, and potentially report before the end of the year.

Christian Life & Growth –

- Met on August 29. Rev Ian attended and he was a great support for the group.
- On September 17 the group will host Sunday School registration and a welcome back congregational Ice Cream Social.
- Sunday School will begin on September 24. Because of the very low number of children, we are going to use curriculum that we already have. A lot of the lessons have never been used. On October 9 CLG is hosting a fall craft at the coffee hour after church.
- Looking way ahead, we have booked HRAA for a service and congregational picnic on June 9. The rental fee is \$150. Rev Ian said that he would be pleased to conduct the service. We will contact Worship to see if they want to help plan the event.

Worship Committee

- The Worship Committee met on August 22nd to welcome Rev Ian.
- Rev Ian has agreed to do 3 – services a month with an exception in October when he will do 4 out 5 services for continuity.
- We will return to Revised Common Lectionary from Gathering Resources -ie switch from the narrative lectionary.
- No changes to worship format of service for now.
- The new exciting Community Connections program starts on September 24th and speakers are getting lined up.
- Communion Servers list is going to be revised with an announcement requesting anyone who is interested in serving. Doug McDonald has offered to oversee Communion servers and the contacting of them. He will submit a notice in announcements.
- There was a suggestion that the energy of the Congregation might be strengthened and enlivened if the last three pews on each side were roped or cordoned off. What is the Council reaction to this please?

Property Maintenance Committee

- Two verbal quotes obtained to replace shingles on 2 remaining areas (half Sanctuary, offices, choir room and side entrance). Dowd Roofing \$35,000 and Fundy Roofing \$30,000 plus taxes) to be done next fall.
- Investigated possible solutions to basement flooding in unique weather conditions with Dowd roofing and River Valley Septic. End decision was to have a french drain installed along office side of the Sanctuary under the eve by River Valley Septic at a cost of \$3277.50 this fall.
- Replaced bathroom taps and shut offs in the upstairs bathroom closest to the choir room.
- Request from Embers (Brownies) to meet at QUC one night/wk from 6 to 7:30 ish.
- Valley Girls returning on Thursday mornings.
- Minister's name change on the side entrance sign is in progress.

Ministry & Personnel Committee

No Report

Pastoral Care Committee

In the absence of a minister the pastoral care team continued to visit people in need.

Sue will meet with Rev Ian in September to apprise him of who would appreciate visits and home communion.

Affirming Committee

- The Committee participated and helped organize the birthday of becoming an Affirming congregation in June -It was a fun meaningful day shared with Christian Life and Growth's Graduation day at Hammond River Angling Association. The puppet show was excellent, and the array of rainbow-colored cakes, fudge and decorations were outstanding!
- On July 25th the committee arranged an evening on the riverfront with First Nation Storyteller Dave Smith. Other United Churches were invited and 46 people were present. It was a meaningful, thoughtful evening. Two hundred dollars was raised for QUC , and a tip was given to Dave Smith. A donor came forward and paid for the evening, so it was a win win!
- On August 12th QUC participated in their first Pride Parade and marched with Harmony United and Two Rivers Pastoral Charge. Special thanks to both Lynn McDonald who arranged the new banners that we proudly marched with and to Bill Whittaker who made poles to carry them. It was a wonderful joyous event, and we got many comments.
- Our next meeting date is TBD.