**Eastside United Church Leadership Team**

**Minutes of the July 15, 2020 Meeting**

**Attendees:** Sarah Tkachuk, Bonnie Yake, Sam Baidoo, Bonny Manz, Doug Scheurwater, Cathie Henderson, Anita Tessier, Wanda Barr, Leanne Sudom, Sheri Nupdal, Jim Fallows, Ken Powers, Delia Baidoo, Linda Fowler

| **Agenda**  **#** |  | **Action** |
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| 1. , | **Call to Order – Sarah**  Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:04. |  |
|  | Sarah said there was no formal agenda. She thanked Ken for stepping in for pastoral care. Russell’s doctor has recommended he not return to work until mid-October. It is difficult to determine the best way to keep him informed of developments in the church without making him feel he should return to work sooner.  Cathie has received some information about his leave. Medical insurance will cover 85% of his salary, Eastside will continue to pay him and will be reimbursed. Harvey will be returning to work on Tuesday, July 21st but said he will be able to distribute information on the church’s behalf before then. | Sarah will do an update and send it to Harvey for distribution. |
|  | **Reports**  **Faith Formation**  Originally Russell was only going to be gone in August which meant changing the summer plans very quickly. The Zoom connection and then watching Westminster’s services has seemed to be working well so far, thanks to Amanda, Stephannie, and Sarah. There may be some changes to which services we link to over the summer, but we will continue as is. Plans will need to be made for the fall and regarding transitioning at some point back to in-person services. Consideration is also being given to hire someone temporarily to perform services and perhaps assist for awhile when Russell returns.  Ken advised that even after you retire you need to do courses to retain your ordination. Many retired Ministers don’t choose to but he did and passed. So happy he did that. He said payment for helping out is not necessary but we believe he should be paid for his time. He will also participate on the committee to help plan and develop a strategy for the future.  Sarah received an email from Michelle about not being notified about not having services in July. Agreement was made in the group to pay her for the Sundays she was to play in July, as well as paying Josh for the week he was to do. We may use some of the music Michelle recorded already on Sundays as people sign on to our Zoom service.  A request has been received from someone wanting a baptism of their grandson. Ken knows the family so he and Leanne will discuss  No Film and Faith over the summer and Craft/Study group will resume in the fall.  .  **Congregational Care – Sheri**  The people that have been phoned have said they appreciate having the opportunity to see and speak to others via Zoom, before and after the Sunday services.  The committee needs the names/emails of the people on the Prayer List. It is believed that Russell is the only one that has it.    **M&P - Cathie**  Doing our best to fumble through without bothering Russell or Harvey too much while they are ill. With Russell it will be difficult to keep him informed without making him feel he needs to help out or come back to work earlier than he should. Harvey mentioned wanting to take some holidays in the summer. And Russell will still have his holidays to use when he returns.  **Gratitude Team - Wanda**  There is a Stewardship campaign planned for the fall and the team may need some help, possibly from Jim. They are preparing a package to go out to our members.  **Finance – Jim**  The reimbursement for Russell’s leave will be good. Plus currently have $700.00/month from the Federal Program.  **Living Spirit Centre Committee - Bonnie**  St. Philip did a walk through of the building with their Bishop. Since we share the building, returning to worship is a bit more difficult as each of the three congregations has its specific protocol to follow when it does so. Minimal things are happening in the building right now.  **Region – Doug**  There are a small number of people making sandwiches at ICF on Fridays and he would like a few more people to volunteer as it is once a week and will be continuing over the summer. It is in the bulletin but an announcement when we meet on Zoom on Sundays would likely be a good idea. | Anita will look after paying them.  Ken will call the person after discussing.  Sheri will contact Russell for the list |
|  | **Additional Suggestions and Questions**  Linda – Are the House Group phoning trees being used? As far as people know some people are doing it but many are not.  Delia – If the current situation continues will the Fall mean more work for the Congregational Care Team?  Doug – Can we let the congregation know why specifically we are not meeting in person; perhaps list what it would take in order for us to return (regulations from National church). Perhaps a specific email or on Facebook? Also, should be mentioned each Sunday on Zoom.  Sarah - Suggested that more people should be trained on doing hosting on Zoom.  Also a suggestion was made that perhaps people could host House Churches in their homes to watch the service together sometime in the future. |  |
|  | **Closing Prayer - Ken** |  |
|  | **Adjournment**  Sarah adjourned the meeting at 8:24 |  |