

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting - St. Paul's United Church Sunday, October 20, 2019

In Attendance: Val Jackson, Gordon Molinski, Darlene Molinski, Sherry Swain-Pelletier, Leone Rondeau, Vanessa May, Doug May, Allan Cassidy and Cheryl Cassidy

Regrets: Barry Barylski

Pastoral Charge Supervisor: Cole Grambo has been assigned as our pastoral charge supervisor. He will be sent a *draft* copy of the minutes. (The minutes are approved at the next board meeting.)

Call to Order:

-Vanessa May called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

Prayer:

-Allan Cassidy offered the opening prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: That the agenda be adopted with *Picture* added under **New Business**. Darlene/Val **Carried**

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the September 15th meeting be adopted. Allan/Doug **Carried**

Correspondence:

Incoming Mail

-On September 20th, a thank you letter was received from the Beausejour and Area Food Bank Inc. for our recent donation of 107.5 pounds of food items.

-A copy of the Connex was received.

Outgoing Mail

-A sympathy card was sent to Phyllis Leslie for the loss of her husband, Jack Aaron.

-A thinking of you card was sent to Melody McKellar regarding the health concerns of her mother.

-A sympathy card was sent to Sandy May over the loss of her Uncle Giovanni.

-A thinking of you card was sent to Judy Limpright regarding her recent health concerns.

-A thank you card was sent to Grant Schmidt for cleaning our church carpet.

-A congratulatory card was sent to Erica Young and Clint for their wedding engagement.

-A grandbaby congratulations card was given to Debra Vitt.

Committee Reports and Discussion:

A: Financial Statement

Motion: That the financial statement be accepted as presented. Allan/Leone **Carried**

B: Sunday School

-All is reported to be going well in the Sunday School.

-Elizabeth Redekopp is planning the Sunday School Christmas Concert for December 22nd.

C: Worship & Music

Action: *The Worship and Music Committee will discuss how to find a new home for the organ. Val and Sherry will work on creating an ad to put into the **Prairie to Pine** online newsletter. Ongoing*

-“Gifts” will be the theme for the week of Advent. Nona Ward and Debra Vitt will be handling the services for the four weeks of Advent and Susan Spindler will be organizing the Christmas Eve Service. The Sunday School children will be doing the candle lighting during the Advent services.

D: Ministry and Personnel

-The name tags for the members of the congregation and for the children are near completion.

E: Prairie to Pine

Action: *-Sherry and Leone attended the conference held at the Keystone Centre in Brandon from June 13th -16th. They will submit a written report. Ongoing*

Action: *Sherry and Leone will discuss planning an informal gathering of our neighbouring United Churches in January. Ongoing*

F: Minister's Report

-No report.

G: Chairperson

-Vanessa informed us that Linda Gibson has resigned from the Unified Board and the two other committees on which she served.

-She went to the Sunova Credit Union. Signing authority from Cedric Gibson to Leone Rondeau is now completed.

-She informed us that there has been no reply to her August letter to Shannon McCarthy.

H: Building Upkeep and Church Supplies

Action: *Val will contact Keith Kozyra about replacing the broken window in the minister's office. Completed*
The window and crank have been replaced at the cost of \$416.64.

-In October, Manitoba Hydro made their final inspection of the storage shed. The permit is now completed.

-A toilet for the men's washroom has been purchased at the cost of \$223.97.

-A new router for the computer was purchased.

I: Haystack Productions

Action: *Doug will contact Richard Middleton, a lawyer, about a building agreement between Haystack and the church and will update the memorandum of understanding. Ongoing*

Action: *Doug will place an ad (up to \$300.00) in the Clipper to recognize Alice Young and all the volunteers for the dinner theatre over the last 25 years and to thank all who contributed and worked on the Haystack storage shed. Completed*

-**There was a grand opening of the new storage shed and 25 Years Anniversary Celebration held on September 29th from 1:30 to 4:30.** About 125 people attended this celebration. St. Paul's presented Alice Young with a \$500.00 thank you gift certificate to an art gallery in Winnipeg.

-The storage shed is ready for use. We will be receiving \$2102.52 in reimbursement for returns to McMunn and Yates.

-The youth production entitled *Enchanted Book Shop* will be presented December 3rd to December 7th.

J: Memorial Report

- For the month of September, interest earned was \$15.02.
- The account stands at \$8514.72.

K: Newsletter

- A newsletter was sent out this week regarding the Fall Supper. The newsletter will be placed on our website.
- The next newsletter will be mailed with the Advent letter.

L: Website

- In September there were 112 hits to our site with 33% coming from Winnipeg.
- To date this month, there have been 83 visits.
- We average 133 hits per month.

M: Board Member Reporting to the Congregation

- Sherry will give the highlights of the minutes of the board meeting.

Previous Business Still Under Discussion:

A: Fundraising Ideas for the Church

1- The 2020 Open Your Hearts 12th Concert will be held on Saturday, February 22nd.
Rockers' United have agreed to be our entertainment for the concert at the cost of \$200.00.

2-The Fall Supper will be held on Monday, November 11th with two sittings: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Action: *Sherry will check with Blue Haze regarding the cost of catering turkeys for the supper. Completed*
The turkeys have been purchased from the Co-Op. Blue Haze will cook and carve the turkeys for the supper.

Action: *Cheryl will order the posters and tickets for the event. Completed*

-An ad for the Fall Supper will be placed in the Clipper by Cheryl.

Motion: To purchase a roller cart up to a price of \$100.00.

Cheryl/Leone **Carried**

3-Purdy's Chocolates

-Vanessa launched the campaign for Purdy's Chocolates. Orders must be submitted to her by November 24th with pick up on December 8th.

4-Christmas Wreaths

-Wreaths will be sold for \$25.00 as a fundraiser.

B: Vision Session Planning

-No report.

C: Search Committee

- The Church Hub Profile has been approved by the Prairie to Pine Regional Council and is online.
- The committee is looking at different strategies to attract candidates.

D: Updating Our Constitution

Action: *Sherry will update the constitution for approval at the December Unified Board Meeting. The revisions will then be passed at the Annual General Meeting in February. Ongoing*

New Business:

A: Picture

-Pier Siinema donated a beautiful picture to our church that will be hung in the board room.

Membership Updates:

-No updates.

General Board Announcements:

-To add Pennyweight to the list of where Fall Supper tickets can be purchased.

Next Meeting:

-The next meeting will be held on November 17th following the service.

Closing Prayer:

Vanessa May offered the closing prayer.

Adjournment:

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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Vanessa declared the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Secretary)