

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting - St. Paul's United Church

Sunday, September 15, 2019

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

Regrets: Linda Gibson

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 11:20 a.m.

Prayer:

-Vanessa May offered the opening prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: That the agenda be adopted. Doug/Sherry **Carried**

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the June 17th meeting be adopted. Val/Sherry **Carried**

Motion: That the minutes of the July 21st meeting be adopted. Allan/Darlene **Carried**

Correspondence:

Incoming Mail

-On August 20th, a letter was received from the Prairie to Pine Regional Council informing us that Cole Grambo has been assigned as our pastoral charge supervisor.

-A letter was received from St. Andrew's College asking us to host a *College Sunday*.

-A thank you letter was sent to us from the Beausejour and Area Food Bank Inc. thanking us for our most recent donation of \$45.00.

-The Connex newsletter is available to read.

-A letter from the Gospel for Asia World (GFA) requesting a donation was received.

-Information regarding the Canadian Council of Christian Communities was noted.

Outgoing Mail

-Val sent a get well card to Don Mann who had a mild heart attack.

-A sympathy card was sent to Judy Bergson for the loss of her husband, Dan.

-Val sent a get well card to Walter Johnson who had a knee replacement.

-A congratulatory card was sent to Tammy Lee Bleue on becoming a diaconal minister.

-A retirement card was sent to Doug May.

-Darlene sent thank you cards to the Beyette family and to Reg Black regarding the *yard sale*.

-Vanessa sent a letter to Shannon McCarthy regarding our minister search for St. Paul's United Church.

Committee Reports and Discussion:

A: Financial Statement

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

B: Sunday School

-Elizabeth Redekopp will lead the Sunday School classes with Tressa Pelletier until Christmas. Elizabeth will be making her own curriculum which will be based on the weekly lectionary.

On September 29th and November 24th, there will be family church services led by Sherry Swain-Pelletier.

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*

-Sherry has completed the *Pulpit Supply List* until the end of December. Susan Spindler will be leading the Christmas Eve Service.

-The committee is sending a revised sample of the bulletin to members on the pulpit supply list.

D: Ministry and Personnel

Action: *Val will upgrade the church mail slots. Completed*

-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 September. Ongoing*

F: Minister's Report

-No report.

G: Chairperson

-Vanessa has had a busy summer getting emails and communications done.

-She would like everyone to be a "solution person" in dealing with problems that arise and stresses strong communication between everyone.

H: Building Upkeep and Church Supplies

Action: *Doug will contact KRR regarding the shingles on the ridge cap of the roof that need fixing. Completed*
Doug contacted KRR. They will be sending someone to check the ridge cap on the roof. Completed

Action: *Doug will be responsible for making sure that we have enough siding for the middle parking lot fence to match the new storage shed. Repairing the parking lot fence will be on hold until next spring.*

Action: *Val will contact Keith Kozyra about replacing the broken window in the minister's office.*

-Two white tables from upstairs will be given to Haystack for their use.

-The Plexiglas on the outside sign needs repair.

-One of the toilets in the men's washroom is cracked and needs to be replaced.

-On September 4th Grant Schmidt cleaned our church carpet.

I: Haystack Productions

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.*

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*

-**There will be a grand opening of the new storage shed and 25 Years Anniversary Celebration held on September 29th from 1:30 to 4:30.**

-Dugard Plumbing Heating and Cooling is donating and will be installing the eavestrough for the storage shed before the end of September.

J: Memorial Report

-For the month of June, interest earned was \$14.94.

-For the month of July, interest earned was \$15.46.

-For the month of August, interest earned was \$15.49.

-The account stands at \$8499.70.

K: Newsletter

-A newsletter will be sent out before the Fall Supper.

L: Website

-In August there were 78 hits to our site with 46% coming from Winnipeg.

-We average 133 hits per month with 32% from Winnipeg and 6% from Selkirk.

M: Board Member Reporting to the Congregation

-Doug 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.*

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

3-Purdy's Chocolates

-Vanessa will launch the campaign around Thanksgiving.

4-Christmas Wreaths

-Val will check into more information about the selling these wreaths as a fundraiser.

B: Vision Session Planning

-No report.

C: Search Committee

-The committee met on August 11th. At this meeting they updated the profile to the Church Hub. They are waiting for approval from the Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

New Business:

A: Furniture Offer from Janine Hamblin

-Her offer will be turned down as we unfortunately have no use for the furniture at this point.

B: The Angelic Letters Series

-Al has donated this series of seven books to the church. He recommends the series as very uplifting reading.

C: Updating Our Constitution

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

Membership Updates:

- Jack Aaron has passed away.
- Rose Molinski's new address has been noted.

General Board Announcements:

HAYSTACK'S 25TH CELEBRATION AND RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEW STORAGE SHED
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 1:30-4:30

Next Meeting:

-The next meeting will be held on October 20th 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 1:05 p.m.

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Secretary)