

## **Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting - St. Paul's United Church Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Val Jackson, Gordon Molinski, Sherry Swain-Pelletier (left at 12:15), Leone Rondeau, Vanessa May, Doug May, Allan Cassidy and Cheryl Cassidy

**Regrets:** Darlene Molinski

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

**Guests:** Anne Ticknor and Fern Reis (presented the item listed under **New Business**)

**Call to Order:**

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

**Prayer:**

-Vanessa May offered the opening prayer.

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** That the agenda be adopted with *World Day of Prayer* added under **New Business**.

Val/Sherry

**Carried**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted.

Gord/Doug

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming Mail**

-Christmas cards thanking our church for our support in 2019 were received from Survivor's Hope and from the Beausejour Food Bank.

-A letter was received from Susan Kent who is living in Victoria inquiring about a future burial plot. Vanessa replied to her request, directing her to the Town of Beausejour.

**Outgoing Mail**

-A thank you card was sent to Barry and Geraldine Barylski for Barry's service on the Unified Board and for Geraldine being the contact person for the Red River Churches Refugee Team.

-A Christmas card and cheque were sent to the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre.

-A get well card was sent to Lorene Stepaniuk.

-A get well card was sent to Darlene and Gord Molinski.

-Thank you cards were sent to Val Jackson, Doug May and Leone Rondeau for their work organizing the church name tags.

-The Advent letters and newsletters were mailed on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports and Discussion:**

**A: Financial Statement**

**Motion:** That the financial statement be accepted as presented.

Allan/Doug

**Carried**

#### B: Sunday School

-The Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The concert will include a poem recitation and instrumental performances.

#### 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*

-Susan Spindler will conduct the service on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Nona Ward and Ann Cooke will alternate the services for the balance of January and through February.

-The regular weekly ad was changed in the Clipper for the month of December.

-A new ad regarding the Christmas Eve Service will run on December 19<sup>th</sup> in the Clipper.

#### D: Ministry and Personnel

-No report.

#### E: Prairie to Pine

**Action:** *-Sherry and Leone attended the conference held at the Keystone Centre in Brandon from June 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. 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*

-Next year's regional conference will be held in Steinbach in May.

-Shannon McCarthy is on sabbatical leave until the end of February. Judy Hare is assuming Shannon's duties in her absence.

#### F: Minister's Report

-No report.

#### G: Chairperson

-A response to our letter to Shannon McCarthy has not yet been received.

#### H: Building Upkeep and Church Supplies

-The parking lot was sanded at the cost of \$75.00.

#### 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*

**Before Christmas, Vanessa and Doug will be meeting with Sherelle, Monica and Alice to discuss the draft agreement. Ongoing**

-A very successful youth production entitled *Enchanted Book Shop* was presented December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### J: Memorial Report

-For the month of November, interest earned was \$15.07.

-The account stands at \$8545.34.

#### K: Newsletter

-A newsletter was mailed with the Advent letter.

L: Website

- In November there were 169 hits to our site, primarily from Winnipeg, Selkirk and Beausejour.
- To date this month, there have been 64 visits.
- The website has been updated to include the Advent letter and newsletter.

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 12<sup>th</sup> Concert will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Rockers' United have agreed to be our entertainment for the concert at the cost of \$200.00.

**Motion:** That the Beausejour Hospital T.V. Fund will be the recipient of the revenue from the Open Your Hearts Concert.

Val/Leone

**Carried**

- 2-The Fall Supper was held on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
-Profit is yet to be determined.

- 3-Purdy's Chocolates  
-The earned profit was \$641.62.

- 4-Christmas Wreaths  
-The earned profit was \$85.00.

B: Vision Session Planning

**Action:** *Doug May will check with Myrna Black about becoming our new contact person for the Red River Churches Refugee Team.*

- At our potluck honoring Barry and Geraldine Barylski, \$416 was raised for the Red River Churches Refugee Team.

C: Search Committee

- The committee met with Kristin Woodburke on November 18<sup>th</sup> for an orientation on the responsibilities of the Search Committee.
- The committee's next meeting is today, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30.

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. **Completed***

**The main changes made were:**

- the wording of Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario was switched to Prairie to Pine**
- the wording of pastoral charge was switched to community of faith**
- the wording of presbytery rep was removed.**

The revised constitution will be passed at the January Unified Board Meeting and then at the February Annual General Meeting.

E: New Projects

- Suggestions made at the last meeting for new purchases were: church bell, defibrillator, coffee carafes, new tablecloths and a new rug.
- Val Jackson has purchased 10 coffee carafes from second hand stores.

**Ongoing until the new year.**

**New Business:**

A: World Day of Prayer

**-Motion:** That St. Paul’s United Church host the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (material written by the women of Zimbabwe).

-Anne Ticknor and Fern Reis will organize this ecumenical service. Doug/Allan

**Carried**

**Membership Updates:**

-Amanda Dueck and Clinton Wiebe will be added to our mailing list.

**General Board Announcements:**

-Christmas Eve Special Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

-The next meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> following the service.

**Closing Prayer:**

Vanessa May offered the closing prayer.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned.

Gord

Vanessa declared the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairperson)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary)