

Minutes of the Unified Board Meeting - St. Paul's United Church
Sunday, November 17, 2019

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

Regrets: None

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.)

Call to Order:

-Vanessa May called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m.

Prayer:

-Vanessa May offered the opening prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: That the agenda be adopted with *New Projects* added under *New Business*.

Leone/Sherry

Carried

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the October 20th meeting be adopted.

Sherry/Darlene

Carried

Correspondence:

Incoming Mail

-There was no incoming mail.

Outgoing Mail

-A thinking of you card was sent to Don and Lois Mann.

-A thank you card was sent to Linda Gibson for serving on the various committees.

-A thank you card was sent to Dugard Plumbing Heating and Cooling for donating and installing the eavestrough for the storage shed.

-A thank you card was sent to Pier Sienema for the donation of the picture.

-A sympathy card was sent to Ken DeLisle and John Robertson for the loss of Ken's mother, Audrey.

-A sympathy card was sent to Anne and Jim Ticknor for the loss of Anne's brother-in-law.

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 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*

-A new blank bulletin for the Advent season for the pulpit supply is being prepared with “Gifts” as the overall theme.

(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.

During the Advent services the Sunday School children will be doing the candle lighting and Sherry will be organizing the Children’s Time.)

-White Gift Sunday will be held on December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent.

Motion: To donate \$200.00 as an Advent gift to the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. Doug/Val **Carried**

D: Ministry and Personnel

-The name tags for the members of the congregation and for the children will be introduced on Sunday, December 1st.

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 Barry Barylski has resigned from the Unified Board as they are moving out of the area.

H: Building Upkeep and Church Supplies

-The light switches in the sanctuary will be replaced.

Motion: To purchase two stepstools to a maximum cost of \$120.00. Leone/Sherry **Carried**

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.

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

J: Memorial Report

-For the month of October, interest earned was \$15.55.

-The account stands at \$8530.27.

K: Newsletter

-The next newsletter will be mailed with the Advent letter.

L: Website

- In October there were 168 hits to our site with 28% coming from Winnipeg.
- To date this month, there have been 122 visits.

M: Board Member Reporting to the Congregation

- Darlene 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 was held on Monday, November 11th.
-Profit is yet to be determined.

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 in early December. Val will email out a picture of the wreath as soon as the wreaths are available for sale.

B: Vision Session Planning

-No report.

C: Search Committee

-The committee will be meeting with Kristin Woodburke tomorrow night, November 18th at 6:45 for a general discussion as to where they are at and to look at a new plan going forward.

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: New Projects

-Suggestions for future purchases: church bell, defibrillator, coffee carafes, new tablecloths and church rug.

Membership Updates:

- A new mailing address for Rose Molinski was updated.
- Glen Harron was added to our mailing list.

General Board Announcements:

-The Advent information will be posted following the end of the Haystack Youth Production.

Next Meeting:

-The next meeting will be held on December 15th 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 12:53 p.m.

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Secretary)