

Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – Jan 12, 2022

In attendance via ZOOM: Rev. Richard Bowley, Barb McBean, Brion Crossman, Dan Forret, Bob Crowley, Hally and Carolyn Kimball, Bill Whittaker, Bruce Amey, Chris Young, Cindy Millican, Sally Allanach, Sue King, Stuart Baker, Diane Tonge, John Hill. Regrets from Una Wilson.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Rev Richard offered a devotional. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Barb McBean moved approval of the agenda. Dan Forret 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Minutes –Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from Dec 8, 2021. Barb McBean 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report - Brion presented the 2021 treasurer’s report. Good year financially with an \$8,000 surplus. Spent \$164,000 on expenses, \$12,000 on M&S, and \$25,000 from fund balances, for a total of \$200,000. The draft budget shows a shortfall of \$25,000. Expenses projected to be the same as last year, but anticipated revenue is projected to be less. Discussion – Bob Crowley - budgets are based on programming of the church – mission, values, vision. Congregation must support programs that define who we are. Barb McBean - not surprised expect every year to hear we need money. Chris Young – we need to be innovative in revenue and fundraising ideas. Bill Whittaker – cautioned that many members are on fixed incomes. Sally Allanach – we may possibly need a part-time maintenance person. Rev. Richard – when presenting at the AGM suggested showing a breakdown of cost per member to manage the shock factor. Cindy Millican – agreed with the thought that the presentation of shortfall is important.

Brion moved acceptance of a \$171,000 budget, with a potential deficit of \$25,000 for presentation to the congregation at the AGM. Bill Whittaker 2nd. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- 1) **Affirm – new committee motion** – The existing committee to be disbanded at the AGM.
Sue King moved that council create a new Affirming Committee, reporting to council, to continue the work of Affirm United. Diane Tonge 2nd. Carried.
Chris noted the new committee should be announced at the AGM.
- 2) **Year End – AGM & Reports** – Committee reports due Jan 24, 2022
- 3) **Safe Church Committee** - Bill Whittaker reported no change while in “level 2”
- 4) **Tech team update** – Dan – still waiting for replacement screen. Suggested setting a WiFi password for KidZone. Team will certify that mics and cabling all work. Security Dan, Bruce, Bill
- 5) **Reality check for Governance** – Bob reported that Sue is stepping down as regional rep. New rep required by AGM.

Correspondence: none

New Business: none

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Christian Life & Growth* - no report
- 2) *Worship* – Sally reported Angela has volunteered to accompany Thursday night choir, when it resumes.
- 3) *Property Maintenance* – Bill reported the organ needed some repair.
- 4) *UCWs* – no report
- 5) *Social Committee* – no report
- 6) *Outreach* – no report

- 7) *Pastoral Care* – Sue reported Shannex service in December. Jan 24 education session on mental health with Rick Benson.
- 8) *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Sally - request from Leslie for an increase in salary due to working more hours than she is paid to work. Discussion to determine if there are demands on her time that should be handled by others. ***Diane moved that we increase Leslie's hourly wage by \$2.00 per hour. Sally 2nd.. Carried.*** Stephen Alexander requested an additional \$25 per week while on Zoom for the additional work required. Ask for people at AGM to restart the social committee.
- 9) *Finance & Trustee* – no report
- 10) *Youth Representative* – no report
- 11) *Affirm Committee* – Cindy reported that there are complications with the design and installation of a sign. Once a workable design is developed, the committee will present a proposal to council. Annual fee to Affirm United has been paid. Ongoing education - Feb 21, 2022 at 7pm, Stephanie Fowlow, from Laura Gatien & Associates, will present a 1 hr Zoom session on Mental Health supports and issues. Sue will present a list of books recently donated to the library to the congregation.
- 12) *Regional Representative* – no report
- 13) *Minister's report* –no report.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Feb 2, 2022, at 7:30 PM. – Review Annual Reports
Annual report will be available online by Feb 2, 2022
Annual congregational meeting Sunday Feb 13, 2022 (*formal notices Jan 30 & Feb 6, 2022*)

Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley