

Online Church Council Meeting of Quispamsis United Church – June 8, 2022

In attendance via ZOOM: Rev. Richard Bowley, Sally Allanach, Sue King, Stuart Baker, Una Wilson, Dan Forret, Bill Whittaker, Cindy Millican, Chris Young, Don & Marilyn Robertson, Brion Crossman, Bob Crowley, John Hill. Regrets from Diane Tonge.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 7:33 PM. Rev Richard offered a prayer. Bob acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

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

Approval of Minutes – Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from May 11, 2022. Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brion presented the April 2022 treasurer report. Revenue was at or near record setting at more than \$22,000. About \$3,800 was donated to the general fund in memory of Joan Tonge. The mulch sale raised \$4,100, the Easter Envelope fundraiser raised \$800. Miscellaneous expenses included decorations for the sanctuary and stipends for guest speakers. Response to the letter asking for increased givings is notable. YTD is now a \$4,400 surplus. Brion has received several requests from members asking to do something special in memory of Joan Tonge. Looking for ideas. Update on photocopier copy count - Xerox has been overcharging for copies for many months. Brion is having a hard time resolving the issue with Xerox.

Brion moved acceptance for his report, Stu Baker 2nd. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Safe Church Committee update - Bill reported the committee met Sunday. Protocols have changed to no longer require proof of vaccinations or recording names and phone numbers on Sunday. Starting June 19th (Grad Sunday) both doors will be open for entry with greeters at each door. Masks will still be required while inside. Bill made arrangements to have MacDonald Hall available for this Sunday's Affirming celebration reception and for refreshments for Graduation Sunday on June 19th. Council agreed that the refreshments this Sunday will be offered in the Narthex.

Reality Check on Governance - no report

Regional action on Ecological Justice – deferred to fall

Correspondence: Sue received a banner from Affirm United for the celebration on Sunday. It is on loan and must be returned. Sally received correspondence from Universal Photography, asking if we want to do another church directory. The topic will be deferred until September. A letter from the Moderator, Rev Richard Bott, was also received and will be read at the Affirming service.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

1. *Christian Life & Growth* - Una Wilson reported that Riley Winchester is the recipient of this year's Al Graham award. All 3 graduates will receive a \$25 gift certificate. The ice cream reception on June 19 will be in MacDonald Hall. Una is working on organizing a congregational picnic at Hammond River Angling Society in the fall. Our preferred dates are not available. Planning to resume Sunday school in the fall, organizing curriculum to coordinate with the lectionary. Will be looking for teachers.

2. *Worship* – Sally reported that the hybrid communion went well, with areas that could be improved. Tech team needs better communication before the service. Sue will lead services on Jul 31 and Aug 7. Richard will lead Shannex 2 services on Jun 21 and Aug 16. Bible study resumes Sep 6. Rev Richard will be away on Nov 13, so the Remembrance Day service will be held on Nov 6. Joint services between other local congregations is unlikely this summer
3. *Property Maintenance* - Bill reported that Cindy Dutton held a piano recital in the sanctuary on Jun 3. Nancy Long will have a recital on Jun 19. Stephen Alexander requested having a piano recital in August, **Bill moved approving the request, Rev Richard 2nd. Carried.** Bill reported some lights need maintenance. Bathrooms need caulking replaced around the baseboards. Bill thanked the people who provided sweets and sandwiches at the mulch sale. Marilyn and Diane were there most of the day. Wheelchair ramps are not up to code. Follow up in the fall for options. What about an exterior ramp with a new entry door at the upper level?
4. *UCWs* - no report
5. *Social Committee* – no report
6. *Outreach* – Barb reported needing more money for the newcomer program. School program is providing food for 8 children through the summer.
7. *Pastoral Care* – Rev Richard continues meeting with people as needed
8. *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – Sally noted that driving allowance for Rev Richard is \$0.10 per km. **M&P made a motion to increase the allowance to \$0.15, retroactive to May 1, 2022, with a cap of \$375 per month. The price of gas will be monitored monthly and the allowance will be adjusted 1 cent per 20 cent increase or decrease in the price of gas. Dan 2nd. Carried.** M&P and Richard will monitor the changes. Sally attended a Regional training class for M&P on May 28.
Finance & Trustee - no report
9. *Youth Representative* - no report
10. *Affirming Committee* – Sue noted the Affirming celebration is this Sunday. Sue commented that committee members have been generous in their giving of time and money to help with the organization of the event. Cindy acknowledged the tireless efforts of Sue in keeping this journey moving forward. Thank you Sue!
11. *Region* – Brion has accepted a position of Chair of Property in the Region and has volunteered to be the 2nd Rep from QUC. Bob and Brion attended the Regional AGM Friday night and Saturday. Very informative and worthwhile. Several ministers had commented on feeling isolated during the pandemic.
12. *Minister's report* – Rev Richard is the chair of the 2023 Regional AGM planning committee. He continues to reach out to members of the congregation. Hospital visits continue.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Sept 14, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Bob declared meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley