

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

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

Chris Young opened the meeting at 7:32 PM. Rev Richard offered a prayer. Chris acknowledged the statement of unceded territory.

Brion Crossman moved approval of the agenda. Bill Whittaker 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Sally reported an error in the M&P report and noted that Stephen Alexander was hired as Director of Music Ministry, not Choir Director, as previously recorded. Brion Crossman moved approval of the minutes from Sept 14, 2022, with the correction. Stu Baker 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brion presented the September 2022 treasurer report. Small surplus. No unusual expenses. The 2021 Al Graham Memorial award was paid to Stewart Hossack. YTD surplus is about \$22,000 higher than the budgeted amount. Brion moved acceptance for his report, Stu Baker 2nd. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Safe Church Committee update - Bill reported no recent meetings. No changes needed at this time.

Reality Check on Governance – no report

Where to from here discussion – Find out the talents and gifts from members of the congregation. Review draft letter presented by Bob Crowley from another congregation to use as a template, asking the congregation for assistance. Sue King and John Hill volunteered to assist with editing the letter. Caroline suggested directly inviting groups that would appreciate an Affirming Church. Sue has been working on making connections.

Quakers – Rev Richard and Bob Crowley provided the group with a tour of the premises. They plan to start Oct 16, 2022. Barb McBean requested surplus tech equipment be removed from the youth room. Bill commented that they make sure the heat is down in the youth room when they finish meeting.

Church Directory – Rev. Richard reported that the photo session for the directory is scheduled for April 2023.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

2023 Budget & Outreach – Barb McBean requested that Outreach be added as a line item to the QUC annual budget. Outreach typically spends \$8,000 to \$9,000 per year. Much discussion ensued. It was agreed that the concept was sound, but a concern was the loss of participation and community involvement throughout the year. Very few members donate to Outreach on PAR. It was agreed to reflect on ideas and present them for review and approval at a council meeting before being presented at the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Milestones for the 57th Anniversary – Una reported nine church milestones have been contributed. They will be compiled as a PowerPoint for the anniversary service by Rev Richard.

Coffee and Conversation – Sally Allanach and Diane Tonge volunteered to set up Coffee and Conversation this Sunday, Oct 16. Rev Richard will bring cake.

Committee Reports:

1. *Christian Life & Growth* – No report
2. *Worship* – Sue reported the recent call to recruit new committee members has not been successful. We had one visitor and this was appreciated. Others in congregation are welcome to come and try us out also. Upcoming service dates for discussion:
 - October 23rd Anniversary Sunday (hope to encourage Congregational participation).
 - November 6th is Remembrance Day Service. If anyone is new to congregation and has a history of service and would be interested in assisting with wreath laying please contact Rev Richard, Sue or Sally.
 - November 13th Rev Richard on education leave. Lay licenced worship leader will be in pulpit.
 - Christmas Eve Services times proposal to Council: 5.00 pm Family Service and 7.30 pm Communion Service
 - Christmas Day Sunday Service - Proposal to Council to have a Zoom service in our normal time. An informal Prayer and Carol service with some fun activities with kids of all ages.
 - Mid week Advent prayer services at 7 pm will be on Zoom on November 30 and Dec 7, 14 and 21. Would people like these as hybrid or just zoom only?
 - Discussion re: Hybrid worship and how to have some connection between the two.ie those worshipping on zoom and those in sanctuary. Rev Richard suggested he can discuss with Tech team.
3. *Property Maintenance* - Bill reported Kidzone will clear the 6 tables in the hall every Friday. Valley Girls continue to meet. Thankyous go out to Ethan and Ben Alward and Robert Orchard for spreading the remaining mulch. Caroline commented on the foul smell in the downstairs hallway. Bill will investigate.
4. *UCWs* - no report
5. *Social Committee* – no report
6. *Outreach* – Barb reported that the sneaker campaign resulted in 38 pairs of sneakers. Newcomers may increase by 48 people this month
7. *Pastoral Care* – No report
8. *Ministry & Personnel Committee* – No report
9. *Finance & Trustee* - no report
10. *Youth Representative* - no report
11. *Affirming Committee* – Sue King reported the committee met last week. A date has been set for continuing education of congregation with invitation out to other churches. Canadian Mental Health Association are going to do “Anxiety & Panic Disorder” on October 24 at 7 pm via zoom. This will be open to other churches. The committee hopes to prepare another Affirming service in next few months and will do a short presentation on the Sunday service closest to last years vote day, November 27th.
12. *Region* – No report
13. *Minister’s report* – Rev Richard reported he will have another “beard dying” fundraiser for Advent.

Next online council meeting is Wednesday Nov 9, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Rev Richard moved adjournment at 9:12.

Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

Rev. Richard Bowley