

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2019

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**WELCOME:**

The regular meeting of the Bridgewater United Church Council was held in the Parlour of Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Ewart Morse, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE-REGRETS:**

Council Members (Voting Delegates) Present:

- Laurel Cowie, Past Chair
- Ewart Morse, Chair
- David Walker, Vice Chair
- Corrine Zinck, Secretary
- Blake Hirtle, Treasurer
- Rev. Jeff Chant, Minister
- Marg Forbes, Ministry & Personnel Committee
- Angela Clifton, Worship Committee
- Diane Barry, Faith Formation Committee
- Brian Buck, Finance Committee
- Bob Forbes, Property Committee
- Sam Elsworth, Nominating Committee
- Ruth Rudderham, UCW
- Jack Logan, Regional Council Representative
- Bev Burgess, Member at Large
- Karen Crouse, Member at Large

Committee/Ministry Members/Guests Present (Non-voting): Richard Greek.

Regrets: Marion Browne, Anne Gatchell, Natasha Freeman.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

**OPENING WORSHIP:**

Rev. Jeff Chant opened the meeting with a prayer.

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:**

**Motion:** Sam Elsworth/Karen Crouse that those persons present who are not Council members or designates can participate in discussion but will not have a vote.  
**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** Ruth Rudderham/Diane Barry that the Agenda be approved as circulated.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**MINUTES:**

- January 23, 2019 Church Council regular meeting:  
**Motion:** Brian Buck/Karen Crouse to approve the draft Minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 regular Council Meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried.**
- February 20, 2019 Council Executive Minutes were circulated for information only.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Motion:** Bev Burgess/Jack Logan to approve the Finance Committee Report as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Property Committee Report:**

Bob Forbes reviewed the Property Committee Report (attached). He advised that it is the intent to submit grant applications on behalf of Bridgewater Day Care and Wee Wisdom Nursery School to provide some of the upgrades required for accessibility in the building. All parties have met and discussed needs to avoid overlap.

**Motion:** Bob Forbes/Sam Elsworth to approve the Property Committee Report.  
**Motion Carried.**

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Sam Elsworth advised that the Nominating Report is ready for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

**Inclusivity Committee Report:**

Rev. Chant that the Committee met this afternoon and discussed ways to reach out to and to be mindful of those who have no support, i.e. those suffering from mental illness, those who have a sense of isolation.

**Minister's Report:**

Rev. Jeff Chant reported that Mam-Yassin Sarr, creator of Starfish International in Gambia will speak at the UCW Breakfast on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the Church service on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Governance Handbook Update:**

Revisions to the Governance Handbook have been circulated. Discussion regarding additional changes required before the Annual Congregational Meeting:

- The term “pastoral charge” will be used in the document rather than “community of faith”.

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- Under Property Committee – remove the reference to Occupational Health and Safety program with a view to doing a review to determine what is required and under which committee the responsibility should fall.

**Action:** Bev Burgess will research the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

- Under Worship Committee – change Other Ministry Groups to Community Ministry Groups. It was decided that the members at large would act as liaisons between Church Council and Community Ministry Groups. This may fill a need identified by the Scouting Group Committee.

**Motion:** Blake Hirtle/David Walker that the Governance Handbook, as revised, be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting for approval by the congregation. **Motion Carried.**

**Annual Congregational Meeting:**

The agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled to be held on March 3, 2019 was reviewed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Minutes (Jan 7, 2019) and financial report from Wee Wisdom Nursery School Board (for information only).

**MOTION TO CLOSE:**

**Motion:** Karen Crouse/Bev Burgess to close the meeting at 8:25 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Rev. Chant closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. The Board of Trustees will no longer have a responsibility for opening worship. The Inclusivity Committee will do the opening worship on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair