

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2019

WELCOME:

The regular meeting of the Bridgewater United Church Council was held in the Sanctuary of Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Ewart Morse, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE-REGRETS:

Council Members (Voting Delegates) Present:

- ⤴ Ewart Morse, Chair
- ⤴ David Walker, Vice-Chair
- ⤴ Blake Hirtle, Treasurer
- ⤴ Rev. Jeff Chant, Minister
- ⤴ Sandy Emenau, Acting Secretary
- ⤴ Marg Forbes, Ministry & Personnel Committee
- ⤴ Tracy Rafuse, Faith Formation Committee
- ⤴ Randall Knox, Property Committee
- ⤴ Angela Clifton, Pastoral Care Committee
- ⤴ Ruth Rudderham, UCW
- ⤴ Jack Logan, Regional Council Representative
- ⤴ Karen Crouse, Member at Large

Committee/ Ministry Members/ Guests Present (Non-voting): Ivan Rodenhiser, Beau Prince.

Regrets: Corrine Zinck, Laurel Cowie, Brian Buck, Bev Burgess.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

OPENING WORSHIP:

Tracy Rafuse, Faith Formation Committee, opened the meeting with a reading entitled Supportive Church Community, and scripture, Romans 11:16.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

Motion: Marg Forbes/ Jack Logan that those persons present who are not Council members or designates can participate in discussion but will not have a vote.

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Jack Logan/ Karen Crouse that the Agenda be approved as circulated.
Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion: Blake Hirtle/ Ruth Rudderham to approve the draft minutes of the May 22, 2019 regular Church Council Meeting as circulated, with the addition of the date of September 14, 2019 as the date for the retreat for Church Council members.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT;

Motion: Blake Hirtle/ Randall Knox to approve the Finance Committee Report as circulated.
Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minister's Report:

Rev. Chant reported:

- ⤴ The focus for the Church Council retreat on September 14 will be future direction of the church. He encouraged members to research what other churches around the world are doing and look at current trends.
- ⤴ An e-mail survey is being sent out tonight asking church members for their feedback.
- ⤴ Saturday, October 19, 2019, Rawlins Cross will be playing at Bridgewater United. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite or at the church at a cost of \$35 each.
- ⤴ On August 25, 2019, Linnea Goode will be at Bridgewater United Church during our regular Sunday service. Looking at doing “Tunes for a Toonie”.
- ⤴ It was decided to hold off on Heather Rankin for Christmas since it was too close to the Rawlins Cross concert.
- ⤴ Karen Crouse is the representative to the church for the Bridgewater Day Care 50th anniversary. We will do something to celebrate this event during church.

Bridgewater Day Care 50th Anniversary:

The Bridgewater Day Care will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with an open house on October 3, 2019. The open house will take place from 3-7 pm.

Karen Crouse reported that there will be a banner on the fence, buttons and stickers will be made, media will be invited as well as past church members and politicians.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Boyd's 100th Birthday:

Motion: Jack Logan/ Marg Forbes that an official acknowledgement be sent from the Church Council on her 100th birthday, plus any cards that individual members would like to send. **Motion carried.**

A motion to recognize Mrs. Boyd's birthday with a \$100 “gift with vision” was defeated.

OPENING WORSHIP:

- ⤴ September – Property Committee
- ⤴ October – Nominating Committee
- ⤴ November - Pastoral Care

MOTION TO CLOSE:

Motion: Jack Logan/ Karen Crouse to close the meeting at 7:50 pm. **Motion carried.**

Angela Clifton closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Emenau, Acting Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair