

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2019

WELCOME:

The regular meeting of the Bridgewater United Church Council was held in the Chapel of Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019. Ewart Morse, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:03 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
- Tracy Rafuse, Faith Formation Committee
- Brian Buck, Finance Committee
- Sam Elsworth, Nominating Committee
- Angela Clifton, Pastoral Care 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): Ivan Rodenhiser, Ralph Cook, Beau Prince, Marion Browne.

Guests: Chris Acomb, Seniors' Safety Coordinator, & Carla Malay, Community Links

Regrets: Jo-Anne Ferrier, Randall Knox, Bob Reynolds, Marg Forbes.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

OPENING WORSHIP:

Sam Elsworth, Nominating Committee, opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENTATION: Senior Friendly Program:

Chris Acomb and Carla Malay spoke about the Senior Friendly Program which was introduced by the Town of Bridgewater many years ago. It is an arm of the Community Links Program which is funded by the province. The Senior Friendly Program provides an opportunity for businesses and organizations to attain the designation of being "senior friendly". It consists of a Senior Friendly Checkup (to identify areas where the needs of customers of all ages can be better met – cost is \$25), a Senior Friendly Plan to identify

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possible age-friendly improvements, and Senior Friendly Training conducted by qualified Senior Friendly trainers.

Motion: David Walker/Brian Buck that Council authorize a Senior Friendly Checkup of Bridgewater United facilities at a cost of \$25 and that the Inclusivity Committee to take the lead. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

Motion: Jack Logan/Bev Burgess 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: David Walker/Karen Crouse that the Agenda be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES:

- September 25, 2019 Church Council regular meeting:
Motion: David Walker/Tracy Rafuse to approve the draft Minutes of the Sept 25th, 2019 regular Council Meeting with an amendment to add Jack Logan's regrets. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

There was discussion regarding deficits and how to handle (continue running a deficit or request funds from the Board of Trustees to offset deficits) and the challenge regarding local receipts.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minister's Report:

Rev. Jeff Chant reported:

- The Rawlins Cross concert was a success and there was positive feedback. The net profit will be approximately \$2,400. It provided an opportunity to showcase our venue and to become open to other opportunities. A debriefing with the band identified issues regarding sound and the placement of musical instruments which will be useful for the future.
- The Redevelopment Committee needs to begin its work but, at the last Council meeting, there was some thought that it needed to be gender balanced with more

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females involved. Discussion resulted in the decision to move forward with the members currently in place as they possess the expertise required to do the initial work as a 'research' group to determine what/if is possible.

- The Inclusivity Committee is beginning to think about the January Anniversary and how to celebrate it. They will require persons to assist with the float for the Christmas parade.
- He has developed a "B-United" logo. We will begin talking about "B-United - A Place Where Everyone Belongs".
- Results from the Way Forward Committee will be shared – just waiting for the Chair, Richard Greek, to call a meeting to discuss before distributing to the congregation.

Nominating Committee:

Sam Elsworth reported that the Board of Trustees is in immediate need of three (3) new appointees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Report from Karen Crouse, Chair, Bridgewater Day Care Centre of the Bridgewater United Church, regarding their 50th Anniversary celebrations held on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Tree Skirts:

Angela Clifton reported that the BUC Quilters have made two (2) tree skirts for the Christmas trees.

Automatic Door Opener:

On the way out from the Council meeting, Tracy Rafuse provided instructions for unlocking and locking the recently installed automatic door opener.

Inter-Church Council Advent Service:

David Walker advised that the 2019 Advent Service will be held on Sunday, December 1st at the Bridgewater Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Anglican Church will lead the service.

CLOSING MOTION:

Motion: David Walker/Jack Logan to close the meeting at 8:45 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Sam Elsworth closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Chapel.

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Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair