

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2020

WELCOME:

The regular meeting of the Bridgewater United Church Council was held in the Chapel of Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, February 26th, 2020. Ewart Morse, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE-REGRETS:

Council Members (Voting Delegates) Present:

- Ewart Morse, Chair
- David Walker, Vice Chair
- Corrine Zinck, Secretary
- Blake Hirtle, Treasurer
- Rev. Jeff Chant, Minister
- Angela Clifton, Worship Committee
- Marg Forbes, Ministry & Personnel Committee
- Tracy Rafuse, Faith Formation Committee
- Brian Buck, Finance Committee
- Randall Knox, Property 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, Sandy Emenau.

Regrets: Marion Browne, Jo-Anne Ferrier.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

OPENING WORSHIP:

Ruth Rudderham, UCW, led opening worship with a reflection from “The Prayer Bench” hosted by Janice MacLean. The reading was based on the scripture Matthew 17: 1-9.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

Motion: Jack Logan/Tracy Rafuse 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: Bev Burgess/Randall Knox that the Agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of Bridgewater Day Care Bylaws to New Business. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES:

- January 22, 2020 Church Council regular meeting:
Bev Burgess noted that under New Business: Counting Collection on Mondays - the decision to have Council Executive proceed with exploring this option, investigate the purchase of a safe, develop the process and report back to Council was not made by consensus but was, in fact, a motion made by David Walker and seconded by Bev Burgess. It was decided to make that motion at the current meeting.
Motion: Blake Hirtle/Brian Buck to approve the draft Minutes of the January 22nd, 2020 regular Council Meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried.**
- February 19, 2020 Council Executive Meeting Minutes were circulated (for information only).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Counting Collection on Mondays:

Motion: David Walker/Bev Burgess that Council Executive should explore the option of counting collection on a day other than on Sunday, to further investigate the purchase of a safe, to develop a protocol for the process (who places money in the safe, who takes it out, who has access to the combination, are there any insurance issues) and to report back to Council by June 2020. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minister's Report:

Rev. Jeff Chant reported that:

- The Affirm Celebration was held on Sunday, January 31, 2020. The last Sunday in January will be the anniversary date for holding this celebration annually.
- Tickets for the Lennie Gallant Concert to be held on Friday, May 15, 2020 will be on sale tomorrow on the Eventbrite website, at Pharmasave and from the church office.
- The Worship Committee has planned a retreat.

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- The Re-Development Committee met, and each member has gone away with a task to research. Two persons from Bedford United Church have been invited to address Church Council at the April meeting regarding their experience with a similar project.
- A reminder to submit Annual Reports to the church office.
- As a start to a Stewardship Program, thank you cards will be distributed to everyone in the congregation, thanking them for their support regardless of the involvement with the church.

Nominating Committee:

David Walker advised that members of the Nominating Committee are checking with Chairs of Committees to verify who are serving on the various committees for the coming year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Governance Handbook Changes - District Representatives Roles and Responsibilities:

Council Executive drafted Roles and Responsibilities for District Representatives based on discussion at the last Council meeting (attached). Discussion followed regarding whether representatives need to have a Police and/or Vulnerable Record Check and whether the United Church of Canada has a Sexual Assault Policy.

Motion: Bev Burgess/David Walker to approve the District Representatives Roles and Responsibilities document for insertion in the Governance Handbook as it currently stands. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Sandy Emenau to distribute a copy of the Criminal Record (Vulnerable Sector) Checks Policy.

Action: Council Executive to consult with Region 15 and to review policy(ies) in place and amend Roles and Responsibilities as necessary.

Bridgewater Day Care Bylaws:

Motion: Blake Hirtle/Randall Knox to approve the requested changes (attached) to the Bridgewater Day Care Bylaws and recommend that they go to the Annual Congregational Meeting for approval. **Motion Carried.**

Stewardship Campaign:

Ewart Morse advised that he is interested and will head up a task group to develop a proposal re how to deliver the campaign, hopefully by the fall of 2020. Two (2) other persons are needed to work on the team.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Meeting Minutes (Jan 6, 2020) and financial report from Wee Wisdom Nursery School (for information only).

NEW BUSINESS:

B-United Logo:



Motion: David Walker/Randall Knox that we adopt the B-United logo and its three (3) colours for use by Bridgewater United Church. **Motion Carried.**

Regional Council 15 Representatives:

David Walker advised that Jack Logan, Marg Forbes and Corrine Zinck are the current members of Regional Council 15 for Bridgewater United Church and all are willing to serve another term. It was agreed that David has permission to complete forms to report these names to Regional Council 15 for the coming year.

CLOSING MOTIONS:

Motion: Jack Logan/Ruth Rudderham that powers be given to the Church Council Executive to deal with all such business that may come before it until the next Council meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Motion: Randall Knox/Karen Crouse to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair