

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
March 25, 2020

Present: Ewart Morse, Blake Hirtle, Corrine Zinck, Rev. Jeff Chant, David Walker, Brian Buck

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	
	A Church Council Executive meeting was held via Zoom. Ewart Morse called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Emergency Plan during Covid-19 Pandemic - Update</b>	
	<p>Updates were given re:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The first video service was produced for Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>○ This Sunday a similar video will be available.</li> <li>○ Rev. Chant is considering setting up a Facebook Live Party service which is interactive in that people can comment as the service is happening.</li> <li>○ It was decided to cancel in person church services for the next two weeks – March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>. A decision regarding ongoing in person services will be determined at the next Council Executive meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pastoral Care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Angela Clifton is back at work.</li> <li>○ The Pastoral Care Team will be calling everyone in the congregation who is over 70 years of age.</li> <li>○ Angela will focus on more urgent pastoral care needs.</li> <li>○ Prayer requests will be solicited and, where allowed, will be shared with the congregation.</li> <li>○ Information has been received regarding funerals – the current guideline from the Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia is that funeral homes will not be doing funerals with more than 5 people in attendance (this would include the minister/person presiding). If a family wants a service at this time, it would have to be 5 people or less in attendance. Otherwise, the funeral would have to be delayed until a later time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• District Representative Calls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Calls are being made to all persons by their District Reps.</li> <li>○ District Reps will be asked to make follow-up calls to advise members in their districts of updates re services and to gather email information if they wish to be added to the church email distribution list. Currently 186 letters are sent via Canada Post.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are several districts where there is no District Rep so there is no one to call them.</li> <li>● Social Interaction:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rev. Chant has set up a virtual coffee party online for Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>○ He may arrange these several times per week so people can get together and socialize.</li> <li>○ Rev. Chant will be setting up a Zoom call with the high school children in the congregation as many of them are concerned about school and next year, if they are planning to attend university.</li> <li>○ Rev. Jeff hoping to set up a Zoom call for the children in the congregation – perhaps at bedtime for a story.</li> <li>○ Rev Jeff suggested organizing a Virtual Zoom Dinner as a way for families and members to connect with each other. He suggested using it as a fund raiser by charging \$10/family or pay a donation of your choice. All present felt it would be a worthwhile activity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Council Executive members will review the lists, choose several names each to call and communicate the names to all.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Lennie Gallant Concert</b></p>	
	<p>Rev. Chant is trying to reach Lennie Gallant’s manager as the concert will need to be postponed.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b></p>	
	<p>The Annual Congregational Meeting will now be scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> with the alternate date being April 26<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Stewardship</b></p>	
	<p>A Stewardship letter will be going out to the congregation today.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Request to Board of Trustees</b></p>	
	<p><u>Motion:</u> Blake Hirtle/Brian Buck that the Board of Trustees be requested to release \$25,000 to the church to cover operational costs. <b>Motion Carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Church Custodian</b></p>	
	<p><u>Motion:</u> David Walker/Blake Hirtle that the Church Custodian be kept on staff until March 31<sup>st</sup> and be laid off effective April 1<sup>st</sup> until the situation improves. <b>Motion Carried.</b></p>	<p>Blake to contact Randall Knox, Chair of Property to advise of decision.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Profile Committee</b></p>	
	<p>Ewart advised that the work of the Profile Committee has been completed but needs to be reviewed by the M&amp;P Committee. The document has been forwarded to Marg Forbes but we are unaware if it has been reviewed.</p>	<p>Ewart to contact Marg Forbes, Chair, M&amp;P Committee</p>

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9.	<b>Closing</b>	
	The meeting closed at 10:15 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted,

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Corrine Zinck, Secretary

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Ewart Morse, Chair