

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2020

Present: Ewart Morse, Corrine Zinck, Rev. Jeff Chant, Blake Hirtle

Regrets: Brian Buck, David Walker

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	
	A Church Council Executive meeting was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom. Ewart Morse called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Insurance Claim</b>	
	Blake Hirtle advised that he has learned that, because COVID-19 did not occur on our premises, there will be no pay out. It would appear that this is the angle that Insurance Companies are taking with this situation. He wondered if there is someone who could review the policy. It was suggested that perhaps Gordon Davidson could do this for us.	Blake will contact Gordon Davidson to see if he could review the policy.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Financial Update</b>	
	Blake Hirtle reported that revenues to the end of April 2020 are down about 9% compared to last year.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Online Services</b>	
	The online services are being watched by other denominations and by persons out of this area. Rev. Chant advised that this coming Sunday he will again be emphasizing the offering message.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>BUC Profile - Living Faith Story/ACM</b>	
	The updated profile has been completed. It was recommended that it be presented for Council approval at the meeting scheduled for June 17, 2020. It then needs to be approved at a Congregational Meeting. It was felt that, at this time, it may be wise to attempt a virtual Annual Congregational Meeting.	Corrine Zinck will invite Rev. Heather Ferrier, Region 15 Supervisor, to the June Council meeting.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Book Study</b>	
	The Book Study planned to begin this evening has been postponed due to delays in delivery of the books. It will now begin on May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Purpose Statement</b>	
	Rev. Chant requested that the Purpose Statement developed at the Council Retreat last year, be adopted by Council as it is very meaningful and explains the message we are trying to convey.	Corrine Zinck will distribute to Council members for consideration at the June meeting.

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8.	<b>Day Care/Wee Wisdom Re-Opening</b>	
	<p>The province has indicated that Licensed Child Care Centres may re-open as soon as June 8, 2020. Discussion regarding what this means for Bridgewater United Church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrine Zinck advised that Wee Wisdom Nursery School was scheduled to close for the summer on June 19, 2020. Therefore, they will not be re-opening until September 2020.</li><li>• How would physical distancing be possible with pre-school aged children?</li><li>• There are concerns regarding insurance coverage - what is our liability if a child were to contract COVID-19? Would the government assist in that instance (similar to what has been offered in Prince Edward Island)?</li><li>• The custodian will be primarily concentrating her services on Day Care.</li></ul>	<p>Blake Hirtle will contact Denise McAuley, Director, Bridgewater Day Care, to discuss these issues.</p>
9.	<b>Closing</b>	
	The meeting closed at 10:10 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted,

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Corrine Zinck, Secretary

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Ewart Morse, Chair