

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2020

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

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	A Church Council Executive meeting was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 via Zoom. Ewart Morse called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. It was noted that, in general, most Nova Scotians follow the COVID-19 rules still. A few exceptions were noted by our Executive.	
2.	Church Bell Ringing	
	Blake Hirtle advised that he can ring the church bell on Sunday mornings when David Walker is unavailable.	
3.	Financial Update	
	<p>Blake Hirtle reported that local givings to the end of April 2020 are down about 9% compared to last year. There have been some savings with the heating expenses. We are very close to where we were last year at this time.</p> <p>Blake advised that he has not heard anything regarding an appeal by churches regarding the Canada Emergency Business Account (\$40,000).</p>	
4.	Day Care Re-Opening	
	Bridgewater Day Care Center is still scheduled to re-open on June 8, 2020. Blake Hirtle has spoken to the Director, Denise McAuley, who has no concerns related to liability. The Center will be following COVID-19 precautions as much as possible. The Custodian has been contacted and is ready to return to work as soon as possible. Her duties will mainly be broader cleaning in the Day Care.	
5.	Online Services and Re-Opening Church	
	<p>Online services continue and are being well received. Rev. Chant advised that he will be doing something for the graduates during the service on the last Sunday in June.</p> <p>Discussion regarding how to re-open church (not expected to be in the near future) without going back to the “old” ways. It was felt that now might be the time to hold a Council Executive retreat (with proper physical distancing) to begin planning how to return to “in person” worship and to continue with wider opportunities for members/persons to participate in things like the book study virtually.</p>	

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6.	Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)	
	Staging a “to-the-point” ACM was felt to be timely. A quorum of 20 would be required for the Annual Meeting and non-Zoomers would not be able to participate. To confirm the legality of holding a virtual ACM, we will bring it up for discussion at the Region 15 Town Hall virtual meeting planned for June 8 th at 7:00 p.m.	
7.	Book Study	
	The Book Study planned to begin this evening has been postponed due to delays in delivery of the books. It will now begin on June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.	
8.	Committee Work	
	Keeping Committees active was discussed with some examples. Ways and Means have recruited one new member. Grocery card sales is re-starting.	
9.	Insurance Claim	
	Blake Hirtle advised that we have been turned down by the insurance company.	
10.	Closing	
	The meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair