

**BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 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, June 3, 2020 via Zoom. Ewart Morse called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.	
2.	Church Re-opening Protocols	
	Rev. Chant advised that he has watched a United Church of Canada webinar on re-opening churches. Regional Council 15 has distributed a document, “Relaunching Guidelines - In Person Ministry” and they are holding a virtual Town Hall on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. entitled, “How then shall we live? - Coming out of Covid”. An ad-hoc committee consisting of Rev. Jeff Chant, David Walker, Tracy Rafuse, Randall Knox and Blake Hirtle has been formed to consider and develop guidelines for our own church – how we re-open, can we re-open and should we re-open.	
3.	Council Executive Retreat	
	The COVID-19 pandemic has forced churches to re-think ministry and how we worship. It was felt that now is the time to update our strategic plan moving forward. A Council Executive Retreat will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 in the Chapel. Angela Clifton will be asked to join the group.	Rev. Chant will invite Angela to the retreat.
4.	Day Care Re-Opening	
	Bridgewater Day Care Center will be opening again on June 15, 2020. The Center has been given permission to use the main entrance by the church office while the COVID-19 rules are in place.	
5.	Wee Wisdom Nursery School	
	Classes at Wee Wisdom Nursery School were scheduled to end on June 19 th , so they will not be re-opening until September 2020. During the week of June 8 th , nursery school staff have arranged a drive up pick up outside (by appointment) for parents to receive children’s belongings, graduation certificates, refund cheques, etc. No parents will be entering the building.	
6.	Book Study	
	Fourteen persons have signed up to participate in the book study entitled, “The Great Spiritual Migration”. Four sessions are planned, June 3 rd , 10 th and 24 th and July 8 th .	

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7.	Closing	
	The meeting closed at 11:20 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair