

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2020

Present: Brian Buck, Rev. Jeff Chant, Jo-Anne Ferrier, Blake Hirtle, David Walker, Corrine Zinck

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	A Church Council Executive meeting was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, David Walker. Rev. Jeff Chant did the opening prayer.	
2.	Additions/Deletions to the Agenda	
	Signage was added to the agenda – to be addressed under the Minister’s Report.	
3.	Minutes – June 24, 2020	
	<p>Motion: Jo-Anne Ferrier/Brian Buck to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2020 Council Executive Meeting as circulated. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Although there were Minutes distributed from the meeting held on July 8, 2020, they are not official as Rev. Chant was not present.</p>	
4.	Business Arising & Unfinished Business	
	<p>Secretary: Corrine Zinck has agreed to fill the Secretary position for the coming year.</p> <p>Church Services Update & Future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have had 2 in-person services • Numbers have been low <p>It was decided to continue in-person services for the month of July only and suspend them for the month of August. Discussion regarding what to do in the fall. Some churches have decided to close until the end of December. Rev. Chant reviewed the latest guidelines re singing.</p> <p>Retreat Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan on mid-August, week of Aug 17th. • It was suggested that Rev. David Hart be asked to facilitate the retreat. • Place to be determined – either the church sanctuary or David Walker’s cottage • Need a clear agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New way of governing ○ Online worship 	<p>Rev. Chant to contact Rev. David Hart re facilitation and availability.</p>

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5.	Minister's Updates	
	<p>Signage: Discussion regarding the need for signage outside the church to indicate to the public that we are still open/online – something for the short term with more permanent signage in the future.</p> <p>Motion: Jo-Anne Ferrier/Corrine Zinck to approve the purchase or rental of appropriate signage with a budget up to \$1,000. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Council Meeting Dates:</p> <p>Motion: Blake Hirtle/Jo-Anne Ferrier to recommend to Church Council that Council meetings be reduced in number to five times per year (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May) or more frequently, if needed. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Vacation: Rev. Chant advised that he will be on vacation and will be away on Sundays, July 26th, Aug 2nd and 9th. He has created a summer template for online worship and guests will fill in with sermons.</p> <p>Change in Governance: Any change proposed needs to be approved by the Region and by the United Church of Canada. The only committee required is the Ministry and Personnel Committee.</p>	
6.	Treasurer's Updates	
	<p>Discussion regarding the Stewardship Campaign and whether we should proceed with it. It was decided to place the campaign on hold at present as it is unclear what the future will look like. Ewart Morse could continue planning with a view to perhaps holding the campaign in the spring. Holding off may provide an opportunity to have people give to specific projects.</p> <p>Blake Hirtle advised that there has been no major decrease in givings from June 2019 to June 2020. The deficit is increasing but not as much as expected.</p>	David Walker will invite Ewart Morse to a future Executive meeting to present a plan.
7.	Next Meeting Date	
	The next meeting will be the retreat – date and location to be confirmed. If needed, we will call an Executive meeting before that.	
8.	Closing	
	The meeting closed at 10:40 a.m.	

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Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

David Walker, Chair