

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 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, September 9, 2020 via Zoom. The Chair, David Walker, called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:40 p.m.	
2.	Additions/Deletions to the Agenda	
	There were no changes to the agenda.	
3.	Minutes – July 15, 2020	
	The Minutes of the Executive meeting held on July 15, 2020 were approved as circulated.	
4.	Business Arising & Unfinished Business	
	<p><u>Retreat Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sherbrooke Lake Camp</u> – Sept 13th – everything has been arranged for the picnic. 25 to 30 people are expected to attend. • <u>Picnic Tables</u> – Seven spruce tables will be purchased from Buck’s Home Hardware Building Centre who gave the best price. A recent donation to the church will be used to purchase the tables. • <u>Mac & Cheese Dinner</u> – pick-up logistics are being developed. The UCW will be involved. • <u>Church Council meeting on Sept 23rd</u> – Rev. Heather Ferrier will attend as Region 15 Liaison for the appointment of Angela Clifton to the 50% Ministry Position. • <u>Groups meeting in the church</u> – it was decided to use the Chapel when it is available – each group will be responsible for clean up of the space used. • <u>Rationale re Mission Trip Yard Sale in the gym</u> – denied in order to eliminate the chance of contaminating day care space. • <u>Opening Church Survey</u> – will be distributed online. For those who do not have access to technology, the survey will be sent by mail. • <u>Social Opportunities</u> – Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia Chief Medical Officer of Health, has approved setting up the Sanctuary “coffee house” style so groups can meet for coffee, conversation and other activities. • <u>Governance</u> – 5 categories. Rev. Chant still working on this. 	<p>Brian Buck will arrange to get paint for the tables.</p> <p>Rev. Chant to contact Rev. David Hart re change in Governance Model.</p>

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	<p><u>Needs Assessment</u> – Item for Church Council. There is a need to have a Needs Assessment Committee struck because Ministry needs have changed.</p> <p><u>Communication with Committees</u> – David Walker will contact Committees to advise that the church is open for meetings. This communication has already gone out from the church office.</p> <p><u>Church Council September 23rd</u> – format. Council will meet in person in the church sanctuary. Members to arrive by 6:45 p.m. to allow time for sign in before the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jo-Anne Ferrier will do the opening prayer, David Walker will do a meditation and Blake Hirtle will do the closing prayer.</p> <p><u>Recommendation to Church Council re Meetings</u> – It is recommended that Church Council only hold 5 regular meetings annually (September, November, January, March and May) with special meetings being called at other times, if necessary.</p>	
5.	Minister's Updates	
	<p><u>Video Studio</u>: Rev. Chant would like to set up a studio for recording – will work with Todd Langille on this item.</p> <p><u>Security System</u>: Rev. Chant noted that the security system is turned off when he comes into the building early in the morning.</p>	Rev. Chant to check with Day Care to see why this has changed.
6.	Treasurer's Updates	
	Discussion regarding current vs. budget which Rev. Chant indicated would be more useful for him. Finance Committee and Treasurer will manage the finances of the church.	
7.	New Business	
	<p><u>Meetings for Church Council Chair & Minister</u> – will meet the first Wednesday of each month.</p> <p><u>Church Council Executive Meeting Dates & Times</u> – will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.</p>	
8.	Closing	
	The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.	

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Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

David Walker, Chair