

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2021

Present: Rev. Jeff Chant, Blake Hirtle, David Walker, Corrine Zinck  
Regrets: Jo-Anne Ferrier, Randall Knox (guest)

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	
	A Church Council Executive meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom. David Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Jeff Chant opened with a Scottish Blessing.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Additions/Deletions to the Agenda</b>	
	One addition under Treasurer’s Updates: 2020/21 Deficit Budget	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes - December 16, 2020</b>	
	<b>Motion:</b> Corrine Zinck/Blake Hirtle to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Church Council Executive meeting as circulated. <b>Motion carried.</b>  Corrine Zinck advised that, as per United Church of Canada Manual (A.6.2), Council Executive Minutes will now be posted on the Bridgewater United Church website in Draft form (later replaced with Approved Minutes).	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Business Arising &amp; Unfinished Business</b>	
	<b><u>Riverport Meeting Update:</u></b> Rev. Jeff Chant, Blake Hirtle and Corrine Zinck attended a meeting of pastoral charges in Lunenburg County on January 13, 2021, to discuss opportunities for collaboration in the delivery of services and ways to maximize available resources. There was keen interest in the concept and a follow-up meeting is planned for Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at Bridgewater United Church.  <b><u>Strategic Direction Session - Proposed Date &amp; Facilitator:</u></b> Two options for dates were proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, February 13, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (end with lunch), or</li> <li>• Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (begin with lunch)</li> </ul> <p>The facilitator will be paid \$325 (includes honorarium and travel).</p> <p>Discussion regarding the result expected – Vision - Where are we going after June 30<sup>th</sup>? – How do we resource it? – Opportunities for collaboration?</p>	Rev. Jeff Chant will announce the name of the facilitator at the Church Council meeting on January 27, 2021.

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**Church Sign:**

Rev. Jeff Chant advised that the investigation still in progress. Background work will be done by the Memorial Committee and a recommendation will be brought forward to Church Council.

**Wee Wisdom Nursery School (WWNS) Update:**

Corrine Zinck reported that one of the rooms has been cleared of inventory items – the committee from the WWNS Board will be on site again on Friday, January 22, 2021 to determine what to do with the leftover items. Holes in the walls have been patched and wallpaper borders have been removed. A deep clean will be schedules soon and then the rooms can be painted.

Further discussion included:

- Randall Knox, Chair, Property Committee had hoped to be present at the meeting but was unable to make it. He wishes to know the deadline for the rooms to be cleared out and will WWNS be responsible for painting them.
- WWNS can certainly arrange for painting but it was felt that the rooms should not be painted until we are aware of what they will be used for/ who the new tenant will be.
- It is still unclear if Day Care will want to use the rooms.
- We need to consider what will be the best use of the rooms as far as the church is concerned.

It was decided that:

- By the end of February 2021, the rooms should be cleared of all excess items and be deep cleaned.
- Discussion to be held with Day Care to determine their intent.
- Not to paint unless absolutely necessary (only after discussion with the new tenant).

It is hoped that the WWNS Board will take the lead on a WWNS Celebration – perhaps develop a video to be aired at church service (Todd Langille, former student at WWNS, is willing to assist) – involve the press.

**Scatter Garden Update:**

David Walker advised that he, Angela Clifton, Sweeny’s Funeral Home, and the Town of Bridgewater will be meeting soon to make a different recommendation.

**Church Counters List 2021:**

David Walker advised that the list has been distributed. All “shifts” are covered as several new persons have agreed to assist.

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	<p><b><u>Review of Request from Scouting Program:</u></b> David Walker has received the COVID-19 protocols received from Scouting Canada and will review them with Denise McAuley, Day Care, before deciding to allow the Scouts to meet in the Christian Education Centre.</p> <p><b><u>Committee Updates - Nominations, Trustees, Finance, M&amp;P:</u></b> David Walker has had discussions with various committee members and reviewed suggested changes that could be made with available resources.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minister's Updates</b>	
	<p>Rev. Jeff Chant reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Ministry - has not been time to do Analytics.</li> <li>• Working through to Strategy Session.</li> <li>• Music - how to incorporate in worship services.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Updates</b>	
	<p>Blake Hirtle was pleased to report that the 2020 Financial Statement (Operating) will only show an approximate deficit of \$7,100 compared to the budgeted deficit of \$27,000.</p> <p>He advised that he has many questions with no answers in preparing the 2021 budget. He wondered how realistic it would be given the lack of a true picture in 2020 and the many unknowns for 2021.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
	<p><b><u>Church Council January 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda:</u></b> David Walker advised that he will distribute the agenda over the weekend.</p> <p><b><u>Zoom Account:</u></b> Tracy Rafuse, Office Administrator, had questioned if we should reduce the church's Zoom Account to a basic subscription. It was felt that this was an operational decision.</p> <p><b><u>Pastoral Care Request for District Reps:</u></b> Angela Clifton, Pastoral Care Minister, has requested permission to have District Reps reach out to their contacts now that we are in a new year. It was felt that this was an operational decision.</p> <p><b><u>Annual Congregational Meeting - Setting Date:</u></b> The Annual Congregational Meeting for 2020 will be held on February 28, 2021 with a storm date of March 7, 2021.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Closing</b>	
	The meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.	

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9.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	The next Council Executive meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library.	

Respectfully submitted,

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Corrine Zinck, Secretary

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David Walker, Chair