

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2021

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

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	A Church Council Executive meeting was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 in the Library of Bridgewater United Church. David Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:34 a.m.	
2.	Agenda	
	The agenda was approved with the addition of "Town of Bridgewater: Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Organizations" under New Business.	
3.	Minutes – February 10, 2021	
	Motion: Corrine Zinck/Blake Hirtle to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Church Council Executive meeting as circulated. Motion carried.	
4.	Business Arising & Unfinished Business	
	<p><u>Collaborative Meeting Update:</u> The next meeting of the Collaborative Group is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Trinity United Church in Mahone Bay at 7:00 p.m. David Walker, Corrine Zinck and Rev. Jeff Chant will continue to attend these meetings to represent Bridgewater United Church.</p> <p>Rev. Chant has been exploring collaborative opportunities with other pastoral charges in the county.</p> <p><u>Strategic Direction Session Follow-up:</u> As suggested at the Strategic Direction Session, Rev. Chant has been preaching on B-United's five core values. Each sermon will be pulled out of the online videos to create a teaching video which can be used for new members of the congregation.</p> <p>It was agreed that there are too many statements associated with the identity of Bridgewater United Church. The Vision Statement meets the requirements of Affirm United. However, the new purpose statement and the Mission Statement are very similar. The acceptance of the Purpose Statement to replace the Mission Statement will be placed on the agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, March 14, 2021.</p>	

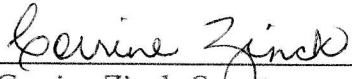
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	<p><u>Wee Wisdom Nursery School (WWNS) Celebration Update:</u> Corrine Zinck advised that she and Linda Walker, Chair, WWNS Board, had met with Todd Langille and Rev. Chant to discuss the video to be produced as a tribute to WWNS. They have perused photo albums held by the nursery school to obtain information to be used in the video. A WWNS Alumni FaceBook Group has been created. Discussion regarding how to contact/invite persons to join the group. David Walker suggested placing an article in the Breaker or contacting media to get the word about the Group distributed.</p> <p>It was suggested that Richard Greek, as Chair of Finance, along with David Walker and Blake Hirtle should be the group to negotiate the use of the WWNS space by Bridgewater Day Care. Randall Knox (Chair, Property Committee) may join the group if he feels it is necessary for him to be there. It was decided that the Finance Committee would take the lead on this item.</p> <p><u>Committee Updates:</u> David Walker reported that the Executive had taken over recruitment for new committee members. The Nominating Committee has had their wrap-up meeting and members of that Committee have accepted spots on various other committees.</p> <p>The Executive reviewed lists of those persons to be elected and/or nominated at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday.</p> <p><u>Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM):</u> The draft agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting was reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Rev. Chant and Angela Clifton will be excused from the ACM during discussion of their re-appointments. Therefore, we will require a representative from Region 15 to be in attendance.</p> <p><u>Church Sign Update:</u> A meeting to hear a presentation from the company contacted regarding the electronic sign has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.</p>	<p>David Walker will contact Peter Simpson (Saltwire) with the Breaker to do an article.</p> <p>Corrine Zinck will prepare the final agenda and distribute.</p> <p>Rev. Chant will arrange for a representative from Region 15 to attend the ACM.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p>	
	<p><u>Negotiating Committee re Personnel:</u> It is suggested that the following persons form the Committee to deal with Ministry Personnel appointments: Chair of Council, Vice Chair of Council, Chair of Finance, Treasurer, Chair of Ministry & Personnel. This proposal will be brought to the congregation at the ACM on Sunday.</p>	

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	<u>Town of Bridgewater: Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Organizations:</u> It was agreed that we would not apply for this assistance. We already receive a tax exemption from the Town of Bridgewater.	
6.	Closing The meeting closed at 11:40 a.m.	
7.	Next Meeting The next Church Council Executive meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library.	

Respectfully submitted,


Corrine Zinck, Secretary


David Walker, Chair

