

# Bridgewater United Church Council Executive Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021

Present: Jeff Chant, Ewart Morse, Richard Greek, Elizabeth Burr ridge, Edna Matheson, David Walker, Blake Hirtle

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	Call to Order Opening Prayer	
	The Church Council Executive met April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 via Zoom call. David Walker called the meeting to order at 8:33pm	
2.	Opening Prayer	
	Rev. Jeff Chant led us in prayer	
3.	Agenda	
	The purpose of the meeting is to review the most recent Covid-19 restrictions affecting church activities.	
4.	New Business	
	<p>Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Robert Strang announced this afternoon a province wide shut down for two weeks, effective April 28, 2021 at 8 am. This includes suspending faith based gatherings, limiting public access to the site and employers to support employees working from home as much as possible.</p> <p><b>Plan:</b> For BUC, in-person services for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> are cancelled; gatherings such as meditation and Coffee and Conversation Time will be suspended; committee meetings will continue by Zoom calls; staff will work from home and only be in the office if necessary (i.e. Blake and Tracy will work on month end financial statement in the office tomorrow). Communication on these changes to be distributed tomorrow. Will include the invite to watch the online services. Jeff has sent a note to the production team that there may be more viewers for the online services during this shutdown and presents an opportunity. The only work that is pending for Property and Grounds is outside (oil tank).</p> <p>New West Pine Church hybrid service would have been May 9<sup>th</sup>. Jeff received a positive note regarding the in-person service held last week at New West Pine. They had received good feedback about the service.</p> <p><b>Plan:</b> Jeff will offer to defer the hybrid service to the next week. If they choose to cancel this service, Jeff will offer a reduced fee of 1/3 for May.</p>	<p>Jeff will work with Tracy about the communication.</p> <p>Jeff will contact the Creasers (New West Pine contacts)</p>

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	<p>Pastoral Care visits will not be in-person. A note will be distributed to district reps to check in with congregants even though it is more than once in three months.</p> <p>Discussion occurred regarding live streaming services and the need for increasing technological capacity to improve the quality. Jeff is working on a budget where the Zwicker memorial gift will be allocated to support online programming.</p>	
5.	Next Meeting Date	
	Wednesday, May 12 at 6pm by Zoom call.	David will set up Zoom meeting and send invitation by email.
6.	Adjournment	
	Meeting ended at 8:57 pm.	

Respectfully submitted,

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Edna Matheson, Secretary

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David Walker, Chair