

Bridgewater United Church Council Executive Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Present: David Walker, Blake Hirtle, Edna Matheson, Richard Greek, Elizabeth Burrige,
Rev. Jeff Chant

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	The Church Council Executive met May 12 th , 2021 by Zoom. David Walker, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm	
2.	Opening Prayer	
	David Walker	
3.	Agenda	
	Additions to the agenda included: #12 Request to rent CEC gym space #13 Communication regarding church office hours #14 Music Ministry	
4.	Correspondence	
	Email from M&P re Study Leave for Angela Clifton. Motion: Moved by Blake Hirtle and seconded by Elizabeth Burrige to approve the request from Angela Clifton for a study leave from June 14 th to July 23 rd , 2021. Motion Carried. It was acknowledged the impact this leave will have on Jeff's workload and vacation requests. Jeff Chant will assume pastoral care duties. Processing of such requests requires more timely response in the future.	David will inform Angela Clifton and M&P Comm
5.	Minutes	
	Motion: Moved by Blake Hirtle and seconded by Richard Greek to approve the minutes of March 24 th , April 24 th , April 27 th meetings. Motion Carried	
6.	In person services	
	Current Covid restrictions enacted for two weeks will likely be continued until case numbers have decreased significantly. Consensus to not hold in person services for the rest of the month of May and decide regarding June services later in this month. Discussion occurred regarding on-line recorded services during the summer. Jeff proposed that the services will be briefer and to reuse previously recorded services in order for the volunteers to have a break and to evaluate and plan future endeavors. David Barnes has joined the production team.	

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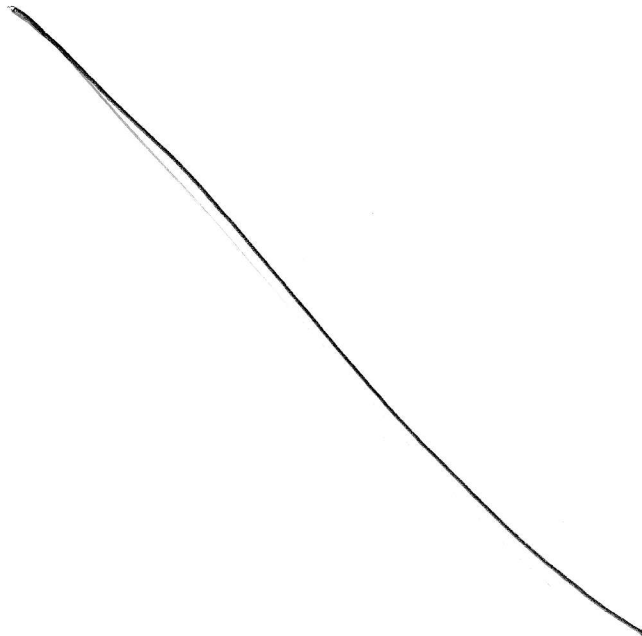
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	There is much to consider when planning for possibly recording/broadcasting live services such as equipment, manpower, training and technical support for a quality video.	
7.	New West Pine Update	
	The hybrid service did not occur in May because of Covid restrictions. Decision was made to waive the fee for May and offer to extend the contract another month.	David will communicate with contacts for New West Pine
8.	Regional collaboration meetings update	
	David Walker, Corrine Zinck and Jeff Chant attended the last meeting. There was interest in the arrangement with New West Pine and BUC. David Hewitt suggested to pause the formal meetings and he will reach out to each church reps. Depending on what he learns will determine if he calls another meeting in the fall. Although there have been discussions, there hasn't been progress on potential collaborations. There are opportunities for BUC to propose supportive collaboration similar to our West Pine contract.	Jeff will develop a proposal to present to Council.
9.	Re-assessment and Appointment Committee recommendations	
	Final meeting of the committee will be tomorrow evening. The report of the offer to Jeff Chant and Angela Clifton being accepted will go to Council.	
10.	Calling of Special Congregational Meeting	
	Decided on Sunday, June 6 th at 7:00pm, either in-person or by Zoom (to be determined). David will invite Heather Ferrier and ask for clarification regarding what wording to be used for the purpose of the meeting.	David will contact Heather Ferrier and arrange the announcement
11.	Stewardship letter	
	Stewardship package to be sent to congregants from Chair of Finance with the aim to send it out the end of June. Discussed ideas for package.	Richard and Blake to develop package
12.	Request to rent CEC gym space	
	Request received from a cheerleading group to rent the gym when Covid restrictions are lifted for practices on Sunday mornings at 11:30. The request will be considered if they are able to change the timing of the practice.	David will contact group
13.	Church Office Hours	
	Despite the lockdown restrictions, persons are coming to the office. A letter will be distributed to try to inform people to not come to	

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	the office building during lockdown. If staff are at the office, they are there to do activities not doable from home and shouldn't be allowing the public in the office. Issues regarding persistent interruptions and requests beyond office hours will need to be addressed after restrictions are lifted.	
14.	Music Ministry	
	Discussed ideas regarding future music ministry. It was agreed to ask a small group to work on what it could look like and what would be needed to meet that vision.	Jeff to contact volunteers
15.	Adjournment	
	Moved by Elizabeth Burridge and seconded by Blake Hirtle meeting adjourned at 7:13pm	

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Matheson
Edna Matheson, Secretary

David Walker
David Walker, Chair



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