

# Bridgewater United Church Council Executive Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

Present: David Walker, Edna Matheson, Richard Greek, Blake Hirtle, Jeff Chant

Regrets: Elizabeth Burr ridge

| Item | Topic/Discussion  | Action |
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| 1.   | Call to Order & Attendance  |        |
|      | The Church Council Executive met July 15, 2021 in the church library. David Walker, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.   |        |
| 2.   | Opening Prayer  |        |
|      | David Walker  |        |
| 3.   | Agenda  |        |
|      | One addition to the agenda:<br>#19 Church Council Meeting   |        |
| 4.   | Correspondence  |        |
|      | Blake Hirtle reported that he has received email confirmation from CRA that BUC is registered and they have processed this year's tax return.   |        |
| 5.   | Minutes   |        |
|      | <b>Motion:</b> Richard Greek/Blake Hirtle to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021 meeting.<br><b>Motion Carried.</b>  |        |
| 6.   | Thank-you gift to Heather Ferrier   |        |
|      | David Walker delivered the gift of appreciation to Heather Ferrier for her involvement in the Reappointment Committee and Congregational meeting.   |        |
| 7.   | In person services  |        |
|      | It was noted that Phase 4 for Covid regulations, effective July 13, 2021 does not change attendee capacity for BUC.<br>a) July 18 service will be a hybrid service MC'd by David Walker<br>b) Jeff Chant will be deferring his study leave planned for next week to cover funeral services.<br>Pulpit supply to cover Jeff's vacation (have asked a number of congregational members and other ministers to cover):<br>July 25 will be Linda Yeats. David Walker will do the welcome, announcements and introduce the guest minister. |        |

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|      | <p>August 1 – no coverage – if not covered by next week, will announce no service for this date and encourage attendance at other local services.<br/>                     August 22<sup>nd</sup> – no coverage – waiting to hear back on invites<br/>                     August 29 will be Joanne McFadden.</p>   |        |
| 8.   | Online services   |        |
|      | The previously recorded services are being used.  |        |
| 9.   | New West Pine update (Aug. 8 – Donna Kelly)   |        |
|      | While Jeff will be performing the in-person service at New West Pine, Donna Kelly will lead the service at BUC.   |        |
| 10.  | Thank-you gift for Angela Clifton   |        |
|      | The monetary gift to Angela was divided between the United Church Indigenous Healing Fund and AST towards her student expenses. Blake and David shared that Angela was very appreciative of the gift.   |        |
| 11.  | M&P chair   |        |
|      | Plan to re-evaluate needs in September.   |        |
| 12.  | Pastoral Care post August 31st  |        |
|      | <p>Discussed options of posting the position as is or Jeff continuing to cover pastoral care needs beyond August 31.<br/>                     Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a trained lay person pastoral care team. There are four persons who have expressed interest in the pastoral care course from Ottawa.</li> <li>• Financial concerns re current deficit/potential revenue sources.</li> <li>• Congregation expectations of traditional vs evolved model of delivering pastoral care.</li> <li>• Collaboration among local churches.</li> <li>• Need for leadership and communication to clarify roles and expectations.</li> </ul> |        |
| 13.  | Lennie Gallant Concert  |        |
|      | Tickets are available for Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> . Have sold 30 from the office and 35 online.   |        |
| 14.  | Universal Cheer Rental Request  |        |
|      | Reviewed the draft contract. David asked Ruth Rudderham and Randall Knox if there were issues that needed to be addressed. Ruth had no issues since the kitchen will not be used. Randall made suggestions regarding storing their mats/floor   |        |

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|      | maintenance/garbage/insurance and impact on other renters.<br>Discussed wording of invoice.<br><b>Motion:</b> Blake Hirtle/Richard Greek to rent the gym space and mat storage to Universal Cheer based on the terms of \$20/hour for eight hours each Sunday and 2.5 hours twice a month for period of at least six months.<br><b>Motion carried.</b>   |                       |
| 15.  | BUC as an Election venue   |                       |
|      | David Walker approached Dan Hennessy regarding using BUC for candidates' forum.  | David will follow up. |
| 16.  | Music Ministry   |                       |
|      | Jeff Chant will be calling a meeting of the group for next week. The plan at this time is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract with Wendy Fraser to play 10 – 16 Sundays a year/look after the organ/have first right of refusal for weddings and funerals.</li> <li>• Music Ministry leadership position be a contracted paid position with the responsibilities of identifying talent/nurture musical participation (6-8 hours/week).</li> </ul> |                       |
| 17.  | Laptop Purchase Request  |                       |
|      | The request for a new laptop for church services has been addressed with the temporary loan of a workstation from Blake Hirtle.  |                       |
| 18.  | Wee Wisdom Video   |                       |
|      | Video to celebrate Wee Wisdom Nursery School is being completed. It is 10 – 12 minutes.  |                       |
| 19.  | Next Meeting Date  |                       |
|      | The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Decided to have a meeting Wed., August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 in the sanctuary to update the Council on the changes in the ministerial positions and music ministry.  |                       |
| 20.  | Adjournment  |                       |
|      | Jeff Chant/Blake Hirtle. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.   |                       |

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Matheson  
Edna Matheson, Secretary

C. Elizabeth Burridge for  
David Walker, Chair