

Bridgewater United Church Council Executive Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2022

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

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1.	Call to Order	
	The Church Council Executive met January 12, 2022 in the church library. David Walker called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.	
2.	Opening Prayer	
	David Walker	
3.	Agenda	
	Additions to the agenda included New West Pine, Edge United Church Innovation	
4.	Correspondence	
	No correspondence	
5.	Minutes	
	Motion: Blake Hirtle/Edna Matheson to accept the minutes of Nov. 2, 2021 be approved. Motion Carried.	
6.	COVID Restrictions – in-person services	
	In-person services are on hold for January. Will revisit whether to have in-person services before Feb. 6 th .	
7.	Online Ministry	
	Last week's online service was formatted differently with the message, scripture and prayer in separate videos. This week's service will be more traditional. Jeff Chant has applied to two grants, one to build out the hybrid model and the other would support building a new online church. Jeff Chant identified the need for people for videoing, production and marketing. Discussion included community contacts.	
8.	Meeting with West Side United	
	David Walker summarized the meeting held with the leaders of the Lahave West Dublin Charge on January 10, 2022. It was decided to extend the agreement to the end of March 2022. Discussed evaluation criteria of the agreement such as the development of the pastoral care team; number of pastoral care	

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	visits and calls. Discussion included changes to personnel position descriptions and how and when to transition to a more formal agreement. The revised part-time position description has been submitted to Region 15.	
9.	Financial Status/Stewardship Campaign – access to church givings information	
	The budget for 2022 will include the 20% Pastoral Care position. The Stewardship campaign would be more successful if customized to acknowledge previous givings and to tailor requests for support. Instead of sharing confidential information with Stewardship Committee members, Blake Hirtle and Tracey Rafuse who already are privy to that information can customize the letters. Discussed the challenges of expecting donations to meet our needs and ideas for other sources of revenue. Discussed prompting Ways and Means Committee with budget goals and ideas for fund raisers.	
10.	Redevelopment Committee Work	
	Jeff Chant, Bob Forbes, and David Walker met with Edge United Church National Property Development Group and will be visiting the Anglican Church in Halifax to learn about their arrangement with Shannex. The committee also met with the Development Officer of Bridgewater.	
11.	Ministry Personnel Position Descriptions	
	Covered under agenda item #8.	
12.	Jeff's Sabbatical and Pulpit Supply	
	The committee formed to address pulpit supply during Jeff's sabbatical is to meet. Jeff has reached out to individuals to lead worship and deliver a message with varying success. Suggested other options such as Music worship service, using videos of other services.	
13.	Annual Congregational Meeting	
	Decided on March 27 th for the date for the congregational meeting. Discussed the need of having a financial service complete a review in light of our current financial status. Will discuss this at the next Council meeting.	
14.	Nominating Committee – Day Care request, Inter-Church Council	
	Committees that existed pre-Covid have not functioned during the pandemic. It had been decided that if vacancies occurred on committees that continued, the committee could look for members. Council Executive is serving as the Nominating Committee.	

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	David Walker reported on the vacancy on Day Care Committee and Inter-Church Council. Instead of replacing the 3 rd rep for Inter-Church Council, David is going to suggest that the number of representatives be two rather than three from each church.	
15.	Church Council January 26 th – format, agenda	
	<p>Strategic planning deferred.</p> <p>A formal agreement with New West Pine is to be signed by their representatives. Because Region 15 has been discouraging long term supervisory positions, Jeff Chant will officially be New West Pine's minister effective Feb. 1st, 2022.</p> <p>An agreement with the Union for the Day Care staff has been met. The Music Director is continuing to work and plan for in-person services.</p> <p>Discussion occurred regarding outreach. This year the distribution of Angel Tree donations and gifts was changed. Instead of families coming to BUC to pick up their gifts, the parcels from all organizations that participated were delivered to the Salvation Army and dispersed from that central site.</p>	
16.	Nest Meeting Date	
	The next meeting for Council Executive is Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7 pm.	
17.	Adjournment	
	Blake Hirtle/Richard Greek the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 pm	

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Matheson
Edna Matheson, Secretary

David Walker
David Walker, Chair