

Knox Church Council Meeting

November 15, 2016

Chair: Vivian Mitchell

Secretary: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Vivian Mitchell, Irene Bromley, Lawrence Donald, Roger Bright, Gerald Whetter, Alan Moulin, Laura Crookshanks, Wayne Clayton, Marilyn Van Walleghem, Leanne Sprung,

Regrets: Susie McPherson-Derendy

Call to Order: 6:40 pm

Opening Worship: On behalf of Christian Education, Leanne Sprung read Anne LaMott post "Counting our Blessings – Why We Say Grace"

Adoption of Agenda as amended and Adoption of Minutes of the Oct. 18, 2016 meeting:

Motion: Laura Crookshanks/Lawrence Donald Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business:

a. Revised Knox Alcohol Policy

Laura Crookshanks verbally highlighted the changes made to the policy.

Motion: Wayne Clayton/Laura Crookshanks Carried

That the revised policy be approved.

b. Technology Enhancement

Roger Bright gave an update on this project. The project is basically complete. The last thing is to have the switch located at the back of the sanctuary. Financially, the cost of the system and installation is just a little over \$15,000. Cost of the chancel renovations required were approx. \$3,600, for a total cost of approx. \$19,000. Donations towards the project to date are \$10,420. The extra cost is currently being covered by the building general reserve.

Discussion:

-Another option might to be use the memorial fund to cover some of the cost.

-It was also suggested the congregation might be approached for additional funding specifically for this project so as not to use the general reserve (special appeal).

-It was mentioned that people who donate to the memorial fund generally like to see something tangible purchased with those funds in memory of the deceased rather than just having money sitting in the bank. (Therefore, using the memorial fund is a good option).

Motion: Laura Crookshanks/Wayne Clayton Carried
That the cost of the chancel renovations be taken from the memorial fund.

-Stewardship/Property will bring the matter to the congregation as a special appeal for donations to cover the balance.

-Some concern was indicated regarding the resolution for pictures and images other than text. The projection is still too light. Some of this is due to lighting required in the chancel area for the choir. The next level of projector would be considerably more costly.

Correspondence:

Nov. 15/16 Dom Di Santo
Subject: IPC Photo Church Pictorial Directory
Referred to: Sharon McIntosh to discuss with Coleen Wall to see if she (Coleen) would be willing to coordinate doing a new pictorial directory.

Financial Report: presented by Irene Bromley.

Motion: Irene Bromley/Lawrence Donald Carried
That the October,2015 Financial Report be accepted.

Committee chairs were reminded to give preliminary budget figures for 2017 to the Treasurer prior to the next Council meeting.

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* verbal report by Lawrence Donald
 - Laurie Crowe is currently assisting the committee, and hopefully will become a full committee member
 - Committees (Worship and Congregational Care) need to identify a person who will act as chair and attend Council to relieve the minister from having to carry the extra responsibility. It is anticipated Diane Shepherd will chair the Worship Committee on her return to Brandon.
 - Jill Hannah-Kayes has indicated willingness to serve as vice-chair.
 - M&P will have a change of chair by year end.

- 2) *Property*: verbal report by Roger Bright
-A donation that was originally given for the purpose of purchasing the property next door has, at the request of the donor, been reassigned to replacing the basement ceiling. A new ceiling will reduce sound travel between the two levels. An additional donation was made and this project reserve now has a balance of \$4,500. A cost estimate for the ceiling materials is around this amount, but the lighting will also need to be replaced. The estimate for light replacement is approx. \$17,000.

Motion: Alan Moulin/Lawrence Donald Carried
That Council send the individual who made this contribution of \$4,500 to the ceiling project a special thank you.

It was suggested that the ceiling project be mentioned in the year end report as something we are working towards. Also, it can be mentioned at the same time as the congregation is approached for donations to the visual technology project.

- 3) *Minister's Report*: Attached

Motion: Leanne Sprung/Irene Bromley Carried
That Council approve the baptisms of Beckett Andrew George Malazdrwicz, son of Nicholas Malazdrewicz and Kerri Phillips, and Emma Carolyn Ruby Rae, daughter of Trevor Rae and Danielle St. Louis, for November 20, 2016.

-Craig Miller reminded Council about Remit Training at Trinity on Friday, November 17.

- 4) *Worship*: No report.
- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M)*: No report.
Discussion: A visitor to Knox was looking for a pamphlet that would tell about Knox. We do not have a current one. We need to revisit this situation so we have something to give visitors and new comers. This might be a good project for a vice chair.
- 6) *Vice Chair*:
- 7) *Christian Education*: Attached
-Leanne Sprung asked about the flooring in the clubroom. Roger Bright reported it is finished and the carpet is back in place.
-Central United is starting up a new youth group for Sundays.

Discussion: Kudos to Antionette Gravel-Ouellette and the youth group for their drama in worship this past Sunday.

-It was asked if the youth will be taking part in Advent services. This is not yet known as it will depend on their availability.

- 8) *Presbytery*: No report.
- 9) *Trustees*: Attached
- 10) *Stewardship*: Attached
- 11) *Outreach*: Attached
 - The date for the sharing circle has been set for Monday, December 12.
 - A meeting for the Finding Right Relationships Visionary Group is planned for January 23.
 - The Sobeys gift card fundraiser is underway. We need to get \$14,000 in sales to get an 8% return.
 - Refuge Brandon: Brandon is receiving two new families this week. Much thanks to Edy Clayton and Kim Bright for the work they are doing. Families who have come/are coming to Brandon are government sponsored but need considerable assistance for startup and the first year. Refuge Brandon is providing such assistance to a number of families rather than full sponsorship of just one family as originally planned. The committee may need to look at renting adequate (dry and clean) storage space. The next committee meeting will be at end of November. On November 27, Edy Clayton will give a special presentation to the congregation on the refugee project.
- 12) *Green Team*: Attached
- 13) *Affirm Committee*: verbal report by Laura Crookshanks.
 - The diversity lunch went well, with 25 in attendance. The next diversity lunch is planned for January, place to be determined.
 - The Trans Day of Remembrance service is on November 24.
 - The Inclusive Parenting Workshop is being planned for sometime in February.
 - More volunteers are required if we wish to continue with coffee before and after worship.
- 14) *Chair*: Vivian Mitchell
 - Moms without Borders will pick up leftovers from the Rummage Sale at 2:00 so volunteers will not have to pack and store items.

Motion: Marilyn Van Walleghem/Laura Crookshanks Carried
The adoption of all Committee Reports

New Business:

- a. Groups interested in renting Knox facilities for Winterfest 2017
The Honduran group has expressed interest but want to serve alcohol. The consensus of Council is they could not serve alcohol per our revised policy. They will be advised the facility is available but no alcohol is to be served.
The Mauritian Group has also viewed the facility. They will be discussing it at their meeting and will get back to us if they wish to discuss further. They are aware the Honduran group has first call on our facility as they approached us first.
The rental fee is to be determined by Property and Administration.

- b. Valleyview Kids Zone
Lorraine Crivea (Childcare Coordinator for Westman) is looking for space during Christmas break for the Valleyview Kids Zone. They had been operating out of Valleyview Community Club, but that facility was closed due to mold concerns. They need space for 44 children 7:30-5:30. Knox was considered as it already houses a licenced nursery school so they already have inspections in place. The Nursery School has been consulted and they have no objections. We also have SMD using the auditorium for pickup/dropoff/lunch for 3 of these days. The day care will need two to three rooms.
Discussion: Consensus seemed to be that we could offer Knox facilities to Valleyview Kids' Zone. There was some discussion as whether we charge a regular 6-hour rate per day, or offer them a reduced rate. It was decided that Property/Administration can determine an appropriate rate.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Christmas potluck snacks
Opening Worship: Presbytery

Closing prayer was offered by Craig Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Wayne Clayton