

# Knox Church Council Meeting

Date: February 21, 2017

Chair: Vivian Mitchell

A/Secretary: Irene Bromley

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Vivian Mitchell, Irene Bromley, Coleen Wall, Debby Dandy, Alan Moulin, Laura Crookshanks, Wayne Clayton, Marilyn Van Wallegghem, Leanne Sprung, and David Barrows.

Regrets: Roger Bright

**Call to Order.** 6:35 p.m.

**Opening Worship:** None

**Adoption of Agenda as amended and Adoption of Minutes of the Jan. 17, 2017 meeting:**

**Motion:** Coleen Wall/Marilyn Van Wallegghem

Carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business:**

- a. Honduran Group – Winterfest 2017 Pavilion. Per reports from the Honduran Group, Roger Bright and Sharon McIntosh, a situation arose where the Fire Department shut down the pavilion kitchen operation as food was being cooked in counter-top electric deep fryers, leaving the group without a means of making money to recover expenses as their only source of income was the sale of the food. Knox was unaware the deep frying was in breach of fire regulations as this had been done by other groups in the past, and had assured the group we had no problem with deep frying as long as they used covered electric deep fryers. As such, there was some feeling Knox should share in the loss of income.

**MOTION:** Debby Dandy/Marilyn Van Wallegghem

Carried

**To accept half of what the (Honduran) pavilion owes us.**

Wayne Clayton will work with Roger Bright to follow up with the fire department on the rules.

- b. Liberal Evangelism – This item is deferred until the March meeting.
- c. Remits 3 and 4. Craig Miller gave a presentation on remits 3 and 4. Following the presentation, council voted on all (remits 1, 2, 3, and 4) with Debby Dandy abstaining as she had not been at the previous meeting. All were passed with a “yes” vote.

**Correspondence:** None

**Financial Report:** Presented by Irene Bromley

**Motion:** Irene Bromley/Coleen Wall

Carried

**That the January 2017 Financial Report be accepted.**

**Committee Reports:**

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* verbal report by Coleen Wall
  - Committee is finalizing bringing parity to the contracts for the Choral Director and Organist.
  - A barbeque for staff and the M&P committee is being planned for June.
  - The committee is still looking for one or two new male members. They have contacted prospects and are waiting to hear decisions.
  
- 2) *Property:* Attached
  
- 2) *Minister's Report:* verbal report by Craig Miller
  - The work of the Green Team and our support of the Climate Fund at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be featured in an upcoming CFB newsletter.
  - Craig thanks the congregants of Knox for attending the open house and prayer service at the Brandon Islamic Centre following the recent shooting in Quebec City. Craig also thanked the Refuge Brandon Committee for their work with the centre and our new refugees, many of whom are Muslim.
  
- 4) *Worship:* No report
  
- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M):* verbal report by David Barrows
  - A newcomers brunch is being planned for April 2.
  
- 6) *Vice Chair:* No report
  
- 7) *Christian Education:* Attached.
  - Leanne Sprung advised the committee will be meeting next Sunday.
  
- 8) *Presbytery:* No report
  - Marilyn Van Wallegghem advised Presbytery would be meeting on Saturday (February 25), and would be reported on at the March meeting.
  
- 9) *Trustees:* No report

- 10) *Stewardship*: verbal report by Al Moulin  
-Alan reminded Council of the Time & Talent auction scheduled for March 18, and encouraged members to donate their valuables.
- 11) *Outreach*: verbal report by Debby Dandy  
-a Sharing Circle was held with 20 people in attendance.
  - i. Refuge Brandon – The committee is sending a letter to the new Minister of Immigration regarding children’s education for 14 Syrian families.
- 12) *Green Team*: No report (committee has not met)
- 13) *Affirm Committee*: verbal report by Laura Crookshanks  
-Lunch was held at the Ethiopian restaurant with 30 people attending.  
-There was poor attendance at the Raising Children in an Inclusive Community session with Shawna Munro.  
-Coffee is being provided before and after church.
- 14) *Chair*: verbal report by Vivian Mitchell  
-Vivian signed with Harold Reid to review our books.

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

***New Business:***

- a. B.A.P.S. (Hindu) group approached Knox to rent space for their weekly services. They are requesting use of the auditorium, lower level and two other rooms on Sundays from 5-8 pm on a long term basis (annual lease).

Motion: Wayne Clayton/David Barrows                                      Carried  
To authorize Roger Bright and the Executive Committee to work out the details for this rental.

Discussion:  
-This can be considered as Special Olympics are no longer renting the auditorium on Sundays.  
-It would be better to offer the lounge in place of the babyfold, even if we offer it at the same cost as the babyfold, as there are so many toys and things in the babyfold.  
-Chairs in the auditorium need to be repaired, or the floor in the auditorium will get ruined with the additional rental on a regular basis if we continue to use these chairs.

- b. Pew Cushions – Laura Crookshanks will form a committee to look into purchasing cushions of similar colour/size/age and report back to Council at the next meeting. Money for such a purchase could be taken from the Memorial Fund.

Next Council Meeting: March 21, 2017

Opening Worship: Wayne Clayton

Closing prayer was offered by Craig Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Laura Crookshanks