

Knox Church Council Meeting

April 18, 2017

Chair: Vivian Mitchell

Secretary: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Vivian Mitchell, Deb Carnegie, Roger Bright, Alan Moulin, Marilyn Van Wallegghem, Leanne Sprung, Kim Bright, David Barrows, Sharyn Hayter, Diane Shepherd

Regrets: Susie McPherson-Derendy

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Opening Worship: Al Moulin, on behalf of Stewardship, gave the opening worship.

Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting as amended:

Motion: Roger Bright/Kim Bright

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business:

- a. Pew Cushions – deferred until May.
- b. Annual General Meeting – Part 2. Financial Statements have been received from Harold Reid’s office. Vivian will review the statements and sign off if all is in order. The date of the meeting is confirmed for May 7. Joe Ball (ministry personnel) will attend.
- c. Sunday School Furniture
Roger Bright circulated information and pictures of available furniture that would work. He suggested getting rectangular tables (instead of the current round) with adjustable legs that could be raised or lowered to suit the age group. It would cost approx. \$1,600 to update both areas. Roger suggested funds come from Memorial Fund. It was also suggested by Stewardship to have a campaign where the congregation could be encouraged to “buy a chair”. This idea will be presented to congregation. Roger suggested also purchasing a new table to replace the small round table in the sanctuary.
Leanne Sprung will discuss the options with rest of the CE committee and report back in May.

Correspondence:

Apr 12/17 Pastor Giovanni Sanchez, CUPC
Subject: Terminate Lease
Referred to: File

Discussion: The lease states a 3-month notice period by either party. Craig Miller suggested, if council is in agreement, to waive the notice period. (2 additional months)

Motion: Marilyn Van Wallegghem/Leanne Sprung Carried
That we forego the rent for the two months.

Financial Report: prepared by Irene Bromley

Motion: Roger Bright/Marilyn Van Wallegghem Carried
That the March 2017 Financial Report be accepted.

Committee Reports:

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* verbal report by Deb Carnegie
-Ministry & Personnel has a new member – Les Kelly.
-It came to the (church) office’s attention that we have not been paying pulpit supply rates as provided by General counsel, so updated information was given to M&P. M&P will be looking at the rates further and report back to council.

- 2) *Property:* Attached.

- 2) *Minister’s Report:* verbal report by Craig Miller
-Ministry & Personnel have approved 2 weeks continuing education leave from May 1-14 for Craig. The first week will be used for personal study, and he will attend the Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry seminar during the second week.
-Craig will also be away the last Sunday in May to attend the Conference annual general meeting.
-Craig presented recent membership transfers for council’s consideration:
Motion: David Barrows/Leanne Sprung Carried
To accept the transfers of Christine Richards, Kathleen Richards, Madelyn Robinson, Cheryl Doull, David Coney, Betty Kelly and Les Kelly, and Wynn Collier.

Discussion: Al Moulin suggested we need to involve our new members so we don’t lose them. So far, they all seem to be involved. Craig Miller will give the names to the nominating committee so they can approach them for committee participation.

- 3) *Worship*: verbal presentation by Diane shepherd
 - The decorations in the Sanctuary were changed for Easter, and the candles were cleaned up.
 - The committee has not yet met.

- 4) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M)*: verbal report by David Barrows
 - The newcomers brunch held in April was a positive experience.
 - A brochure about Knox that was designed and put together by Craig Miller was distributed to Council. David reminded Council that everyone has the responsibility to hand out the brochures to people attending/visiting Knox.

- 6) *Vice Chair*.

- 7) *Christian Education*: verbal report by Leanne Sprung
 - The youth have been busy – they assisted in the Maundy Thursday service, got together on Good Friday to plan for Easter Sunday, and put together the activity centres for Easter. It was felt that their participation in the Maundy Thursday service was very meaningful for them.
 - Kim Bright has volunteered to train some of the youth in face painting.
 - Christian Education Committee will be making some final decisions about curriculum for the upcoming year.
 - The youth provided child care for the Inclusive Parenting session.

Discussion:

It was suggested a group activity could be the Escape Room – not only for the youth, but also as a congregational activity.

- 8) *Presbytery*: verbal report by Marilyn Van Wallegem
 - The next (full court) presbytery meeting is scheduled for April 25 in Killarney.
 - Art Godfrey will be taking over as Presbytery Representative in place of Marilyn Van Wallegem. There was a brief discussion as to whether the incoming or outgoing representative attend the Conference annual meeting. Council felt that either could attend. Marilyn will ask Art if he wishes to attend.

- 9) *Trustees*: No report.

- 10) *Stewardship*: verbal report by Alan Moulin
- The Time and Talent event was reviewed and a few improvements were suggested with respect to the timing of activities (supper at 5:30, review of the silent auction a 6:30, live entertainment at 7:00 and live auction at 7:30). The format for the live auction went well with both Joe and Cec. An event is planned for March 2018, but will try to avoid conflicts with Wheat Kings games.
 - A letter of thanks to the congregation (for their contributions to the church) was discussed, in lieu of signed cards to individuals.
 - Results of the pledge campaign were reviewed. The committee recommends regular reports on givings in the newsletter and in e-mails to members, to inform the congregation of church finances. PAR will be emphasized. Summaries of givings by categories and numbers of donors are recommended. A new campaign is planned for October 2017.
 - A retirement seminar is planned for the fall of 2017, with presentations from a lawyer, financial advisor and perhaps an accountant. Potential topics include probate, power of attorney, joint ownership, estate, medical direction and wills. Four topics will be selected from this list for a seminar of about 90 minutes.
 - Alan Moulin, Vern Gilbertson and Duncan Waddell have agreed to participate in the committee during 2017-2018. One more member will be recruited. Vivian Mitchell will assist with the potluck for the time and talent event.
 - the silent auction will be held prior to the fall rummage sale.
- 11) *Outreach*: Attached.
- Discussion:
- With respect to the Sobeys Card project, Vivian Mitchell passed on a suggestion from the Cobbs that it would be better to have one card sale when the return is higher (pre-Christmas) and the church could purchase extra cards to sell throughout the year. Two concerns were expressed: First, it would mean the sale would stretch over two accounting periods, however, Vivian advised this should not be a problem as the cards would show as assets on the balance sheet. The second concern was security as this had been brought up at a previous meeting when this topic was discussed, however, Council did not feel this would be an issue. It was decided to defer the suggestion to the fall, and make a decision prior to the next sales campaign.
- a. Refuge Brandon – report attached.
Discussion: There was some discussion regarding jobs for the refugees as their government funding runs out. Kim Bright advised those who had found employment and where they are employed. Many are taking English

classes as they know it is important in finding employment.

It was asked if a service company (e.g. painting, yard cleaning, etc.) could be formed to provide employment opportunities. Kim advised this has been discussed.

12) *Green Team:* Attached.

13) *Affirm Committee:* verbal report by Sharyn Hayter
-The Raising Children in an Inclusive Community workshop was a really positive experience.
-A group from the committee will be doing an in-service for the potential for becoming an affirming church in Russell on May 7, and will also attend the worship service (in Russell).
-The Affirm committee are making a donation (from the Affirm budget) to Christian Education to continue updating the youth room.

14) *Chair:* No report.

-Alan Moulin thanked Vivian Mitchell for her work as chair.

Motion: Diane Shepherd/Alan Moulin
The adoption of all Committee Reports

Carried

New Business: None

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 pm

Opening Worship: Outreach

Closing prayer was offered by Craig Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Roger Bright