

# Knox Church Council Meeting

September 19, 2017

Chair: Vivian Mitchell

Secretary: Sharon McIntosh

Present: Rev. Craig Miller, Vivian Mitchell, Coleen Wall, Diane Shepherd  
Roger Bright, David Barrows, Leanne Sprung, Wayne Digby, Alan  
Moulin, Bernice Nerbas, Art Godfrey, Ken Wojnarski, Sharyn  
Hayter

Regrets: Laura Crookshanks, Wayne Clayton, Sharon Christmas, Irene  
Bromley

**Call to Order:** 6:32 pm

**Opening Worship:** Vivian Mitchell read a call to action and prayer regarding  
International Day of Peace ([www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)).

**Adoption of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting:**

**Motion:** Leanne Sprung/Roger Bright

Carried

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

- a. Pew Cushions – report attached.  
Fabric samples were viewed. The majority of Council preferred “Kubrick”.

Motion: Sharyn Hayter/Wayne Digby

Carried

That Knox purchase 20 square foam cushions and 20 non-slip cushions  
(per samples given) in Kubric fabric from Custom Tarp & Filters for the  
quoted price of \$35.00 per square cushion and \$32.00 per non-slip  
cushion, plus applicable taxes. Monies will come from the memorial fund.

- b. Defibrillator

Sources have been researched, and we have asked for quotes from two  
outlets – “Heartbeat” and “Heart and Stroke Foundation”.

For comparison information, Vivian Mitchell reported that the Sandy Lake  
resort group paid \$3,000.

**Correspondence:**

July 6/17 David Armour, Director of Philanthropy, UCC  
Subject: Thank you for response to Hunger Appeal (Africa)  
Referred to: File

Aug. 3/17 Harold Reid, SENSUS Partnership  
Subject: Cost to continue using services for financial review  
Referred to: Vivian Mitchell

Vivian Mitchell suggested we send a letter of thanks for the past two years, and volunteered to look for someone to do the next review. There was a brief discussion regarding the amount of work involved in this type of financial review, and if we should be offering some sort of honorarium for time spent doing the review and preparing statements.

Aug/17 Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
Subject: Thank you for support of the Climate Fund  
Referred to: File

Aug/17 St. Andrews College  
Subject: College Sunday  
Referred to: File

**Financial Report:** prepared by Irene Bromley, presented by Vivian Mitchell  
**Motion:** Roger Bright/Ken Wojnarski Carried  
**That the June, July and August,2017 Financial Reports be accepted.**

**Committee Reports:**

- 1) *Ministry & Personnel (M&P):* verbal report by Coleen Wall  
-Ministry & Personnel met and started working on 2018 budget.  
We will be switching to the new compensation model in 2018.  
-Our caretaker brought forward an issue with groups putting away tables and chairs improperly. User groups are to be reminded not to put them away so our caretaker can ensure they are put away safely. M&P will make signs asking groups to leave them out. It was suggested that signs be in both English and Spanish.
- 2) *Property:* Attached.
- 3) *Minister's Report:* Attached.
- 4) *Worship:* Attached.

- 5) *Congregational Care and Membership (PC&M)*: verbal report by David Barrows
  - The committee met Sept 19.
  - A Newcomers Brunch is planned for October 29 following worship. It will be a potluck brunch for committee members and invited newcomers.
  - A volunteer is needed to coordinate and organize (other) volunteers for preparing coffee on Sunday mornings.
  - The committee is looking for someone to organize and coordinate a new pictorial directory.
- 6) *Vice Chair*: No report.
- 7) *Christian Education*: Attached
- 8) *Presbytery*: verbal report by Art Godfrey
  - Presbytery Meeting will take place in Minnedosa on Sept. 23.
- 9) *Trustees*: verbal report by Bernice Nerbas.
  - The trustees have yet to check into the church's liability if Knox organizes rides to church for individuals in the congregation. They will check with our insurance broker and report back to Council next month.
- 10) *Stewardship*: Attached
- 11) *Outreach*: Attached
 

Wayne Digby verbally highlighted the United National Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and read out a letter from Joan Jarvis giving background information and encouraging people to communicate the importance of passing Bill C262 to their MP. Outreach requested Council's support in encouraging the congregation to support Bill C262.

*Refuge Brandon*: Attached
- 12) *Green Team*: Attached
 

There was a brief discussion on global warming and the effect on weather patterns, ice fields, etc.
- 13) *Affirm Committee*: verbal report by Sharyn Hayter
  - A committee meeting is planned for October 2.
  - The Affirm Anniversary will be celebrated October 29
  - Trans Day of Remembrance is being planned for November, date to be confirmed.
  - Another Diversity Lunch is being planned.
  - Affirm will assist with coffee before church.

Discussion:

It was suggested they clarify it is not necessary to bring cookies.

- 14) *Chair:* verbal report by Vivian Mitchell  
-Vivian attended last Stewardship meeting. Orval Henderson has volunteered to facilitate a workshop (probably over 3 sessions) on preparing your funeral. This is separate to the workshop on wills and estate planning.

**Motion:** Diane Shepherd/Ken Wojnarski  
**The adoption of all Committee Reports**

Carried

***New Business:***

- a. Motion to amend signing authorities for Knox with Westoba Credit Union

**Motion:** Alan Moulin/Wayne Digby  
**That Vivian Mitchell (Chair), Sharon Christmas (Vice-Chair), Irene Bromley (Treasurer) and Sharon McIntosh (Office Manager) be signing authorities. Any two signatures are required.**

Carried

Next Council Meeting: October 17, 2017

Opening Worship: Ministry & Personnel

Closing prayer was offered by Craig Miller.

Motion to Adjourn: Coleen Wall