

HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Huron Shores United Church
Thursday November 21, 2019 – 4 PM

Present

Janice Sinker, Council Chair
Bob Illman, Chair Board of Trustees
Charles MacDonald
Lynne Desjardine (left the meeting at 5:23)
Wilma Harris
Ros MacDonald
Virginia Scott
Ruth Ann Eagleson
Bryan Beattie
Kate Crawford
Christine Bregman (joined the meeting at 5:15)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM by Janice Sinker. Quorum was present.
2. Acknowledgement of Territory.
 - a. Council read the statement aloud.
3. **Motion:** Approval of the Agenda. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.
4. Opening Prayer.
 - a. Rev. Kate opened with prayer and shared information from Brenée Brown on The Engaged Feedback Checklist
5. Correspondence
 - a. Letter of support from the Official Board of Clinton United Church re: our Proposal regarding Faithful Clergy.
 - b. Letter from Ann Harbridge, Covenant Commission of WOW re: Covenanting service Choose symbols of the Covenant – Worship Team to do this. WOW reps to assist at service that day
 - i. March 29 or April 19 (first choice)
 - ii. Janice to reply to the letter
6. Review and approval of Minutes, Oct 17, 2019
 - a. Trustees discussed an evacuation chair with Council and referred the matter to Accessibility Team: ADD TO MINUTES
 - b. **Motion:** Approve the minutes as revised. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carries
7. Business Arising
 - a. Scheduling Calendar – the electronic calendar is amazing and definitely the way to go. A centralized paper calendar is not needed.
8. New Business
 - a. Annual Congregational Meeting – January 26.
 - i. Talk to Debbie Procter about set-up
 - ii. Cold meal
 - b. Kate away
 - i. Continuing Education December 23, 27-29, 31-January 2

9. Financial Report

- a. Refer to sheet handed out at meeting
- b. **Motion:** That Luke Nagel conduct the independent review of the church records for 2019. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.
- c. Who updates the Historic Roll? Who updates the Directory? Bryan will take this back to the Finance Team to define what is being asked.
- d. Reminder that Regional Council costs will be higher now that we have 3 lay representatives attending the annual meeting.
- e. Suggestion: change title to *Fundraising Coordinator*, to clarify that it does not require coming up with ideas
- f. Raffles and Draws: (Virginia/Charles) new rules in the Clerk's office for Lambton Shores, including only 2% to go to the organizing body. The community is objecting to this change. A meeting at the Legacy Center in Thedford coming up soon.
- g. Late invoice to Building completion in November, as well as interest to be paid on the debentures, will create an "interesting situation" regarding our finances. Might need community help to balance by the end of the year. Try a community-wide mail drop in January? Include an invitation to an Open House, possibly in April? Also outline community events upcoming in the building. We are the local community hall, theater, gathering space.

10. Team and Council Working Group Reports

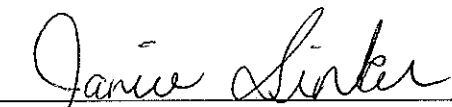
- a. *Janice reminds us to have our report for the Annual Report ready as soon as possible. Do it in your "spare time."*
- b. Minister: what can Council ask Kate to do or experience during her sabbatical to support us as a Council? This will be dealt with at the December meeting, after the Values congregational meeting.
- c. M&O: will be submitting the amounts shared out from Parking Lot fund through the Newsletter
- d. Facility Usage: spoke to the Sweeper position. Looking for volunteers. Also, Accessibility is concerned that parking spots to the north of the lot should also be reserved for people with accessibility needs. Request same sign as on southern spots. Further discussions to include the Accessibility Chair. Distance from door, as well as width of the spot are to be considered. The 5 northern spots were designed wider on purpose. Refer to Peter Challen, as he did a lot of work on this already.
- e. Christian Development: Eagleson Farm being offered, if Love Farm unavailable.
- f. Trustees: **Motion:** that HSUC adopt the Disorderly Conduct Plan into the Emergency Action Plan. Moved. Secunder. Discussed. Carried. **Motion:** The following policy will apply as required to personal property:
 - i. ONSITE
 - 1. Rental and onsite includes personal property.
 - ii. OFFSITE
 - 1. Personal property may be borrowed by the church community
 - 2. Personal property may be borrowed by community service groups and partners.
 - 3. Personal property will not be rented.
 - 4. Borrowers will undertake to replace or repair damaged personal property.
 - iii. These conditions are subject to the terms and conditions of the Facility Usage Guidelines.

Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.

- g. Regional Council: many thanks to the RC reps, who shared their reports on Sunday, and their pride in our congregation. We are known in the area as leaders.
- h. Accessibility: gentle reminder that we are not to park in front of the drop-off ramp. Recommended to speak to the Property Management Team about striping on the pavement. Also, reminder to all not to place tables in the main hall, as they block access to the door opening button, washrooms and sanctuary; equipment at a recent event blocked the wheelchair spots. Recommended: bring new staff people up to speed to know the accessibility paradigm, also let the event promoter know, also prepare a fact-sheet for event promoters, also ticket taking can take place at both entrances, also both lifts operational. Also, concern around congestion during busy events, especially in the hallway outside the servery. Also thanks to Charles M for hand-shoveling northern parking spaces to keep them clear.

11. Adjournment **Motion:** To adjourn. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 19 at 4 PM


Chair – Janice Sinker


Secretary – Kate Crawford

