

## **Little Britain United Church – Council Meeting – Minutes – March 15, 2017**

### **Draft**

**Attendance:** Shirley Froehlich, Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis, Margaret Speers, Shannon Leask, Tanya Wiegand, Linda Ward, Inez Drummond

**Call to Order** at 6:40 pm by Shirley Froehlich

### **Acknowledgement of Territory and Opening Prayer**

### **Review of Agenda**

Moved by Margaret Speers/Linda Ward to accept. Carried.

### **Review of Meeting Minutes for January 5 & 22, 2017.**

Moved by Margaret Speers/Shannon Leask to accept. Carried

### **Reports**

#### **Finance (Inez)**

- Inez presented the *Budget to Previous Years Comparison* that compares the budget from 2014 to the present.
- Inez has added Donations and Grants to the budget from Quick Books.
- Budget lines are still based on the old system
- PAR goes in on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
- Bank balance as of February 28, 2017 - \$18,320,61

#### **Ministry and Personnel (Linda)**

- Nothing to report
- Linda wants to meet with June Curtis (past chair) for updates and information

#### **Caring for the People Team (Susie)**

- Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis presented the report that is attached
- Jeannette Tannis has been asking people to be greeters and to read scripture
- Holy Week plans are under way
- June and Olga have volunteered to organized Munch and Mingle. Each Munch and Mingle will have a theme to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- On Palm Sunday there will be a membership celebration with 5 different ways to become a member.
- Motion to accept the Baptisms, Confirmations, Transfers and Weddings as listed in the Caring for Our People Team Report. Moved by Margaret Speers/Linda Ward to accept. Carried.

- Motion to accept the Weddings listed in the Caring for Our People Team Report. Moved by Margaret Speers/ Inez Drummond to accept. Carried.

### **Caring for the Space Team – Cemetery, Property, Buildings (Judy)**

- They haven't had a meeting yet
- The Federal Grant that has been received for the restoration of the bell tower requires a rededication party before July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Judy will find out when the bell tower will be completed

### **Caring for the Work of the Church Team**

- They haven't had a meeting yet.
- A marketing team has been assembled, Barry and Christina

### **Hall Management (Tara)**

- Guides have been putting away the tables on Monday nights in preparation for Yoga
- Tables should be put away on Sunday
- Marion from the quilters washes the floors on Mondays

### **Presbytery (Shannon)**

- Shannon reported on the last Presbytery Meeting.
- There was a presentation on poverty and how some people have to live on \$3.86/day for food.
- There is some literature at the back of the hall that was handed out at the Presbytery Meeting.
- It was suggested putting a Did You Know? section in the bulletin, on Facebook and in the newsletter where items such as this could be noted.

### **Minister (Rev. Shelly)**

- Shelly has started a new feature on Facebook – A Day in the Life of LBUC. She encouraged people to like stories on Facebook to get more people seeing it.
- There has been a request for a Treaty Learning Event on Sunday June 25, 2017. They would like to use the grounds for picnic and the use of the washrooms. The event is being held at Lower Fort Garry however they are not allowed to bring in outside food.
- They are hoping for our participation. Suggestions were interpreters around the Cemetery.
- The group will likely give a contribution to the church.

**Motion:** To accept the Treaty Learning Event's request to use the Church ground and the washrooms on Sunday June 25, 2017. Moved by Tanya Wiegand/Margaret Speers to accept. Carried.

By consensus it was agreed that Shelly would help in the planning.

**Acceptance of Reports.** Moved by Margaret Speers/Linda Ward to accept. Carried.

## **Fundraising**

Quiz Night – March 31, 2017

- A sign-up sheet is needed for volunteers.
- Help is needed with serving the lunch, set up and clean up

## **Church Events**

- Remit voting took place on January 29. 3 out of the 4 voted on and results were sent to General Council.
- Presbytery Meeting Lunch for 40 people was prepared and served on Feb. 25
- Annual Meeting was held on Feb. 26. – Attendance? It will be brought to the next meeting.
- Pancake Breakfast was held on March 5 with 45 people attending.
- Soup Kitchen – LBUC members were at the Soup Kitchen on March 12. 10 members prepared and served for 68 people. Looking for rubber gloves and aprons for the next time.

## **Old Business**

### **Stewardship**

- Letter from Margaret to congregation a few weeks before Feb. 26 annual meeting.

### **Remit # 4**

- Remit # 4 – for discussion and voting

**Change to Funding Model for General Council.** *The purpose is to streamline to help cut costs and to make it a more fair system of assessment for all congregations. We now pay about 4.2% to Presbytery. With the new model the maximum assessed would be 4.5%. It is unclear whether we will pay more, a similar amount or less than we currently do. It likely will be similar or less. The Congregation voted 8-6 in favour of Yes. It was suggested that the remit be sent back to Council for further discussion. Council will then vote on this remit at the March meeting and send in the results.*

Council voted unanimously in favour of Yes. The results will be sent to General Council.

### **Canada 150**

- Rededication of the Bell Tower.
- Some dates were suggested: May 28, June 4 or 11.
- Should it be the same day as M&M?
- Encourage old fashioned clothes.
- Shannon suggested asking the Bell Choir.
- Shirley will call the Manitoba Living History Group about their possible participation.
- Need a coordinator

### **M&S Enthusiast/Coordinator – Lila, Tanya, Shirley?**

- Read the Minutes for Mission once a month during the service. People could take turns reading.
- Tanya took the information home to read and will think about coordinating the Minutes for Missions

### **Vice-Chair Vacancy**

- Margaret spoke about the need to find a vice-chair for council.
- Anyone have suggestions please let Margaret know.

### **New Business**

#### **Stewardship**

- Steps in a Journey benchmark - A sheet was distributed that shows how the congregation's giving patterns in 2016. It was suggested that the Steps in a Journey could be shared in the bulletin, Facebook, newsletter
- Barry and Christina are working on a Marketing/Stewardship strategy
- There should be a quarterly financial update in the bulletin to let members know how the church is doing financially

### **M & M**

- Olga and June have taken on M& M for the year. To help celebrate Canada 150 they are doing ethnic themes every month, starting with Aboriginal and Scottish settler for April.
- Will be holding a 50/50 raffle. Margaret was concerned that would affect the donations to the Food Bank. Shirley will speak to June and Olga about this.

### **History/Heritage Ideas**

- History blurb in newsletter every month or two? Could be taken from the website
- Use natives in the planters and label with laminated cards. Shirley could supply the plants and help plant
- Do photo collage on Oak trees and display in church vestibule as well as oak themed decorations

### **Environmental Ideas**

- Can reduce disposable dish use with some people on board to do dishes
- Education about our space
- Inventory of Native plants on site, include photos and put in newsletter and share in worship services.
- Guided Interpretive Walks of property highlighting Nature, Cemetery and Historical
- Transplant 2 or 3 oak trees in better locations. Have a planting ceremony in October. Could create a path through the oaks.
- Inez suggested a Green Day Gardening Event. Inez offered to organize

**Next Meeting Dates: May 17 September 13 November 8**

**Meeting Closing Prayer**