

## **Little Britain United Church – Council Meeting – Minutes – May 17, 2017**

### **Draft**

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

**Regrets: Inez Drummond, Shannon Leask**

**Call to Order** at 6:42 pm by Shirley Froehlich

**Acknowledgement of Territory and Opening Prayer**

### **Review of Agenda**

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

### **Review of Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2017.**

Moved by Margaret Speers/Linda Ward accept. Carried

### **Reports**

#### **Finance (Inez) – Shirley presented for Inez**

- Budget is looking very possible. Already at 40 percent for the year.
- PAR did go up after the AGM
- Fundraising is low but the major fundraisers are still to come in 2017
- Shirley will make an announcement in Church on June 4 re: Budget
- Bill will be coming in June for the Bell Tower. Inez's feels confident that we will have enough to pay this bill.
- Profit and Loss was also provided
- Bank Balance as of April 30, 2017 **\$15,653.91**
- Net Income is **-\$1,116.76**

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

The committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, May 14, 2017

Job descriptions for the LBUC Administrative Assistant and the Hall Manager have been forwarded to Shirley Froelich.

Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis has submitted her holiday, wider church and cont. ed. requests for spring 2017.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee recommends the following days away in May

| Dates                           | Type                 | Event   | Sundays (Worship coverage needed)           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Thurs. May 25 – Sun. May 28     | Wider church         | Annual Conference   | Sunday, May 28 (Worship committee notified) |
| Monday May 29- Friday June 2    | Continuing Education | Storytelling Learning Circle @ Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre (taught by Mohawk first nation storytelling – Lorrie Gallant) |   |
| Tuesday June 6 - Monday June 19 | Holiday              |   | Sunday June 11<br>Sunday June 18            |

Con. Ed. Total = 5 days (out of possible 3 weeks)

Holiday Total = 2 weeks (out of possible 5 weeks)

Respectfully submitted: May 6, 2017

Linda Ward

- June dates need to be covered for pulpit supply
- Another date is pulpit exchange for July 30, 2017 with West Hawk Lake United Church – Jan Van Aertselaer

*Moved that Little Britain and West Hawk Lake United Church (Jan Van Aertselaer) participate in a pulpit exchange by Linda Ward/Margaret Speers. Carried.*

- Margaret offered to do a service out at the lake again in August
- Will keep in touch via email over the summer

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

- No report
- Susie has stepped down as Chair.
- Discussion about who to replace Susie.
- Lots of Membership celebrations, Communion
- Faith Exploration going well – had 7 people today – one more session before the summer break
- The sanctuary has been kept really clean thanks to Dale

- M & S Theme for May 28, 2017 service.

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

Meeting was held on April 26 to discuss work for the upcoming season.

#### **Sanctuary**

- Pews in process of being repaired – securing pews to floor, protruding nails removed, etc.
- Considering repairs to the cracks in the upper walls – needs to be done when church is closed for a couple of weeks
- Work on refurbishing the windows continues
- Major concern with the sanctuary is rodent-proofing the attic as this was not part of the bell tower restoration. We have a couple of estimates of \$3500.00 and \$5000.00. Need council to decide as to whether it should be done. At present there is no way to keep the squirrels out of the attic so they are up there doing damage all the time.
- Dave Ward can look at the estimate and talk to Judy.
- Margaret will ask for another estimate from Jack Evans.

*Moved to rodent-proof the attic to help protect the Bell Tower restoration by Margaret Speers/ Linda Ward. Carried*

#### **Equipment**

- All summer equipment is serviced and ready for use. All winter equipment has also been serviced and stored for next year.

#### **Property**

- Tom Greenham's crew will be cutting the grass this year. The whole yard will be done in a day or two plus they will continue to fill holes, clean up debris, etc.
- Cleanup of the northern edge of the property will continue this summer, This will include removing all the underbrush and the caragana as well as the lilacs along the Red River Trail. There are several plots located along this area which are almost completely covered by brush and long grass. There are also a number of plots still available for purchase along the north strip. Any costs incurred will be paid by the cemetery.
- Recycling bin has been placed by the directory and work continues on refurbishing the trash bins and benches. Pete Slobodian will look after making sure the trash bins are emptied regularly.
- A load of gravel will be needed – perhaps cost shared with the cemetery.
- Planting of flowers will be done once the weather warms up

#### **Hall**

- Work on repairing walls and retouching the paint has been completed,

- A reminder to all about mice and the need to keep the doors closed as well as to keep all food in mouse proof containers.
- Will probably need a spring cleaning bee to clean windows, etc.
- August 17 to 20 Hall closed for floor cleaning
- Hall Management Job description – discussion about when the Church only is rented without Shelly participating. It has been left up to Tara to open and close the church. In her job description it says to notify the Church Attendant when the Church needs to be open/closed. Need to clarify with June what the term Church Attendant means. Linda will contact June and then give it back to the Space Team to discuss.

### **Cemetery**

- One interment has taken place and two more are scheduled in the next couple of weeks
- A new, updated directory listing is being printed this week and will be installed as soon as it is received from the printer
- Photos of all headstones being taken as a kind of inventory
- Ed Smith has been contacted about repairing some of the fallen stones.
- And work must begin on the McKenzie plot. We have two estimates about \$18000.00 each, so grants will have to be applied for.
- Linda will ask Judy if they need someone to be applying for the grants and if any portion of funding would come from the church or the cemetery

### **Bell Tower Restoration**

Work to begin May 15 and should be completed in a couple of weeks, weather permitting.

A lot of the work on the list has already been started. Rod McLean, Tom Greenham, Sandy Rekrut and John Verhoeven have been busy. Thanks for their efforts and to Pete for agreeing to look after the trash bins.

The woman from B.C. who has the chairs has phoned and will be in St. Andrews this summer. Pete is looking into some way of transporting the chairs here.

### **Spire**

Daryl noticed wires were hanging and will cost \$200. The Space Team said to go ahead.

Spire repair is rotten and the estimate to fix/replace the spire is 1,000.00 to 1,200.00. Judy has asked Daryl to give a more detailed estimate.

*Motion to acquire a detailed estimate for the Spire. Are the problems with the Spire a safety issue and/or potential damage issues? Moved by Linda Ward/Margaret Speers. Carried.*

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

The first meeting of the team was called for May 11. Unfortunately, 2 team members were not

able to attend. Verbal and written updates were sent in by both members.

Financial information to April 30 was reviewed and looks promising. Some discussion on Stewardship occurred but no specific plans beyond the current plan of regular updates to the congregation.

Barry has indicated that he will begin working on the marketing plan with Cristina Jacobson in June/ July. Rod had brought some information on marketing of churches, planned to pass on to Barry.

### **Presbytery (Shannon)**

No report

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

- Beginning August 1 Shelly will begin as the Spiritual Advisor for St. John's College at the University of Manitoba. It's an Anglican ministry. It is a 1/3 time position.

**Acceptance of Reports.** Moved by Margaret Speers/Tanya Wiegand to accept. Carried.

### **Fundraising**

#### **Quiz Night – March 31, 2017**

Not all the bill out in yet. The cost of quiz master was \$425.00. Roughly \$700 dollars was made. \$1,701.65 was taken at the door. They will do again next year.

#### **Any ideas for Bell Tower Fundraising ?**

- Linda suggested a paint night. Linda Ward will organize. She's thinking perhaps the fall.
- Display a box outside for donations. Perhaps use the government signs. Some display at garage sale and asking for donations.

Braided Rag Rug Workshop – Tanya will look into this.

**Garage Sale** dates June 22 4 to 8, Friday 4 to 8 and Saturday 9 to 3. People can start bringing items and putting in corner room.

### **Church Events**

#### **Old Business**

**Canada 150 – Rededication of Bell Tower – September 17, 2017**

Living History people will come. Shirley will ask Shannon if her Hand Bell Choir can participate. Terry Hooper has a draft program. Terry will write a piece about the project for the Website. This will also be the Churches' 165th Anniversary. Save the date. Shelly will ask if Tabula Rasa can sing during the Church service.

Judy suggested pictures of the Veterans on the wall in the Church.

Shelly will be Emma after the service.

### **Ad Hoc Committee- Constitution Reorganization – Job Descriptions**

Committee met and working on the job descriptions and meet in July. Will bring recommendations to the AGM

### **June 25, 2017 – Reconciliation Event**

Group will use the grounds for a picnic (bag lunch) and the hall for washrooms. Do we supply a canteen? If it rains they can bring their own lawn chairs in the hall for their lunch. Does the group need table and chairs in the hall? LBUC could supply cold drinks if they want it. Shelly will ask the committee. [www.treatypathways.com](http://www.treatypathways.com)

### **New Business**

#### **Quarterly Financial Update**

Another quarterly financial update will be in mid-July.

*Motion to have dividends of Suncor Shares owned by Little Britain United Church paid by Direct Deposit to Branch # 50807, Institution # 87, Account # 8057921 of Little Britain United Church Cemetery. Moved by Margaret Speers/Linda Ward. Carried.*

#### **RM of St. Andrews Wastewater Project**

Letter was received after the hearing. Could register an objection but had to be filed before the hearing. Is it worth filing an objection after the fact? Shirley will ask John about this.

Connection cost is very expensive. Minimum would be \$18,000.00. Would have to connect within 5 years? Are there grants available? Shelly will ask the wider church if there is any help.

Shirley Froehlich read a letter dated May 16, 2017 to the local council from people who are spearheading the opposition.

#### **Correspondence**

M&S donation \$5,000 in 2016.

**Next Meeting Dates:** Wednesdays Sept. 6, Nov. 8

**Meeting Closing Prayer**

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