

Little Britain United Church - Draft Council Minutes, Jan. 22, 2017

Attendance: Shirley Froehlich, Shannon Leask, Shelly Manley-Tannis, Margaret Speer, June Curtis

Call to Order at 11:15 am by Margaret Speer

Continuation of items not covered in Jan. 5 Council Meeting Agenda

- Photo Directory – Picture selection and editorial details were finalized and sent in and we are now awaiting proofs for final approval before printing.
- Remits – Discussion and planning for January 29. The congregation will meet in the hall after the Sunday service combined with Munch & Mingle. Rev. Shelly will give an overview of the 4 remits. We will ask for the opinion of congregation members on each one and then remits will be voted on by council members. Council Quorum
- Patricia Baker of Warren/Meadowlea will be the contact ministry person when Shelly is away on holidays Jan. 30 to Feb. 7
- AGM planning – Margaret will call for reports in an email the last week of January. During the meeting we will pass around a clipboard listing specific tasks that require a volunteer, that have not been filled leading up to the meeting. Inez and Tara will help with collating the reports.
- The next Presbytery meeting will be held at Little Britain Hall on Sat. Feb. 25. We will need to provide lunch for about 40 people. We require a coordinator for this. June & Shirley will be away but volunteered to provide soup which could be made ahead of time.
- Rev. Shelly currently spends about 2/3 of a day, once a month, while doing church services at Selkirk nursing homes. Lately fewer congregation members have been joining her to do this. Council agreed that we would like her to continue with this.
- Mission and Service – We will look for a volunteer to promote giving to the wider church community through M & S. We could have a Minute for Mission perhaps once a month during our Sunday services to let people know how we are helping people around the world through Mission & Service.
- Regarding Stewardship – We can't pussyfoot around the money issue any longer since we have had a deficit the last few years. A bequest received a few years ago has been shoring up our deficits but this money will run out very soon. The budget proposed for 2017 needs to be balanced. Therefore we need to let the congregation know the true cost of caring for our congregation and the larger community. Rev. Shelly will speak to Inez to get the final 2016 report by early February. We will provide the 2016 Financial Report to the congregation at a Sunday service 2-3 weeks before the Annual Meeting, either Feb. 5 or 12. We will also send an intro letter done by Margaret and the 2016 report by email to members of the congregation. Our hall is being underutilized at this time. More rentals could provide more revenue as well. We could publicize it more. Shannon agreed to provide her Why I Give story to get the congregation thinking about generosity and giving.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.