

## **Little Britain United Church - Council Meeting - Agenda – Sept. 5, 2018**

**Attendance:** Linda Ward, Shirley Froelich, Rod MacLean, Tanya Wiegand, Margaret Speer, Ellen Wood  
**Regrets –** Shannon Leask

**Call to Order** at 6:39 pm by Shirley Froehlich

**Acknowledgement of Territory and Opening Prayer**

**Review of Agenda**

**Addition to Agenda**

- Dog Chairs
- Possible Christmas Eve Rental of Hall
- Possible Christmas Eve Rental

Moved by Linda Ward/Second Rod MacLean to accept. Carried. -

**Review of Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2018.**

**Amendments to Minutes**

- Finance Report - Presbytery fee is now up to \$3,228
- Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre is the location of the last Presbytery meeting on Sept. 15.

Moved by Linda Ward/ Rod MacLean to accept. Carried

**Reports**

**Finance (Rod)**

- Bank balance was \$21,749 to the end of July
- This is pretty much in line from same time last time.
- Expenses are quite a bit less from this time last year. \$ 20,000 less this year
- MS fund hasn't be paid in full yet
- Basically balanced for this year so far.
- This July offering is down \$2,700
- Total income in July is \$4,500

**Motion for Shirley Froelich, Fran Tobin, June Curtis, Carol Anderson, Sandra Richardson and Rod MacLean to have signing authority.**

Moved by Rod MacLean/Second Margaret Speer to accept. Carried.

**Ministry & Personnel (Linda)**

- No report from Ministry & Personnel - no minister and we have not met.
- next meeting will address risk assessment for volunteers – liability
  - Sunday School will start in October

### **The People Team (Tanya )**

There is no report as there has been no meetings

- no meeting
- baptism / communion who is designated to do these sacraments
- request for a baptism to respond to – Shirley will respond.

### **The Space Team – Cemetery, Property, Hall Management, Buildings (Judy)**

Property Report to Council

- Floors done in the hall
- Offices moved – admin. Office moved to Southeast corner; minister's office moved to front of building. Thanks to the Masons who did the heavy hauling.
- Thanks to Luquitas and Shirley for keeping the plants watered during our very dry summer. Plant angels they are.
- Shelves in the storage room were moved up higher to leave more room for the chairs
- Maybe look to get rid of the big cooler in the storage room for a smaller cooler to save space

Cemetery Report to Council

- Two ash interments since last meeting
- Work continuing on the McKenzie Plot. Presently awaiting the rails which will be reinserted into the stone wall. The broken headstones in the plot cannot be repaired, but will be put into a frame so that they can be stood vertically. The rededication of the site will be postponed until spring since the rails won't be ready before the end of September, we may or may not have a minister and members of the McKenzie family will not be available at the same time in October. The area around the plot was sodded and thanks to John and Tom the watering they did of the area resulted in an oasis of green in the otherwise brownish area.
- Tom and his crew did an admirable job in keeping the cemetery in shape throughout the summer.
- Work was begun on clearing the underbrush along the North drive. The brush was beginning to overrun the burial sites along the North Strip. Again many thanks to Tom and his crew.

### **The Work of the Church Team (Margaret)**

No report from the Work and Stewardship of the Church Team as we have not met for several months.

### **Presbytery (Shannon)**

The last Presbytery meeting will be on Saturday September 15 at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. Past Presbytery rep. are also being invited.

### **Minister**

No minister report

### **Acceptance of Reports – motion to accept/seconded**

Moved by Linda Ward/Second Rod MacLean to accept. Carried.

### **Fundraising**

**Garage Sale** held Canada Day weekend made \$1,280,50 up \$19 from last year

**Sale of orange and blue chairs** - some orange chairs were sold making \$12.00, \$500 was made for the sale of some of the blue chair. There are still 55 blue chairs to sell.

## Church Events

- **McKenzie Plot Celebration** – probably postponed until spring
- **Lasagna Dinner and Time, Talent and Treasure Auction** -Saturday, October 20. Doors open at 6pm, dinner @6:30, auction to follow. \$20 per person/ \$8 for children ages 5-12, tickets available soon. Sign up sheet in hall. Donations of time, talent and treasure needed.
- **Christmas Concert** - Christine will organize it again. The date will be either December 9 or 16 depending on the availability of the entertainment
- **Breakfast with Santa** will be held on December 1

## Old Business

Minister Search Team recommendation for Council approval

### **Motion for approval of the revised Ministry Profile as attached.**

Moved by Shirley Froelich / Seconded Margaret Speer to accept. Carried.

## New Business

Linda will draft a letter to MTS in regards to their contact list for LBUC.

### **Motion to add Linda Ward and/or Holly Toews to the MTS contact list.**

Moved by Rod MacLean/ Seconded by Margaret Speer to accept. Carried.

**Listing in Selkirk Journal** – Remove Shelly’s name from our church listing – Must add new name when the new Minister is hired – Tanya will do this.

**Quarterly Financial Update** –April to June 30 down 7% from last year

**October Newsletter** - any updates give to Linda

**RM of St. Andrews** – possible Infrastructure Assistance Grant to help with the cost of the new sewer system being installed– would have to pay up front and then they would reimburse

There are grants on United Church website and could receive \$5,000 max. it would also be matching. It will cost between \$8,000 to \$10,000 when the line is put in and will have two months once it’s install to pay this.

The line will be installed by next fall. Could pay in a lump sum or over 20 years on tax bill.

**Transfer of Jeannette’s membership.** Need a signature from a minister. Ellen Wood signed it.

**Dog Chairs** – donation of chairs that a past minister received from the church when he left Little Britain.

– the broken chairs in the Talen room could be removed and replaced with these two chairs

By consensus council it decided to take them.

**Christmas Eve rental of the hall.** – a family wants to rent the hall for Christmas Eve. There would be issues with parking and event assistant would be needed.

By consensus it was decided not no. Needs of the congregation comes first.

**Grey Cup Pool** - Margaret asked about doing the Grey Cup Pool - fundraiser for Red River Church refugee team. By consensus it was decided to have the Grey Cup Pool again this year.

**Renewal of vows.** A couple is renewing their vows this Saturday in the Church. Don't need permission as it's just a renewal of vows.

**Correspondence** – Letter from Manitoba Sustainable Development regarding a dead elm tree on the south side of our the property. It has Dutch elm disease. Government will contract someone to remove it sometime before March 31, 2019, probably in the fall or winter.

**Next Meeting Dates** – Thurs. Nov. 21 at Shirley's house, Jan.9, March 6, May 15

**Closing Prayer**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:55 pm