

Little Britain United Church – Council Meeting – Minutes – November 23, 2018

Attendance: Shirley Froehlich, Margaret Speer, Beth McLean, Tanya Wiegand, Linda Ward, Rod MacLean

Regrets: Shannon Leask

Call to Order at 1:32 pm by Shirley Froehlich

Acknowledgement of Territory and Opening Prayer

Review of Agenda

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

Review of Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2018

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

Reports

Finance (Rod)

- Bank Balance as of October 31, 2018 was \$28, 167
- The signing authority has been completed

Motion: that the Council of Little Britain United Church approves the 2019 Salary Budget. Moved by Rod MacLean/Seconded by Margaret Speer to accept. Carried.

Ministry and Personnel (Linda)

- Welcome to Beth McLean!
- Sunday School teachers will be required to get a police check.
- Sunday December 30 there will be no worship service
- Beth will be off February 10 and 17
- The offices have been switched and Beth's office is now beside the cemetery office
- A wireless doorbell will be purchased for times when people are alone in the hall
- Software upgrade is needed.

Caring for the People Team (Tanya)

Committee met on November 18, 2018 Present: Susie, Dale, Sandy B, June, Tanya and Beth

- Discussion of worship during Advent.
- Dale and June will look after candles for advent wreath
- Tanya will make up a list for Scripture and Minute for Minutes readers. She will ask for volunteers next Sunday.
- Tanya will make up an insert for Sunday's bulletin with upcoming Advent worship dates and activities. She will send it on to Holly to make copies

Say it with Stars We are once again doing Say it with Stars over the Christmas season. You may purchase a star in 4 different denominations, \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100, to honour someone or an event. Forms are available at the back of the church and you may hand them to June, Holly or Judy.

Munch & Mingle – **December 2** bring your yummy goodies for lunch after church

Cookie Exchange – **December 9** bring your homemade cookies to church for our annual cookie exchange. Bring in as many as you like. If you bring in 3 dozen, you take home 3 dozen. Please bring your own containers and a few extra cookies for tasting!

Jessie Tree – The Jessie Tree will once again grace the front of the church during advent. Starting **December 9** you can bring in hats, mitts, gloves and scarves to place on the tree. Everything will be given to a local Selkirk school in need.

Tree Decorating – We will be decorating the tree again this year during children's time on **December 9**. All will be able to decorate the tree with ornaments that have been made over the years. Beth may have a few surprises for the tree this year as well.

December 23 - Nativity Service

Christmas Eve – December 24 – there will be services at 6:30 & 10:00. Communion will be served at the 10:00 service.

Caring for the Space Team – Cemetery, Property, Hall Management, Buildings (Judy)

- Thanks to Larry Towes for fixing the heat issue in the offices

Caring for the Work of the Church Team (Margaret)

- No report

Presbytery (Shannon)

No report

Minister (Beth)

- Shawna will be accompanying Sandra on the recorder during Sunday Worship. She also plays the guitar and the flute
- Since Beth is new and there are a few other new people in the congregation, she would like the various teams to talk about their roles during Sunday morning announcements
- December 23 will be the Nativity Service
- Children will be helping with the lighting of the Advent candles.
- Beth will have “Coffee and Conversation” on Friday December 7 and 14

Motion: That Graham and Florence Wiseman's names be added to the Historic Role of LBUC. Moved by Tanya Wiegand/Margaret Speer to accept. Carried.

Acceptance of Reports. Moved by Margaret Speer, Linda Ward to accept. Carried.

Fundraising

Lasagna Dinner – October 20, 2018 – approximately \$3,100 was made.

Quiz Night will be held on Friday April 5, 2019. The Masons/Shriners will help.

Church Events

Breakfast with Santa – will be held on Saturday Dec. 1, 2018. Wrappers are still needed.

Christmas Concert – to be held on Sunday December 16 from 2 to 4 pm. Kildonan Handbell Choir, Warren Collegiate Choir and Tabula Rasa will perform. Dainties are needed for after the concert.

Christmas Eve Services – one will be held at 6:30 and one at 10:00

Sunday December 30, 2018 – there will be no Worship Service on this Sunday

Soup Kitchen Date – the date for LBUC to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen is January 20, 2019

Old Business

- Elizabeth McLean DM started as Little Britain's new minister on November 1, 2018. We applied to Selkirk Presbytery so she can do the sacraments. Should hear back in the next couple of days.
- Router issues and MTS contacts – the issues have been resolved and Holly, Linda and Judy are now on the list as LBUC's contacts.

New Business

- Quarterly Financial Update – July 1 to September 30- has been reviewed and it is close to what it usually is at time of the year
- Technology Grant Application – was sent to Selkirk Presbytery. Thank you to Beth for making us aware of this opportunity

Motion: That the Council of Little Britain United Church support the application for a Technology Grant to a maximum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of new computer equipment. Moved by Tanya Wiegand. Seconded by Linda Ward. Carried (Motion was proposed and voted on by email on November 15).

Motion: That the Council of Little Britain United Church support the purchase of the current basic version of Quickbooks on subscription.

Moved by Linda Ward/Margaret Speer. Carried.

- Invite Robbie Sigurdson (Roberta Anderson's) son to play during a worship service. He is a guitarist. February 7 was a possible date.
- December Newsletter – will be sent out electronically on December 1, 2018
- Work of the Church Team - Barry Bernhard has resigned due to a heavy work load at home
- Hall Rental Policy – clarification of hall rental fees is needed.
- Toy Drive and Christmas Hamper Drive – since there will be no hamper drive program in Selkirk this year; Margaret has offered to take toys to the food bank who will distribute them to local children. She will be collecting the toys over the next couple weeks. Our regular Christmas Hamper program we do through the RM of St. Andrew's will be going forward as usual this year. Susie will be coordinating it once again this year. It was agreed that if there was any food left over (there usually is) once the hampers are packed, will go to the Selkirk Food Bank.

Correspondence

- Refugee Newsletter for the Fall has come out. Linda will look into forwarding it via email.

Next Meeting Dates: January 18, 2019 at noon, April 12, June 14.

Meeting Closing Prayer

Adjournment – 3:50 pm