

Little Britain United Church Council Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2019

Call to Order at 6:45 pm

Acknowledgement of Territory

We are grateful for this sacred place and would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Opening Prayer

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Regrets – Inez Drummond, Tara DeBoer

Agenda review & Additions:

Motion: Linda/Shirley To accept agenda and additions. Carried.

Review of Minutes from June 12, 2019

MOTION: Rod/Linda That minutes be accepted. Carried.

Reports

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Finance (Rod/Inez) Comparison of Budget to Actual to the end of August shows we need \$6,383./month until the end of December.

-Tanya will present the 3rd Quarter financial report to the congregation after the end of September.

-Shirley will email Quarterly Report templates and the 2018 Quarterly reports to Tanya

-Charitable Status Report – was filled in by Fran in early 2019

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MOTION : Rod/Susie That Inez and Tanya be approved to be on the cheque signing list & that Rod MacLean be removed (due to his resignation) by Oct. 31. Carried.

-Rod will take the Church laptop to get repaired before Sept. 30. The changeover from Rod to Inez as treasurer will be by Sept. 30. Tanya thanked Rod for his service.

-The Quickbooks version that the treasurer uses is not supported anymore. Rod suggested leasing the new version instead of buying the Quickbooks software.

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MOTION: Linda/Rod That the treasurer purchase a new Quickbooks Lease Agreement once the laptop is fixed. Carried.

Ministry & Personnel (Linda)

- M& P met on September 10

- There are 5 Sundays in September. Beth's will be here all 5 Sundays and take Oct 13 off in lieu of the fifth Sept. Sunday

People Team (Susie)

Caring for the People Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2019

Present: June Curtis, Sandy Bernhard, Beth McLean, Susie Slobodian (chair)

- Dedication of the Mckenzie plot to take place, after worship, on Sept. 15/19.

- Communion to be served on World Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 6/19 and 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec.22/19

- Beth will be away on October 13/19 and Deborah Vitt to lead service.

- Sunday School to begin October 27/19, followed by Munch n Mingle and “Sundae Sunday”. Fran will continue to provide leadership and will provide activities if children come to church prior to that date. Beth will send letters to the children who have attended, in the past, inviting them back. No M&M on Nov. 3.
- LBUC will provide breakfast at the Soup Kitchen on Sunday, November 10. This is Remembrance Sunday so perhaps someone can check about getting a different date.
- Beth has requested a sign-up sheet for congregation members to provide lighting/extinguishing of candle (with reading), Minute for Mission and other duties, as required. Susie will circulate same.
- Shauna will be playing musical instruments, with the children, and teaching simple songs on Sunday mornings. This Gathering Music will happen, weekly, from 9:50-10:00, just prior to start of service,.
- Christmas Eve services will be changed to one service, to be held at 7 pm.
- Services to personal care homes will not be provided by Beth, on a scheduled basis. She will step in to assist as needed.
- Susie contacted Kendra (Tabula Rasa choir) to check on availability for choir to perform in worship. She is happy to help set up the Christmas Concert and would work with Christina to arrange. She expresses that it is very difficult to get the youth to come for Sunday service, as they come from Winnipeg, Stonewall, etc. and have jobs and other obligations. She is wondering how they could best “give back” to LBUC as they are very grateful for the use of the space.
- Baptism has been requested - The people team recommends that the Sacrament of Baptism be provided to Maeve Katherine Borland, born March 29, 2019, to Tara Lynne Seel and Sean Allan Borland.

Next Meeting to take place 2nd/3rd week of November

MOTION: Susie/Margaret That the Sacrament of Baptism be provided to Maeve Katherine Borland, born March 29, 2019, to Tara Lynne Seel and Sean Allan Borland. Carried.

- Susie will contact Cristina to see if she is willing to organize the Christmas Concert this year.

MOTION: Linda/Margaret That Council approve the marriage of Jamie Toews and Sylvester Gajdamowicz, with the wedding to take place on October 12 at Little Britain Church. Carried.

Space Team – Cemetery, Property, Hall Management, Buildings (Judy) - Hall Management (Tara)

Property Report

Not much to report on. No meetings were held but work continued to be done.

Thanks to Shirley and Gord Froehlich and Liquitas de Boer for watering the plants all summer – especially during the hot July and August.

Tom Greenham spread gravel along the driveway to get rid of some of the potholes.

Cemetery Report

There have been nine interments/inurnments since the last report. At least two more pending for the fall.

- June 17 - Bert Sandercock
- June 23 - Richard Panson

- July 6 - George Timlick
- Aug. 2 - Muriel Schadek
- Aug. 11 - Jeannette Tannis
- Aug,16 - Kimberly Clarke/Easter – Mercredi
- Aug. 27 - George Light
- Aug 27 - Pearl Light
- Sept 3 - Frank Bisiak

In addition there have been 7 marker placements and several plot inquiries and a couple of sales. There are three plot/niche sales pending.

Tom Greenham and his crew have looked after the grounds very well although not much grass cutting was needed over the summer.

There are a few trees in the cemetery which will have to be removed in the next few months. One is dead, one is in danger of falling on some headstones and two are diseased.

Fred Haight is going to work on building up some of the sunken and/or sinking markers.

The McKenzie Plot rededication took place on September 15 with about 40 McKenzie descendants in attendance along with our congregation. The McKenzie Plot restoration is basically complete; all that remains to be done is the sign outside the enclosure explaining what is on the headstones. This is being done to try to keep people from climbing over the railing to read the headstones. The entire event was very well done with so many special thanks needed: to Beth McLean, DM, Rev. Stan McKay, Cree Elder, Fran Tobin who arranged for the pipers, Dale Baydak who polished up the sanctuary, Fran, Dale and June who made the sandwich fillings, Shauna Curtin who provided the bannock and the kitchen crew who put the food out and cleaned up. Thank you everyone. Your support in attending and helping was overwhelming. A little bit of history at LBUC was restored.

And on to the next – there has been a request by the Johnstone family to have a service as they place a marker in honour of Pte Johnstone, son of Margaret Johnstone by her headstone. The remains of Pte Johnstone were found in France in 2016 – a hundred years after his death. The Johnstone family was very active in the church at Little Britain. The tentative date for this is the afternoon of Oct. 6.

Hall Report

The Hall is rented for the Federal Election. Oct. 11,12,13,14 for Advance Polls and Oct. 21 for Election Day.

Work of the Church Team (Margaret) No report

Minister (Beth)

Things are going well. Spending a lot of time doing internments. Inez and Beth have agreed to share Beth's office.

MOTION: Margeret/Rod To accept all the reports. Carried.

Fundraising

Sign- up sheet is in the hall for the Lasagna Dinner and Time, Talent and Treasure Auction which will be on October 26. Margaret will request a kitchen coordinator for the night.

Grey Cup Pool – By consensus Little Britain United Church supports the selling of Grey Cup Pool tickets with the profits going to Red River Churches Refugee Team.

Breakfast with Santa will be held, Sat. December 7

Old Business

LBUC Affirming – Our first education session with the congregation will be Sunday, Sept. 29 from 11am to Noon, right after the church service. We will invite people to the hall for coffee and Affirming discussion. Linda to send an email notifying congregation of the date.

Floor cleaner needed – Marion Olafson has cleaned the hall floors on a weekly basis for many years but is no longer able to do so. Margaret will ask her office cleaner if they are interested in the job.

Acoustic Panels for the Hall & broken window – Rod will talk to the Space Team about getting a quote for supply and perhaps installation of acoustic panels as well as fixing the broken window in the Tallin room.

Member at Large to attend council meetings. MOTION: Rod/Liinda That Margaret Speer be our new Member at Large since our former Member at Large, Inez Drummond, will take over the treasurer position on Sept. 30. Carried.

New Business

- Newspaper Article – There was a request to thank one group that is currently using the hall with a newspaper article. The request was denied.
- Office Space for Inez – She will share with Beth McLean
- Electronic Highway Sign - It was noticed that the top part of the sign with the Little Britain name does not light up anymore. Shirley will contact General Signs for a quote on fixing the lights for this.
- Possible Workshop – A request was made for a possible workshop. It was unclear from the person inquiring what the purpose of the rental was, so the request was denied.

Correspondence - None

Next Meeting Dates – Tanya will send a Doodle Poll to determine a date for the next meeting. Shirley & Linda will be away the first two weeks of November.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm