

Minutes
Grace United Church Session
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Because of the Covid-19, the meeting was held via Internet Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

Present: David Charles, Tammy Fergusson, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Cheryl O'Leary, Rhea Roantree, Paul Scott, Rev. Takouhi, Joan Shaw

Regrets: Bill Lussier, Donna Norman, Raymond Shea

Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Paul Scott opened the meeting with prayer. Tammy volunteered to open with prayer at the May meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as amended with addition of 'Caring and Sharing' under New Business.

Moved by: Diane Kirkby, Seconded by Barb Jenkins, Carried

MINUTES:

Motion: To accept the minutes of March 23, 2021 as circulated.

Moved by: Tammy Fergusson, Seconded by Dave Charles. Carried

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP:

Virtual Services

Welcome/Announcements/Readers – Worship Committee while doing virtual services.

REPORTS:

Minister's Musings: Rev. Takouhi

See attached report.

Ministry of Music: Paul Harding

Nothing to report at this time. Paul Scott thanked Paul for his work for the virtual services.

Mission and Service Enthusiast Report: Dave Charles

- Main form of communication is through Sunday worship "Your Generosity Matters". Would like to have more folks engaged in delivering the message.

- Gananoque and Area Food Access Network (G&AFAN) continues to work on grants to fund renovation of Christ Church kitchen as a Community Kitchen. Currently we are submitting grant request to McDougall Family Fund for \$5000 to renovate bathroom to wheelchair accessible. Team of Julie Cameron, Liz Austin, Marian McLeod, Barb Jenkins, Marie Traynor, Jeff Knight, and I are coordinating activities to create the Community Kitchen

- G&AFAN will be circulating a questionnaire across Gananoque community to get input on Community Kitchen interest and requirements. Katy Kenney, a local student is leading the "survey monkey" and paper survey

- G&AFAN contacted the Salvation Army and they indicated they do plan to renovate and reopen the Gananoque facility including the “Manna Cafe” noon time lunch kitchen. Joanne Lancaster is acting as a local coordinator. Dave Harvey has been reassigned to Salvation Army activities in the Maritimes.

EOORC Representative Report: Dave Charles

- EOORC Annual Meeting “Rooted in Love” will be held on Zoom on Friday, May 7 (2-4:30 pm) and Saturday May 8 (9:30-Noon)

Here is link on content and registration

<https://eoorc.ca/2021-eoorc-online-annual-meeting/>

- UCW Annual Meeting “Embracing Change” on Zoom Wednesday May 5 (9:30 am-1:30 pm)

Here is link to meeting

<https://eoorc.ca/event/eoorc-ucw-annual-meeting/>

- Music United Meeting “Music Matters” was held via Zoom April 22-24

- “Called to be the Church” Stewardship Seminar starts Thursday, May 6. See attached EOORC Newsletter for details. I am planning to attend and have copied Vicki Leakey. Other stewards may also attend.

Worship Committee: Paul Harding

A request was received from the Stewards today for another “Hymn Sing Service” such as was done in October 2019. The suggested date is June 13. The Worship Planning Team will discuss and advise.

Discussion ensued regarding the technical advancement in the sanctuary. The Technical Team wishes to be prepared when we resume in the church building. The goal is to move from an IPOD single shot to one or two cameras to live stream. Quotes are being received and the team has met with Paul Carl from Edith Rankin for advice as they are experienced. The next step will be a Zoom meeting with “Sound Works”.

Worship Committee: Paul Harding (Continued)

It was agreed that it would be necessary to have an Audio/Visual Team roster of trained folks to assist on a rotating basis. We were reminded that we should encourage young and older people to get involved. Teenagers could be very capable.

Minutes of April Worship Committee attached.

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Course: Tammy Fergusson

Tammy thanked everyone who assisted with the Humour Sunday worship service. Her course presently involves learning sermon, writing, styles and structures. She will be finished in mid June.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK:

Correspondence: Resignation letter from Doreen Wilson. The lack of proficient internet service in her area prevents her from participating in Zoom meetings. Paul Scott extended his thanks to Doreen.

Outreach: Joan Shaw

No cards sent this month.

Communion Dates: May 30, 2021, Trinity Sunday

Liturgical Colours: May 2, 9, 16 – White/Gold; May 23 – Red; May 30 – White/Gold

NEW BUSINESS:

Baptism Request

A Request for Baptism was passed along to Rev. Takouhi. She has left a message for the family. Paul Scott reminded us that according to the Church Manual, Session is required to approve baptisms. He will send the Baptism section of the manual to Rev. Takouhi for review. Rev. Takouhi answered questions regarding baptism.

Caring and Sharing: Rev. Takouhi

Rev. Takouhi is interested in having six or seven people meet once a month to provide care and support to those in need or living alone. This would replace the 'Phone Tree' that has been in effect during the pandemic. Barb Jenkins volunteered and Joan Shaw would like to continue. Paul Scott suggested that Rev. Takouhi contact Donna Norman for the list from her Phone Tree organization.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marriage Policy Committee: Diane Kirkby

The committee consists of Rev. Takouhi, Raymond Shea, Paul Harding and Diane Kirkby. It was felt the current policy is unwelcoming and somewhat offensive. They will work to make the

Marriage Policy Committee: Diane Kirkby (Continued)

form more inclusive and welcoming. Rev. Takouhi directed them to view Dunsford United Church's Marriage Policy. It is their hope to synchronize with Rev. Takouhi's marriage policy, use more modern terminology and approach the Stewards regarding restructuring the fee schedule. The goal is to make the policy a more joyous document.

Summer Services:

Grace United Church will continue with our virtual services in July/August 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Worship by Phone:

There are approximately 20 people with no internet but some of those may be serviced by Cogeco now. Paul Scott will divide the list among Session members so contact can be made to determine interest.

Grace's Chatter Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, June 11, 2021

NEXT MEETING: Note change in date to **Thursday, May 27, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer for May 27, 2021 – Paul Harding

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Tammy Fergusson

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Takouhi

Paul Scott, Chair of Session

Joan Shaw, Clerk of Session

Attachments:

Rev. Takouhi's Musings

<file:///C:/Users/grace/Downloads/Ministers%20Musings%20-%20April%2027%202021.pdf>

Minutes of March Worship Committee

<file:///C:/Users/grace/Downloads/Worship%20Planning%20Team%20Minutes%20-%20amended%20-%20April%2015,%202021.pdf>

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