

Minutes
Grace United Church Session
Tuesday, March 23, 2021

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

ATTENDANCE:

Present: David Charles, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Bill Lussier, Donna Norman, Paul Harding, Cheryl O'Leary, Rhea Roantree, Paul Scott, Raymond Shea, Rev. Takouhi, Joan Shaw
Regrets: Tammy Fergusson, Doreen Wilson

Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Rhea Roantree opened the meeting with prayer. Paul Scott volunteered to open with prayer at the April meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as amended with correction of the date in the motion to accept the minutes to February 23, 2021.

Moved by: Rhea Roantree, Seconded by Bill Lussier, Carried

MINUTES:

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

Moved by: Joan Shaw, Seconded by Cheryl O'Leary. 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

Special music has been arranged until the end of April. Ramona Gilmour-Darling will perform on Humour Sunday on April 11th, and Deb Donaldson will perform a liturgical dance while Rev. Takouhi reads the scripture on Easter Sunday. An email has been received from Charles Webb with an offer of a free Yamaha baby grand piano. Paul will investigate.

M&S Enthusiast: Dave Charles

El Salvador "Peace for the Children" fundraiser on YouTube on Saturday March 27. See Facebook feed for details

EOORC Update: Dave Charles

- All of the Ministry and Personnel Committee attended a workshop on roles, responsibilities, and effectiveness of M&P on March 17

- EOORC website now linked to Grace UC webpage for activities and newsletters
- Rev Ken Micklethwaite who was minister at MacKay United Church in Ottawa passed away at 102 on March 15 in Ottawa. Rev Ken was my wife Joan MacKinnon's minister and his daughter Rachel McRae was Joan's Maid of Honour at our wedding
- "Called to Be the Church" stewardship workshop scheduled for May 2021
- EOORC continues to evaluate criteria for when it is safe to open

Rev Takouhi's upcoming schedule for development, vacation, EOORC responsibilities and coverage is attached.

Worship Committee: Paul Harding

Members are: Ordained Minister, Director of Music, Lay Leader, Representation from Session, Representation from congregation at large.

The Role of the Worship Committee

This Team supports the minister and works on the details of Worship.

Working under the umbrella of the Session, the committee will:

- be a bridge between the Community of Faith and the Session...
- provide worship experiences that enhance our Faith Journey, ensuring that all views are respected.
- make arrangements for Pulpit Supply when the minister is away, in consultation with Session.
- make arrangements for Music Supply when the Director of Music is away, in consultation with the Director of Music.
- meet once a month or as required.

Minutes of March Worship Committee attached.

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Course: Tammy Fergusson – no report

Membership Committee: Marg Worth

Approximately 120 letters have been sent out and two have been returned.

Derk and Wenda Veldman will join Perth United Church when it reopens

Pat and Don Burns and Dora Ann Hutchings wish to be removed.

Motion: That Pat Burns, Don Burns and Dora Ann Hutchings be removed from the roll of Grace United church.

Moved by: Joan Shaw, Seconded by Barb Jenkins. Carried.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK:

Correspondence: N/A

Outreach: Joan Shaw

A Thinking of You card was sent to Charlie Donevan.

Communion Dates: April 4, 2021

Liturgical Colours: March 28 – Purple; April – White/Gold; May 2, 9, 16 – White/Gold; May 23 – Red; May 30 – White/Gold

NEW BUSINESS:

Marriage Policy Committee:

Although the basic change to the Grace United Marriage policy awaits approval at the next congregational meeting, Rev. Takouhi, Raymond Shea, Paul Harding and Diane Kirkby will review the other details of the policy in the Handbook report back to April Session April meeting.

Staff Vacations:

Paul Harding has one Sunday of vacation to carry over from 2020 to 2021. Discussion ensued regarding staff vacations and the difficulties faced regarding the virtual services. Paul advised that he expects to be here, and wouldn't expect to take vacation until after services are held in the church building. It was acknowledged that Paul Harding spends many volunteer hours on the virtual services. Donna suggested that the exploration of talented high school students could be helpful in the future.

Summer Services:

Tabled to April meeting

EOORC Virtual Sunday School (Facebook):

EOORC has hired a young woman to do a half-hour Sunday School lesson on Facebook each Sunday.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Worship by Phone:

No action as a credit card is yet to be ascertained.

Study Group:

Those attending the Study Group should order their personal copy of Living the Questions. Session agreed to purchase the Study Group DVD for \$80 U.S.

Grace's Chatter Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, June 11, 2021

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer for April 27, 2021 – Rev. Takouhi

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Cheryl O'Leary

CLOSING PRAYER: David Charles

Paul Scott, Chair of Session

Joan Shaw, Clerk of Session

Attachments:

Rev. Takouhi's Musings

<file:///C:/Users/grace/Downloads/Ministers%20Musings%20-%20March%2023%202021.pdf>

Minutes of March Worship Committee [Worship Committee Minutes - March 20, 2021.pdf](#)