

August 11, 2020 Minutes of the Board Meeting, Pinegrove United Church

The "Zoom" Meeting commenced at 6:30 with Claire Belluz, Rev. Rob Smith, Dayle Lankinen, Sharon Loghrin, Deb Paris, Jill Schutte, Heather Holland, Marion Wilson, Joan Bailey and Brenda Cheetham joining the meeting.

Regrets: Sandy Vibert, Cathi Siemieniuk, Donna McNally

Rev. Rob was asked to start the meeting with a prayer.

The topic of conversation that the Chair had on the agenda was if we should be looking at starting worship services in the church in September. Three local United churches will be resuming their services on September 13th. Is this something that we should be considering?

Each board member present was asked to give their views on how and when we should proceed. We would need to insure that we are diligent in meeting all the requirements to keep everyone safe. Rev. Rob will send out to the Board members the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's COVID – 19 Guidance for Places of Worship.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would not proceed at this time but should work towards commencing worship services on October 4th (World Wide Communion Sunday) with Rev. Rob doing the service on that day as his last service with us. This date is tentative and will be confirmed at a later date depending on the COVID-19 situation. Heather and Joan will continue to monitor the requirements that will have to be put in place.

Prior to this service it was felt that we need to keep in touch with our congregation and in doing so two social events were planned to be held in the church yard.

The events planned were as follows:

August 27th – Coffee and Lunch gathering at 11:30 with everyone bringing their own lunch and chair. (No rain date) The required masks and distancing would have to be adhered to. The Café committee members will be invited giving them an opportunity to have a discussion on how Café could proceed in the future.

September 11th – the Annual Corn Roast to be held at the church. (No rain date)

The phone tree and e-mails will be used to keep our members informed and up to date on the tentative plans being made at this time. Heather will communicate with the Café committee members.

A parting gift will be purchased for Rev. Rob and anyone wishing to make a donation towards the gift can be put in an envelope and brought to the events or included with their offering with the envelope marked with the proper designation.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION #1 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 9TH, 2020 MEETING.

1. MARION WILSON, 2. SHARON LOGHRIN

CARRIED

MOTION #2 TO RATIFY THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

THE MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF PINEGROVE UNITED CHURCH APPROVE VACATION TIME FOR REVEREND ROB SMITH FROM JULY 19TH – JULY 31ST INCLUSIVE.

1. SHARON LOGHRIN, 2. MARION WILSON

CARRIED

Claire advised that the church profile has been completed and submitted to Janet Venton. Jill has put together a video to be submitted as part of the profile and to be placed on the church hub and our website. Wendy O'Connor may be of some assistance.

We may have to find a new format for the Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for the end of October.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2020 at 6:30 (Zoom Meeting)

Chair _____ Secretary _____