

June 9th, 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, Joan Bailey, Deb Paris, Donna McNally, Cathi Siemieniuk, Jill Schutte, Heather Holland, Marion Wilson, Janet Venton (Canadian Shield Regional Council) and Brenda Cheetham joining the meeting.

Regrets: Sandy Vibert

Janet Venton was asked to join the meeting to outline the procedures that need to be put in place in order to call a minister.

Rev. Rob started the meeting with a prayer.

The Chair then asked Janet to provide information on the steps that need to be taken in our search for a new minister. She advised that firstly a committee of 5 to 6 people is needed who will be responsible to complete and post to our profile on the HUB the churches Living Faith Story. All documentation pertaining to requesting a new minister needs to be completed and posted including financial viability, real property information and the position being requested. There are templates available for assistance.

Each meeting of the committee should have minutes recorded. At this time input from the congregation is difficult, but perhaps at our coffee time (CUPPA) some ideas could be exchanged. The Phone Tree would also be an option for input. The Living Faith Story is to be passed at the board level and then submitted to Janet with a description of the intended position requested.

Janet then left the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION #1 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 12TH, 2020 MEETING.

- 1. SHARON LOGHRIN, 2. MARION WILSON**
- CARRIED**

Old Business

Claire reported that she contacted Trinity and indicated to them that we are open to the option of sharing a Minister with them. Jim Jackson, chair of the Trinity Board said that, at the present time, they are looking to obtain a full time Minister. We will wait and see what happens with them, but they have been made aware that we are open to the possibility.

Reports

Finance (Marion Wilson)

The bank balance at the end of May is \$26,951.17. Donations are still being received on a regular basis.

The Zoom account is presently being paid on a monthly basis with Rev. Rob as the administrator. Some discussion on whether the account should continue with a new administrator.

MOTION #2 TO CONTINUE THE “ZOOM” ACCOUNT ON A YEARLY BASIS STARTING JULY 1, 2020 WITH JOAN BAILEY AS THE ADMINISTRATOR.

- 1. DONNA MCNALLY, 2. SHARON LOGHRIN
CARRIED**

Trustees (Donna McNally)

The cost of insurance will increase by approximately \$1,500.00. The technology equipment is covered under the policy.

Re-opening the church building

The province is giving permission for all places of worship to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity. Not wanting to put our congregation at risk, it was felt that we should continue with the live streaming services to the end of summer and revisit, at the later date, opening the church in September.

Joan will provide information received on the protocols being put in place to reopen churches. Heather will report on information received by the Thunder Bay Cluster group.

Thunder Bay Cluster

Live streaming services have been arranged to the end of August.

New Minister Committee

A committee of 5 to 6 people is required to start the process of finding a new minister. A suggestion was made that a video be made to be included as part of our Living Faith Story. Claire will look into getting committee members.

New Business

Rev. Rob will be taking his holidays July 20th to 31st. He is working in the church office again.

Saira Vanderwees has resigned from the Board.

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2020 at 6:30.

Chair _____ Secretary _____