

Board Minutes - March 31, 2020

Attendance: Joan Bailey, Claire Belluz, Heather Holland, Dayle Lankinen, Sharon Loghrin, Donna McNally, Deb Paris, Jill Schutte, Cathi Siemieniuk, Rev. Rob Smith, Saira Vanderwees, Marion Wilson,

The Pinegrove Board met by Zoom on Tuesday, March 31. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and Rev. Rob opened with prayer. Claire Belluz started the meeting by asking for a check-in status from all those present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. The following correction was noted:

1. Add Marion Wilson to those in attendance

Claire declared the minutes accepted as corrected.

Claire reviewed the correspondence which consisted of numerous updates from the Canadian Shield Regional Council.

Treasurer's Report

Marion Wilson reported that Pinegrove's finances are doing okay. The larger church has offered webinars to help treasurers understand all the help that is being provided by the government and the United Church. Marion attended one of the webinars and feels Pinegrove is in pretty good shape. Rob mentioned that another webinar is scheduled for Thursday, April 2 at which Rev. Erik Mathieson, the national church's chief financial officer, would also be attending. Rob reminded the board that we could be eligible for 75% of wages if a 30% decrease in income is experienced. A suggestion was made that the Pinegrove mailbox be available for folks to drop off donations.

A question was raised about the cost of multi-site services during this time. Joan confirmed that no invoices will be sent to any churches as the services will be live-streamed from Trinity and anyone can access them. It was suggested that Pinegrove, a long-time participant, make a donation.

MOTION #1 Donna McNally - Sharon Loghrin

That Pinegrove make a donation to Trinity at our regular rate of \$125 per week, twice a month. CARRIED

Observer/Broadview

Cathi Siemieniuk announced that an anonymous donation will cover the cost of the Broadview magazine for the 10 subscribers from Pinegrove for 2020. Cathi was asked to extend a sincere thank you to the anonymous donor(s).

Pastoral Care

Claire and Jill each have an up-to-date church roll. It was suggested that Board members be the leaders in a phoning tree. Each participating member will have a list of names to call to check in with. Claire and Jill will get lists ready and distribute them to the board members. We will check in at the end of April to compare notes. If at that time we think it is needed, another letter can be sent out with a follow up by a few people. (In early March, a letter had been sent to all the membership along with an Easter offering envelope.) Rob hopes to send an Easter message by email.

Minister's Report:

Rob has subscribed to Zoom, at a cost of \$20 per month, in order to keep in touch with members and with board members through Zoom meetings.

MOTION #1 Sharon Loghrin - Heather Holland

That Pinegrove reimburse Rob Smith for the Zoom subscription.

CARRIED

Rob announced that his trip in April to the Festival of Homiletics was cancelled. The registration fee that he paid will be put towards his attendance at the following year's event. Rob also mentioned that the Canadian Shield Regional Council meeting will most likely be cancelled or postponed.

Rob purchased a purple cloth from Fabricland to cover the table at the front of the church.

MOTION #2 Joan Bailey - Sarai Vanderwees

That Pinegrove reimburse Rob Smith for the cost of the purple cloth and that it come out of the Worship Arts budget.

CARRIED

Rob reminded everyone about the Zoom coffee hour after worship on Sundays, and of the 3 p.m. Bible Studies on Tuesdays.

Pastoral Care

Jill will be sending out sympathy cards to the Duncan, Van Cook, Vibert and Beitz families.

There was no other business to discuss. It was suggested that we meet again in two weeks - on April 14 at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom.

Claire declared the meeting adjourned. Rev. Rob closed with prayer at 7:58 p.m.