

Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting
Monday July 06, 2020 7:00 pm
Online "Zoom" Video Meeting

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PARTICIPANTS: Julie Hutton (Chair), Wilf Taylor (Past Chair), Maxine Gray, Olive Cameron, Barb Kingdon, Lorna Hislop, Alf Iverson, Barry McNabb, Michelle Gunderson (Clerk/Treasurer), Kathy Platt (Minister & Host/Facilitator)

Regrets: Carol Frost

Quorum present.

(*This meeting was rescheduled from June 29, 2020)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Julie Hutton

REFLECTION: Kathy did three readings for us, written by Richard Wagamese from his book *Embers*, and his book, *One Story*.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA / ADOPT AGENDA:

- Julie our Chair suggested that due to the recent flooding events, we adapt the agenda which was circulated, and take some time to "check in" with each other, and then address only the most urgent business this evening.

"CHECK-IN": Each council member took a moment to reflect on their recent experiences and how it has affected them:

- many expressed appreciation for the army of people who volunteered to help those who were struggling with flooding issues: family members, neighbours, community members and even those from further away. Some were able to get out and help with sandbagging or clearing debris, some struggled with feeling helpless. Everyone agreed that the young adults of the community really "stepped up" and commented that "we are in good hands" going forward.
- most of the council members had experienced flooding in their basements to various degrees. They were exhausted and still had much work to do, to clean out basements, sort and "rebuild" once insurance requirements have been dealt with.
- one member said that 2020 has not been much fun (Corona virus pandemic, flooding, etc...) but felt proud of the province and community's efforts and found them heartening.
- it was noted that "things can change in the blink of an eye", but we have a strong community and each of us has what we need to get through it all.

ADOPT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION: Moved by Lorna Hislop, seconded by Alf Iverson

"That we the Council of Minnedosa United Church accept the Minutes from the May 25, 2020 online Council meeting as circulated."

Carried.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: May 2020

See FS 20 - 05 and FS 20 - 06

The May Financial Statement had been circulated.

The June Financial Statement was displayed on the Zoom screen.

Barry and Michelle reviewed details from the May & June statements.

Michelle gave an update on the status of the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers (handled for us by the ADP payroll company), and the 75% Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.

A letter was sent to the congregation via email, to notify them of our participation in the wage subsidy programs.

Yvonne Chambers has been in once to do the Annual Independent Review for the first quarter of 2020 (Jan/Feb/Mar).

We have received the annual donation from the Meadows Foundation, in the amount of \$16,220.

MOTION: Moved by Lorna Hislop, seconded by Alf Iverson

"That we the Council of Minnedosa United Church accept the Financial Reports for May and June 2020 as circulated, including the cheque registers."

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Barry McNabb, seconded by Wilf Taylor

"That we the Council of Minnedosa United Church agree to enable the Council Executive to transfer 25% of the Legacy Funds available for disbursement to the General Fund, if needed over the summer months."

Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Wilf Taylor, seconded by Barry McNabb

"That we the Council of Minnedosa United Church agree to enable the Council Executive to access funds from the new Building Fund (was Capital Reserve) as needed over the summer months."

Carried.

PROPERTY: Alf I.

Wilf mentioned that our Website Security subscription through GoDaddy is due to renew on July 12th, in the amount of \$323.88 CAD for one year. He would like the Council to confirm that we should allow this subscription to renew for another year.

MOTION: Moved by Maxine Gray, seconded by Lorna Hislop

"That we the Council of Minnedosa United Church agree to renew our subscription with GoDaddy for Website Security for another year."

Carried.

- Alf reported that on June 18th Benmarks installed two new speakers in the Sanctuary as well as a new amplifier with built-in processor.
- the week before the storms hit, Alf decided to go up on the roof and put new sealant around many of the vents – how fortunate, as there was only one small roof leak!
- Ty Burton will come this summer to install the other "chimney" on the rooftop unit.
- Alf will look into upcoming Insurance renewal costs – there was a warning from the UCC that costs were rising dramatically.
- Property will consult with Hilton regarding his vacation time and what duties will need to be covered while he is away.
- The Food Bank now plans to move back into the church at the end of July (postponed from the end of June due to the flooding). The Harm Reduction Clinic will use the building on July 20th, and then again in September. Both groups will adhere to strict guidelines for distancing and sanitizing.
- Lorna had an email saying that the Strathclair Theatre Chorus had cancelled their bookings for 2020, due to Covid 19 restrictions.

MINISTER:

- Kathy suggested that we discuss the possibility of opening for some limited office hours during the summer, now that the Province is in Phase 3 of pandemic restrictions. She and Michelle wondered about having the office open to the public

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on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9 am to noon. (Enter through back door only, no access to the rest of the building, and all visitors/staff required to sanitize hands and sign the contact tracing sheet.) This should allow for members to drop off their donation/offering cheques in person if they prefer.

Michelle will likely work part of the afternoon on those days as well, with the doors locked – in order to make deposits, etc.

- for the month of July, Kathy hopes to come to Minnedosa on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday's and try to visit with as many members as possible (using physical distancing and other appropriate precautions).
- the Touch Base Tuesday's and Weekend FaceBook videos will be discontinued. Sunday Worship using Zoom will continue in July.
- Mary, Jim and Clark have been so helpful and supportive with the Sunday worship services. They have "opened" the bubble a little bit to have Eleanor Taylor come on July 5th to play the piano, and Barry McNabb come on July 12th to sing the anthem.
- Kathy is the liason for Oak Lake/Griswald pastoral charge and they have completed 17 documents for their Search process!
- Kathy has a graveside service coming up on July 10th.
- Elgin Hall retired from Cadurcis at the end of June.
- Kathy will be taking vacation time from July 28th to August 31st. (5 Sundays). She will make arrangements for pastoral care during that time.

NEXT MEETING: Monday August 31, 2020 at 7 pm.

MOMENTS OF GRACE:

Each council member identified a moment during the meeting that felt positive and hopeful for them.

Kathy closed the meeting with a prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:40 pm.

Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

Julie Hutton, Chair