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BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: No. 5 - 2019 – 2020

DATE & LOCATION: January 22, 2020 7:00 pm at BCUC

PURPOSE: To carry out the business of BCUC Church Board

QUORUM: – Met (6, including Chair and Minister, required)

CHAIR: Jordan Berard.

PRESENT:

Rev. Kim Vidal	Norm Pound
Jordan Berard	Desna Sulway
Ellen Boynton	Will Wightman
Bill Johnson	

GUESTS: John MacFarlane, David Stafford

REGRETS: Sue Morrison

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

1. Opening Remarks

Jordan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Devotions: Desna provided a reading and a prayer.

3. Corresponding Members

Motion: Moved by Will, seconded by Bill, that John MacFarlane and David Stafford be designated as corresponding members for this meeting. Carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Will, seconded by Desna, that the agenda be approved, except for item 5.6. Policy Review which will be tabled until the February meeting. Carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Moved by Ellen, seconded by Will, that the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2019, be approved as distributed. Carried.

6. Business Arising

6.1. M&P Report

David Stafford presented a report on behalf of the M&P Committee.

The projected M&P budget for 2020 represents an increase of less than \$1000.00 over last year's.

Motion: Moved by Desna, seconded by Will, that Ruth Timms be hired as an Office Administer for Mondays and Tuesdays, as recommended by the M&P committee. Carried.

James Eaton has tendered his resignation as a member of the M&P committee, effective immediately. David Stafford has agreed to act as Committee Chair until the Annual meeting in March.

David Stafford reminded the Board that the *ChurchHub* has been established by the United Church of Canada as the process for ministry personnel and communities of faith to search for calls and appointments and the support structure for communication between the denomination, ministry personnel, communities of faith and members who participate in regional and denominational ministry. It is important that BCUC's profile be maintained on this site.

David Stafford left the meeting.

6.2. Planning and Budget Cycle

Some submissions for the Annual Report are still outstanding, but the committees have submitted their action plans and draft budgets for 2020. Bill and Jordan are working on drafting the budget for next year, including the funding of several projects from the Stinson fund.

Bill/Jordan

6.3. Nomination Report

Ellen is still working on this, but we need more volunteers, including Committee Chairs. Suggestions regarding possible candidates would be welcomed.

Ellen

6.4. Photo Directory

Possible companies have been identified, but the committee recommends that we schedule the preparation of the directory for the fall of 2020.

6.5. Halo Canada Project

It was agreed that we decline this offer at this time.

Jordan

6.6. Policy Review

It was agreed that this item be tabled to the February meeting.

7. The United Theological College, Montreal

We received a letter requesting a donation to support the United Theological College. It was agreed that a notice of the UTC request be placed in the church bulletin to enable anyone wishing to support it to donate individually.

Ellen

8. New Business - None

9. Standing Reports

9.1. Ministers' Reports (Attachment 1)

Rev. Gretta Vosper has agreed to participate in the Progressive Learning Conference on May 29 – 30, 2020.

9.2. Membership Update

The names of Connie Londong and Frank Mosienko are to be removed from the membership roll (deceased) and thst of Mary Schmieder will be added (new member).

9.3. Finance Report

Interac (e-transfer) is now available for the receipt of revenue to BCUC, but the ability to make payments by the Church is not yet in place.

Bill

10. Devotions for January: Sue

Sue

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

12. Closing Prayer: Rev. Kim led us in a closing prayer.

13. Adjournment: 8:50 pm.

Jordan Berard, Chair

Norm Pound, Secretary

Attachments

1. Minsters' Reports

Attachment 1:

**MINISTERS' REPORTS
BCUC Board Meeting – January 22, 2020**

Here are the highlights of my ministry from December 18, 2019 to January 22, 2020:

Worship:

- December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent / Love
- December 24 – Two Christmas Eve Service were held: 6:30 pm - Family Service & Pageant and 9:00 pm – Communion Service.
- December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas – joint worship service was held at Kanata United Church with Glen Cairn & Bells Corners congregations attending.
- January 5 – Epiphany Sunday & Celebrating New Year
- January 12 – Baptism of Jesus Sunday / Mary Schmieder was recognized and welcomed as new member.
- January 17 – First Sunday of the Annual Stewardship campaign. A committee fair was held after the service. Projected service as part of the trial period.

Christian Education:

- Lectionary Group meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am.
- Worship/CE Committee met on January 8, 2020.
- Progressive Learning Circle met on January 8, 2020 and discussed the possibility of inviting Rev. Gretta Vosper for the next PLC event scheduled on May 29-30. Gretta will also be the guest speaker on Sunday, May 31. A conference call with Gretta via Zoom was held on Jan 16.

Pastoral & Spiritual Care:

- Offered pastoral care to members and adherents at home, in the hospitals, retirement homes and long-term care facilities.
- Led worship services at Bridlewood Trails (Jan 9). Stillwater Creek was on lock down on Jan. 8 so I wan't able to lead the service there.
- Officiated the Celebration of Life Service of Connie Londong on January 15th.
- Pastoral/Spiritual Care Team met on January 16.

Membership Update:

To take off from the membership roll – Connie Londong and Frank Mosienko due to death.
To add Mary Schmieder as new member.

Others:

- Attended a Narrative Lectionary Circle at Trinity United Church on January 22.

**Blessings,
Rev. Kim Vidal**

Ministry Candidate Report to the Board

Christian Education

- Sunday school classes continue as usual. We are now in the fourth year of writing our own Sunday School curriculum. Many thanks to Erin Berard who creates the wonderful response activities and crafts to go with each lesson and makes sure that the bins are complete for Sunday mornings!
- I co-facilitate the weekly Lectionary Study group on Tuesday mornings with Rev. Kim, taking the lead when she is unavailable.
- I organized and coordinated the family Service on Christmas Eve which included a pageant based on the paintings of William Kurelek. This was a pageant done in the past by Camille Lipsett and offered to us. It was quite different from our usual pageant!

Family Ministry

- I work with the Family Ministry Committee, attending meetings and helping to plan and coordinate activities to involve and serve the young families in our congregation and to look at ways to attract more young families to BCUC. This year during the season of Advent, we initiated a project to raise awareness and funds for “Sleeping Children Around the World”. SOSA joined the effort by making this the Advent Appeal for the congregation. Close to \$5000 has been raised! The project will continue to the end of January. Our “Secret Pals” activity has been warmly accepted by children and adults alike. The mailbox is busy on Sunday mornings! In the spring we will hold a celebration to reveal who each child’s mystery pal has been. We hope this will serve as one more way that the children and adults in our church can get to know each other and that the children will see themselves as part of the church “family”.
- We are looking into the possibility of having a speaker offer a workshop for parents on the topic of bullying. This would be open to the community as well.
- Each Thursday evening we continue to offer a family dinner for the families of children and youth singing in the choirs. Many thanks to Monica Peck who takes on the bulk of the planning and preparation for this each week. I attend whenever possible as I find this is a great way to bond with the kids and their families. It serves as both family Ministry and Pastoral/Spiritual Care for a demographic that tends not to reach out to the church for support.

Pastoral Care

- I continue to be a member of the Pastoral and Spiritual Care committee and all that this involves.
- I continue to visit a list of seniors and also keep in touch with many others by phone. I have also met with some young families dealing with difficult issues.

Worship

- I continue my role in the worship service as before – Call to Gather, Opening Prayer, and Children’s Time plus any other pieces that we feel make sense week to week.
- I accompany Rev. Kim to services in the seniors’ residences when possible.

Outreach

- I provide the ministerial presence on the SOSA Committee I remain involved with the Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy as a member of its Board of Directors.
- I am working with a committee at Emmanuel UC to formalize a partnership with the Chipembi Mission in Zambia. Plans are now in place for an adult visit to Chipembi from March 12-22 to work out the details with the leadership there. Neil and I will represent BCUC on this trip.
- I continue to serve on the Bridge Building Committee between BCUC and the Jami Omar Mosque.

Other

- I continue my studies toward graduation from the Centre for Christian Studies. This month I traveled to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for the last of my “External courses” which are the theological courses required for graduation. It was a study of the book of Matthew. I have assignments still to complete for that course plus several for my core studies at the Centre for Christian Studies, along with online classes. My final week of classes in Winnipeg will be from April 20-26 – hopefully culminating in graduation!
- As a member of DUCC (Diaconate of the United Church of Canada), I am part of the local arrangements planning committee for the biannual national conference that will be held here in Ottawa next May.

Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully,
Lorrie Lowes