

DRAFT BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: No. 1 - 2020 – 2021

DATE & LOCATION: Oct 21st, 2020 7:00 pm held virtually on zoom

PURPOSE: To carry out the business of BCUC Church Board

CHAIR: John MacFarlane.

PRESENT:

Lorrie Lowes	Norm Pound
Jordan Berard	Kim Vidal
Ellen Boynton	David Stafford
Bill Johnson	Will Wightman
	Desna

GUESTS: Sue Morrison

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Nov 18th, 2020

1. **Opening Remarks** Chair

2. **Devotions** Jordan
- “You are doing the best you can”

3. **Accepting of Corresponding Members** Chair

4. **Approval of Agenda** Chair

Moved by Ellen, seconded by Jordan. Approved.

5. **Approval of Minutes – Sept 16th, 2020** Chair

Moved by Jordan, seconded by Lorrie. Approved.

6. **Standing Reports**

6.1. **Ministers’ Report -attached** Rev. Kim/Lorrie

6.1.1. **Historic roles**

Would like to submit to Ron Prince by remove from the historic roll due to death: Cathy Durst, Gail Harmer Mutton, Arthur Buss, Doris Stephenson, Jean Burgess, and Bev Cromb. Moved by Norm, Seconded by Desna. Approved

A celebration of life has been planned for Gail Mutton on Thursday Oct 29th.

A wedding on Nov 21st is planned offsite for Mathew Hauraney and Christy Truw.

Angela Starchuk is joining in the leadership of the UP group.

6.2. **Finance Report - attached** Bill

At the moment the expected deficit remains at roughly 40K for the year due to the impressive givings of members. Bill moves that we receive the report, Norm seconds.

6.2.1. **Fundraising** Ellen

On September 26th, Ruth Howes held an outdoor bake sale and raised \$700, Neil Lowes also raised \$100 from a BBQ and Oct 17th we held a larger outdoor market organized by Ellen and Bob Boynton and raised \$5000.

6.3. **M & P Report -attached** David

David moved that we received the report and Desna seconded. Approved.

7. New Business

Chair

7.1. Up group – Auction profits

Victoria and Angela should be asked (by Lorrie) if they would be up for this online auction.

7.2. Economic impact of Faith – article Ottawa citizen attached.

7.3. Website – handbook and other documents – <https://www.bcuc.org/handbook-and-other-documents>7.4. Building reopening subcommittee – “The board agreed on 16 September and hopes the Worship/CE committee can support Lorrie and the office with the evaluation that will be discussed at the next board meeting on 21 October. Nothing too formal, simply lessons learned and suggested changes to be considered.” Sue said an update would be coming in the week after the Oct 4th service.

The worship committee has reviewed the evaluation of our in-person services. Their consensus is that it is going well and is meaningful to those who have attended. The screening and policies in place have started to settle down and are being followed. If participants are willing to continue doing it (Minister & Abe), the recommendation is we should continue in-person services. Possible web casting would also be possible. People have been self screening as we’ve not seen many young children or very elderly attend.

7.4.1. Evaluation of in-person services And Funerals (and public health guidelines)

The two experiments with funerals had about 35 people each and went well.

7.4.2. I believe the Worship/CE committee is meeting to discuss evaluation of the experiment with services and should have info. The board should review with reference to Guidelines, particularly the following aspects:

7.4.3.a) The main things are masks for all “at all times while in the place of worship” and distancing “of at least 2 metres... in all phases of approach, entry and being in the building...”
People were aware of the 2 meters distancing and respected it for the most part. We are reminding people when people forget.

7.4.4.b) related to distancing is requirement to “Mark directional flow of people through buildings...” and to “only allow one point of entry and a separate point of exit.”

We are following the intent behind these requirements as people come in, sit for an hour during the service, and leave at the end of that hour. Ushers are being used to direct the flow of traffic so that no two groups come into 2 meters of each other.

7.4.5.c) Should pews be every second or every third?

Currently we are placing people in every third pew. For funerals depending on numbers we could put people in every second pew. As long as 2 meters is respected between households.

7.4.6.d) should our number (maximum) be 50, 28 or fewer?

We recommend that a maximum of 50 people for funerals in household groups are kept and 28 people for Sunday services as long as 2 meters are respected between households.

7.4.7.e) and for the high risk population due to age “particularly beyond 50 to 60 years” or conditions should we encourage them to come “offer a dedicated service for them” or “recommend vulnerable individuals take part in virtual” services.

We should continue going forward with what we have been doing and keep the announcements the same as they’ve been in the bulletin.

7.5. Communion – What did we actually do for in service worshipers?

We were careful to make sure that the in-person communion was done safely.

7.6. Certificate for Summer Student. – attached.

David will figure out how to present this.

7.7. Financial and Activity Planning cycle for 2020 – 2021 plan - attached.

Bill

~~7.8. West-End community chaplaincy request – attached~~

We have received the letter and it will be considered again next month.

7.9. 2020 D. A. Moodie Award winner

Ellen’s going to join a zoom meeting to present Sheel Ayachi with the \$200 award on October 27 at a virtual OCDSB meeting.

7.10. Zambia Partnership Agreement

Lorrie

Jordan made a motion to accept the Zambia Partnership Agreement, seconded by Desna.

Approved. Board Chair, Treasurer, Lorrie, and Chairs of Sosa and Worship CE will be signing it.

7.11. Photo Directory

Lorrie

This will be left with Lorrie and Ellen.

8. **Other Business**

8.1. **Devotions:** for Wednesday, Nov 18th, 2020

Chair

Desna will do devotions next!

9. **Next Meetings:**

Chair

9.1. **Regular Board Meeting** – Wednesday, Nov 18th, 2020.

10. **Closing Prayer**

Rev. Kim/Lorrie

“Live this day”