



Minutes of Meeting of Grace United Council

9:30 am Thursday June 25, 2020 7:30 pm

Via ZOOM

Attendees: Dick Morrison, Susan Toller, Eileen Moore, Larry Seguin, Rev. Natalie Istead, Nancy Pitre, Mandy Brown, Hubert, Sharon Rounds, Vicki Seguin, Jim Galloway

1. **Approval of Feb 26, 2020 minutes and Agenda**

Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting was moved by Vicki Seguin and seconded by Mandy Brown **Carried**

2. **Return of Nancy Landry to Council**

Motion: It was moved by Vicki Seguin and seconded by Nancy Pitre that Nancy Landry be invited to return to Council as a full member as of September 1, 2020 with clarification of her role on MRCS.

Carried with 2 Abstentions

Larry will call Nancy and report back at the next meeting.

It was noted that as Nearly New is a tenant, they cannot have a representative on our Council.

3. **Budget and Treasurers Report**

Mandy is applying on line for the Government payroll subsidy. Larry applied online with CRA to authorize Mandy as a representative.

The subsidy will pay \$2,930 every pay period for three pay periods

The physical address for the Treasurer will be changed to the Mill Road address. She will also be setting up an e-mail address for the Treasurer to make a smoother transition should Mandy and Dave be posted.

Highlights of the budget document were reviewed. The GST rebate represents 2015-2018. The report for 2019 will be sent next week

The insurance deductible was increased on certain items resulting in a rebate of \$310

Mandy would like to have access to the Hydro Quebec website for automatic payments and arrangements will be made to do so.

Management of the Worship budget will be looked at by Sue Toller and Mandy. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

Council expressed thanks to Mandy for her work and for such a complete and thorough report.

4. Trustees Report

Rev. Natalie Istead reported that the Region is re-opening. They do not have the authority to tell us what we should do but they want a written plan 2 weeks prior to re-opening.

We do not have services for the last two Sundays in August and the first Sunday in September. The fact that there is no running water or internet this would make thorough cleaning difficult. Also, we would not be able to continue ZOOM services for those unable to attend in person as there is no internet in Rupert. There are many details that would need to be included in a re-opening plan.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Toller and seconded by Nancy Pitre that as Chair of the Worship Committee that worship continue via ZOOM and our buildings not be open until after Labour Day at the earliest. **Carried**

Motion: It was moved by Hubert McClelland and seconded by Sue Toller that there be a limit of five people allowed in the building at any one time, that each person register with Sabrina Howe and that cleaning procedures are followed. **Carried**

Sabrina will send a letter to tenants on behalf of Grace and MRCS advising them of this.

A meeting will be held between July 6th and 10th to work on a schedule of fees for rentals.

Trustees will continue to work on plan for re-opening with an update to be provided at the August Council meeting.

5. MRCs Transition

Motion: It was moved by Hubert McClelland and seconded by Sue Toller that the following Committee be struck to staff the position of Rental Coordinator:

Hubert McClelland (Trustee)

Vicki Seguin (Ministry and Personnel)

Mandy Brown (Treasurer)

6. Drafting and Pre-Consulting on Options for Future

A charitable organization named Trinity Centre Foundation, who helps churches transform into community hubs has contacted us concerning helping us plan a future for our building. A previous meeting held with them on December 4, 2019, and a subsequent proposal received December 10th, revealed an initial cost for services of \$30,000 which we advised them we could not afford. They have approached us again and the cost has not changed and it was felt by some that we still cannot afford this. Others thought we should embrace this and upgrade our building in Chelsea.

Action Item: We need to identify options and prepare for the Congregational meeting. All discussions on options should go through Jim Galloway who is chair of the Committee working with the community.

Motion: It was moved by Sharon Rounds and seconded by Nancy Pitre that a Committee be struck to explore options and prepare a presentation for the Annual Congregational meeting:

Jim Galloway – Chair

Susan Toller

Natalie Istead

Stephan Schott

The Committee will provide updates to Council as they move forward. Members of the Congregation will be asked to join the Committee should they wish to do so. The Committee will report to Council on progress at its meeting scheduled for beginning of August 2020.

7. Annual Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday October 18, 2020 after morning worship.

8. Minister's Report

Rev. Natalie Istead noted that people are having different experiences during the pandemic and we need to keep watch and care for each other.

She expressed thanks to Hannah Schott and Amber Holdsworth for their assistance with the Virtual Sunday School program.

There will be no Congregational Camp Awesome this year, due to Covid.

9. Adjournment and next meeting

The next ZOOM Council meeting will be held on August 7th at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Seguin

Secretary to Council

Grace United Church

Larry Seguin

Chairman to Council

Grace United Church