

BETHEL UNITED COMMUNITY OF FAITH

SEEKING GOD'S WAY AS COMMUNITY

Moosomin, Saskatchewan

Agenda of Church Council, May 26, 2021, via Zoom

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Attendance: Rev. Carolyn Woodall, Dennis Lonsdale, Lynn McGonigal, Ann Norgan, Cheryl Weatherald, Ruth Oliver, Terri Paskell, Carol Adair, Eva Griemann,

Regrets: Cindy Towler

Opening: Rev. Carolyn Woodall – A humorous YouTube vide called “St Patrick’s Bad Trinity Analogies” enforcing the true meaning of the Holy Trinity.

Appointment of Secretary: Dennis Lonsdale

Agenda:

Motion: Anne Norgan moved to accept the presented agenda with the power to add and Layne McFarlane was second to the motion. **Carried**

Order Paper:

Motion: Carol Adair moved to accept the draft of the Order Paper as presented to address the ability of adherents and non-members to address and the governing church body and vote on temporal church matters. Ruth Oliver was second to the motion. **Carried**

Where applicable this order paper will be referred to in motion at the beginning of meetings called by the governing body of Bethel United Church. For adherents and non-member to serve on the governing body at Bethel United Church approval must be requested to and approved by our Regional Council.

Last Council Minutes:

Motion: Layne McFarlane moved to accept the Minutes from last Council meeting, April 21, 2021, as circulated. Eva Griemann was a second to the motion. **Carried**

Correspondence:

Middleton card: Don and Colleen Middleton had sent a thank you and kind note on the acknowledgement sent to them on behalf of Bethel United Church.

Vital Focus Survey: Carol Adair will fill out a survey and send it in on behalf of Bethel United Church.

Memorial Donation: Bethel United Church received a Memorial Donation on behalf of the late Mary Margaret Watt of \$5,000.

Motion: Ruth Oliver moved to accept the action taken as per the email circulated from Lynn McGonigal, a request for Council to vote on accepting the memberships to Bethel United Church, of Carol Adair, Dianne McLeod and Doug McLeod. Cheryl Weatherald was a second to the motion. **CARRIED**

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Nominations to Council: Ann Norgan reported to Council on behalf of the Nominations Committee that things were going well. Many executive positions appear to be filled.
2. Church Technology: Carol Adair reported to the Council that Garth Herman from Arcola has been working on streamlining our audio-visual system at Bethel United. The system in the Sanctuary has been addressed for the most part and Garth will be back to address the CE Hall.
3. Office Administration: Holly McFarlane and Terri Paskell are volunteering to manage the duties for at least the next few months. A formal acknowledgement and thank you will be made at our Annual General Meeting.

Motion: Cheryl Weatherald moved to pay \$450 on a contractual basis to Mary Hill for training services provided to the volunteers taking over her duties after her last day with us as Office Person. Layne McFarlane was a second to the motion. **Carried**

Submitted Reports:

Minister: Interim Minister Exit Interview Report

Worship: Written

Treasurer: Documents provided

Regional Rep: Copy of Living Skies Region Council letter to Provincial Gov supporting ban on conversion therapy.

Motion: Ruth Oliver moved that Bethel United Church forward a letter to the Saskatchewan Provincial Government indicating our support of the position taken by The United Church of Canada Living Skies Regional Council on Conversion Therapy. Layne was a second to the motion. **Carried**

Motion: Layne McFarlane move to accept reports as presented. Eva Griemann was a second to the motion. **Carried**

New and Arising Business:

1. Signing authority for RBC accounts.

Motion: Layne McFarlane moved to have Mary Hill removed and replaced with Terri Paskell for signing authority on the Bethel United RBC accounts. Eva Griemann was a second to the motion. **Carried**

2. Zoom account: Annual renewal date is May 18th, via church Visa Card. Layne McFarlane is willing to manage the account once Carolyn Woodall's term is completed, should Council wish to continue. He would connect his email and name to the account.

3. Worship: Labyrinth: Carol Adair reported That the Town of Moosomin has set aside property near the Community Gardens for a Labyrinth. They are more than willing to work with Bethel United Church to set one up.

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4. Transfer of Membership:

Motion: Eva Griemann moved to accept the request of Mary Elizabeth Braaten to have her membership from the United Church in Langbank to Bethel United Church in Moosomin. Layne McFarlane was a second to the motion. **Carried**

Communication with The United Church in Langbank is under way.

5. Summer Closing:

Motion: Ruth Oliver moved to suspend worship services for the 2021 summer, beginning June 27th thru- Sept. 6 with Sunday Worship Services resuming Sept.12. Carol Adair was a second to the motion. **Carried**

6. Unfinished Business for incoming Council: A general discussion was held noting that the incoming Bethel United Church Council or governing body will need to continue on the development of structure of governance and committees (i.e., policies). The Legacy Committee needs to review and update the associated paperwork, forms, signing authorities, etc...

7. Committee Spending Limits: Lynn reminded us of a motion that had passed, March 11, 2020, regarding committees having authority to spend up to \$400 on items and services pertaining to Church expenditures that would fall under their jurisdiction without Council preapproving.

8. A special note and congratulations to Layne McFarlane who has been appointed to the Audit Committee for The United Church of Canada.

Benediction:

Rev. Carolyn Woodall

Adjournment:

Layne McFarlane

Chair: Lynn McGonigal

Secretary: Dennis Lonsdale