First United Church – Hanna, Alberta

Council Meeting, Church Lounge

Wednesday, May 08, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Winona Gutsche

Rev. Barbara Zimmerman, United Church

Secretary – Rhonda Lund

Lynette Barker Jean Lypka

Laura Creasy Linda Quaschnick

Gwen Snell

CALL TO ORDER Chair Winona Gutsche called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. WELCOME & OPENING WORSHIP

Chair Winona Gutsche welcomed everyone to the meeting on this bright sunny evening.

Rev. Zimmerman opened the meeting with a prayer to center us in this place for the work we are doing.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion No.** **27** Moved by Linda Quaschnick that the Agenda for May 8, 2019 be adopted as presented. Motion seconded by Lynette Barker. **Carried.**

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**Motion No.** **28** Moved by Gwen Snell that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held April 10, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Motion seconded by Jean Lypka. **Carried.**

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Laura Creasy advised that she registered two people for the Chinook Winds Regional Meeting in Lethbridge.

Rev. Zimmerman asked if the historic roll for the church has been found for updating. Laura Creasy advised that the historic roll is in the church office and she and the office administrator update it. Linda Quaschnick confirmed that the Pastoral Care Committee intend to review the roll as well.

1. CORRESPONDENCE
   1. Church Resources – Tricia Gladdish, office administrator, provided a list of resources and activities upcoming in the church.
   2. Hanna Funeral Services sent a card of thanks for all we do in relation to funerals on behalf of Hanna Funeral Service and the Richard Wade family.
2. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Finance Committee – Written Reports

Linda Quaschnick reviewed the Balance Sheet dated April 30, 2019 as well as the Budget & Income Comparison Report. She noted that the church funds are still in good shape. A fair amount of money has been spent from the Memorial Account for the manse upgrades.

Winona Gutsche advised that as Church Council Chairperson, she signed papers at Doug Todd’s office regarding a bequest from Dr. Wilkins estate. The amount of the bequest is not known at this point. She noted that she was aware of the bequest on the day of Dr. Wilkins’ funeral and thanked the family, but a thank you letter will be sent once we receive the funds.

* 1. Board of Trustees – No report
  2. Worship, Mission & Service – Verbal Report

Jean Lypka advised that the committee has not met since last Council meeting, however it looks like we will need to arrange for more pulpit supply. Betty Warrington indicated that she has some services prepared for the last two weeks in May as we have not heard any confirmation regarding Rev. Lombard’s arrival.

* 1. Christian Education – No Report
  2. Pastoral Care – Verbal report

Linda Quaschnick provided an update from last meeting regarding information for members in hospital or long-term care who need pastoral care. Linda spoke with Celeste Reed, volunteer coordinator for the area, about the difficulty getting information about church affiliation for people in the hospital or long-term care. Celeste will look into the confusion about the information being available in Stettler but not Hanna and see if we can be given the information needed.

Linda noted that Celeste also mentioned that we should be confirming that Rev. Lombard and his family will need to have their immunization updated.

Linda advised that the committee does plan to review the historical roll and the phone lists to compare information and update it before Rev. Lombard arrives.

* 1. Memorial Park – No Report
  2. Ministry & Personnel – No Report
  3. Property – Verbal Report

Gwen Snell noted the following:

* Manse maintenance
  + The dining room, living room and front door window have been replaced at the manse by Anchor Glass.
  + Upstairs rooms have all been painted and there is enough paint to do the basement main room. Understand that Alan Lund will do that but not sure when
  + Lighting upgrade was completed by Brady Ermel.
  + Yard maintenance will need to be done soon.
* Church maintenance
  + Issues with the toilets not working properly on the day of Dr. George Wilkins’ funeral. Sinclair Plumbing was contacted to do repairs.
  + Sound system is also not working properly. Sean Watts has been hired to review the system and make sure it is operating properly. Sean will look at the entire system including the connections in the cupboard by the alter.
  + The Minister / Choir entrance door was sticking, so Anchor Glass has been called to repair it.
  + The back door of the church needs to be painted.

Jean Lypka advised that she purchased mattress protectors for all the beds, sheets for the queen bed and sheets and comforter set for the double bed. The king size bed and single beds will still need bedding. She noted that we will need to get a work bee together to set up the house once we have all the furniture we need.

* 1. Thrift Store – Written Report

Laura Creasy reviewed the Thrift Store report, for April 2019, confirming the following:

* $5,018.55 in sales, 442 customers and 255.75 volunteer hours
* Administrator, Danae Kimpinski will be leaving for school in September, so we will need a new administrator.
* Will be holding a volunteer appreciation supper on August 21st.
* Devin Buchwitz is graduating this year, so will be leaving the thrift store as waste control person. Devin trained Zach Voltner to take over from him.

**Motion No. 24** Moved by Gwen Snell that Council ratify the motion of the Thrift Store Board to give Devin Buchwitz a $100.00 gift card in appreciation of his hard work for the Thrift Store.

Motion seconded by Jean Lypka. **Carried.**

* 1. Search Committee – Verbal Report

Winona Gutsche advised that Rev. Lombard’s visa has not yet been approved by Immigration.

Pulpit supply was discussed; and it was agreed that as Betty Warrington has prepared services for the last two Sundays in May, she should proceed even if Rev. Lombard arrives as this would give him time to settle in. It was also agreed that Tricia Gladdish should be asked to arrange for pulpit supply for June.

Discussion was held regarding closing for part of the summer as we did last year if Rev. Lombard does not arrive before summer. Rev. Zimmerman advised that Council can make the decision to close; a Congregational Meeting is not required.

1. PRESBYTERY REPORT – No Report
2. MINISTER’S REPORT – No Report

Rev. Zimmerman confirmed that Don Carter’s funeral is a graveside service, but the luncheon will be in the church. She noted that she will need access to the Church Register to record the funeral.

**Motion No. 29** Moved by Linda Quaschnick that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented at the meeting tonight. Motion seconded by Laura Creasy. **Carried.**

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Wednesday June 12th at 7:00 p.m,

Rev. Zimmerman advised that she will be unable to attend the meeting on June 12th, but the meeting can go ahead as she will be available by telephone at 403-741-6289 if we have questions.

Winona Gutsche noted that the June 12th meeting will be the last scheduled meeting until September, however we may decide to meet as a council or search committee when Rev. Lombard arrives. Rev. Zimmerman advised that she would like to be in attendance at the first meeting held with Rev. Lombard.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Zimmerman said a prayer prior to closing.

Winona thanked everyone for attending and stated that business being concluded, the meeting is adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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