First United Church – Hanna, Alberta

Council Meeting, Church Lounge

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Winona Gutsche

Rev. Jan Richardson, Stettler United Church

Secretary – Rhonda Lund

Lynette Barker Linda Quaschnick

Jean Lypka Gwen Snell

Laura Creasy Tyler Creasy

CALL TO ORDER Chair Winona Gutsche called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. WELCOME & OPENING WORSHIP

Chair Winona Gutsche welcomed everyone to the meeting and another year on Church Council.

Rev Richardson opened the meeting speaking about the signs of Spring and the season of Lent & Easter. She spoke about the faithfulness of waiting and to be of service or comfort to others when you are waiting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion No.** **17** Moved by Tyler Creasy that the Agenda for March 20, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Motion seconded by Gwen Snell. **Carried.**

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**Motion No.** **18** Moved by Laura Creasy that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held February 13, 2019 be adopted as presented.

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

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
2. CORRESPONDENCE
   1. Musical group “Country Blend” has contacted the church office administrator offering to perform a concert in the church as a fundraiser. It was not clear how much the church would get from ticket sales, but a coordinator would be required as well as billets for 5 people. Following discussion, the consensus was to thank Country Blend for the offer but decline at this time as the church members are very busy with preparations for the new minister, Easter season and Dr. George Wilkins’ funeral.
   2. United Church Observer – do we want to continue our subscription? The consensus was to renew one subscription for the minister. The name of the Observer has changed to Broadview Magazine and can be ordered as an online subscription. Rev. Richardson suggested that notice of the Observer subscription renewals could be put on the church website.
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Finance Committee – Written Reports

Linda Quaschnick reviewed the Balance Sheet dated February 28, 2019 as well as the Budget & Income Comparison Report. She noted that the investment account has increased and that Presbytery dues have been paid for 2019.

Laura Creasy advised that approximately $1,500 has been spent from the $10,000 budgeted for the Minister relocation. The manse repairs that are being done will be paid from this budget.

* 1. Board of Trustees – Verbal report

Tyler Creasy advised that the Board has not met since the last Council meeting.

* 1. Worship, Mission & Service –Written Report

Jean Lypka reviewed her written report, noting the following items:

* Music Sunday – April 7.
* Easter Sunday – Rev. Sellars thanked us for thinking of him, but they are not sure of their plans, so we will need to plan the Easter service. After discussion it decided to review the video services available and combine it with the readings and prayers from the congregation.
* The Pulpit Supply roster is done to May 12 and the Committee Supply to June 30.
  1. Christian Education – No Report
  2. Pastoral Care – Verbal report

Linda Quaschnick advised that the Committee has not met recently. She noted the following:

* Need to decide when we are going to start making phone calls about the membership roll. Suggested that people are told that they are on our list for membership and we would like to know if they still consider themselves a member as with the new minister coming to Hanna, we are trying to make sure of our membership.
* Pastoral Care will have a meeting soon to get started on phoning the members of the funeral lunch committee to thank them for their assistance.
* Still looking into how to get a list of United Church members in the hospital or nursing home so the committee members can make visits.

Rev. Richardson suggested that reminders be put in the bulletin and at services that people need to advise the committee members if someone is in need of a pastoral care visit.

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

Gwen Snell reported that the Property Committee has not met, but regular maintenance items are planned for the manse. She noted that the Committee could use new members as Kyle Toporchuk has moved from Hanna, Ira Ross is away during winter months and Ray Hickle is not well right now.

Gwen advised that under the NEET program, the Church received new energy efficient light fixtures to replace the existing ones. She contacted Ermel Electric and Brady provided a quote that includes six hours of donated labour.

**Motion No. 19** Moved by Gwen Snell that Council authorize that Ermel Electric be hired to repair and replace 28 light fixtures throughout the church for $2,480.10; using funds set aside in the Memorial Act for the Minister search allocation. Motion seconded by Jean Lypka. **Carried.**

**Motion No. 20** Moved by Gwen Snell that Council ratify the decisions made through email correspondence to complete manse repairs using the funds set aside in the Memorial Account for the Minister search allocation.as follows:

* Contract with Anchor Glass to replace the front room windows, dining room window and front entrance door window at a cost of $4,471.07
* Contract with Ermel Electric to replace light fixtures at a cost of $487.20 (labour was donated).

Motion seconded by Linda Quaschnick. Carried.

Jean Lypka noted that she has not ordered the bed frame for the king size mattress and we have another bed donated that does not have a frame. It was the consensus that Jean be authorized to order bed frames and mattress covers for both beds.

* 1. Thrift Store – Written Report

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

* $3,974.70 in sales, 338 customers and 256.25 volunteer hours.
* Starting to save items for the April Rummage Sale.
* Danae Kimpinski is doing an excellent job as Thrift Store administrator.

* 1. Search Committee – Verbal Report

Winona advised that we are just waiting for immigration to complete their process. The Lombard children are registered in school Communication is difficult now as there was a cyclone in Zimbabwe last week.

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1. PRESBYTERY REPORT – Verbal Report

Rev. Richardson advised that she has not been directly involved, but the Chinook Winds Region (formerly Alberta and Northwest Conference) is getting organized.

1. MINISTER’S REPORT – No Report

Rev. Richardson advised that she was accepted for a part in the Drumheller Passion Play, so she will be involved with that as that as part of her sabbatical. Her sabbatical will be from May 1 to August 31, 2019.

**Motion No. 21** Moved by Gwen Snell that the Committee, Presbytery and Minister’s Reports be accepted as presented at the meeting tonight.

Motion seconded by Lynette Barker. **Carried.**

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Set up and Take Down for Funerals

Winona Gutsche volunteered to coordinate volunteers to set up and take down the tables and chairs for a funeral lunch.

1. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Wednesday April 10th at 7:00 p.m,

1. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Winona Gutsche thanked everyone for attending and stated that business being concluded, the meeting is adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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