

PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 1, 2016

Friendship Room of the Church

ATTENDANCE:

Larry Cochran, Norma Cummings, Will French, Betty Hoogenboom, Margaret Martin, Duncan Pickard, Blaine Tackaberry, |Rev. Takouhi, Katy Gibson, Chair, Patti Evans, Secretary

REGRETS: Peggy Bond, Connie Cochran

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Takouhi opened the meeting with a prayer.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Katy Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved: Margaret Martin Second Blaine Tackaberry Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Correction: Add Margaret Martin to attendees. Moved: Margaret Martin Second: Larry Cochran Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter from RDHS breakfast club asking for a donation. A one-time donation of \$200 will be made to the breakfast club. Moved: Margaret Martin Second: Larry Cochran Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Continue to look for a new Music Director. Margaret Ross will assist.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Report distributed at meeting. Motion to release the treasurer from \$2,500 limit.

Moved: Duncan Pickard Second: Norma Cummings Carried

Budget 2017 to be ready for approval at next meeting prior to AGM. Bell Choir -- new gloves to be reimbursed.

Action carried forward from previous meeting minutes: Budget: Put TimeLine document on website **ACTION: Larry Cochran**

Sharing and Caring: Newsletter in the works for delivery on November 20, 2016.

Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Envelope Steward: Change to envelope. Norma presented the layout for new envelope.

Envisioning Committee: Larry Cochran will upload timeline as priority allows.

Fundraising: Duncan Pickard presented a plan for selling Goat Milk Soap products where the church would receive 30% from sales. Duncan requests permission from council to promote this for the church. Council agrees. Need someone to be “the face” to assemble and knockdown the display on Sundays for about three weeks. Katy and Margaret will ask in church on Sunday next. Margaret Martin is willing to organize a silent auction which she will set up by November 18.

Historical: No report

Memorials: No report.

Minister’s Report: Rev. Takouhi reports she spoke with David Meyers, a member of a new family in Portland, who asked “would the church let me know if there is anything I can get involved in.” Rev Takouhi away December 11.

There will be a joint service with Elgin at Portland, beginning at 10:00 am. The pageant will be presented. Soup and sandwiches offered after.

Outreach: Nothing to report.

Presbytery: Margaret Martin reported on the results of the Presbytery meeting.

Remit 5 (ministry partners) Yes.

Remit 6 (Belleville’s model) Yes.

Remit 8 (New model of membership) No.

Trustees: Remember January 1, 2016. Transfer \$4k to long term fund from designated funds with quarterly reviews. Moved: W. French Second: Duncan Pickard Carried

Property Report: Energy situation: lighting approx.1000 kWh/m heat approx. 48000 kWh/m Two suppliers were contacted, one responded. Quote to relocate heat pump and change furnace to propane: \$9,000. Doug to look for a second quote ASAP.

Motion to move ahead to change furnace as soon as second quote received; both phases – heat pump and furnace. Moved: Duncan Pickard Second Normal Cummings Carried Duncan and Katy to appeal to congregation. Make up difference from funds (memorial). Run appeal for the month of November to end November 27, 2016.

UCW: Good pie sale. UCW lunch will be held on December 20, 2016, 12:30 p.m., at Michaels in Perth. We will carpool from the church at 11:30-11:45.

Worship Committee:

Motion to Accept Committee Reports: Moved by Margaret Martin. Second by Duncan Pickard. Motion carried.

New Business:

Joint Services/Congregational Meeting...November 27; not joint, just Portland. Katy Bond will contact chair of the official board to ask them to specify why they want to alternate services. She will make a request that the official board reconsider their request to alternate services.

New Organ: The current organ at PUC is not in working order. PUC has been offered a new organ for free. After discussion the council agree to accept the offer with the following conditions...if it fits, if it is truly free, if it comes with free installation, if the old organ is removed free of charge.

Adjournment: Meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

Closing of meeting: Larry Cochran closed meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. in Friendship Room at PUC.

Katy Gibson, Chair

Patti Evans, Secretary