

PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 3, 2017

Friendship Room of the Church

ATTENDANCE:

Norma Cummings, Connie Cochran, Duncan Pickard, Betty Hoogenboom, Margaret Martin, Rev. Takouhi, Gary Petro, Katy Gibson, Chair, Patti Evans, Secretary

REGRETS: Larry Cochran, Blaine Tackaberry, Peggy Bond, Will French

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Katy Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved: Connie Cochran **Second:** Duncan Pickard **Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Correction: Change date to February 15

Moved: Doug Bond **Second:** Duncan **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Fundraising concert (Blue Grass). County Road 44, June 3, 2017 (Saturday) at 7:00 pm. It will be free will offering. Carolyn Long to be requested to cater/organize (approved).

Old choir gowns are gone.

Lighting and AV Equipment ; Gary Petro reported:

Lighting: All lighting in hanging fixtures should be replaced with LEDs as bright as possible. Top lights – not sure of the configuration. Discussion about electrician for church. Need better and consistent light in pulpit area.

Camera: Gary looked into the cost to purchase a LINS camera - ~\$3k. Probably need to have a consultant from Ottawa. Trinity United in Smiths Falls uses a Canon higher end ~\$1500. Gary to source out mid range and test AFTER lighting resolved (updated or upgraded). First priority is lighting. Once lighting is done address the camera and recording issue. Gary will proceed with this priority.

Council Position of Ministry and Personnel Rep... A. Hoogenboom has taken this on.

Easter Breakfast: Katy and Brad will prepare pancakes, eggs, sausages, bacon, and provide maple syrup.

Rekeying Doors: coded door locks very expensive. Rekey three locks with keys that cannot be duplicated. Norma will provide the list of individuals to Doug Bond. When keys are distributed they will be signed for.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Reports distributed at meeting. Duncan presented breakdown of reports.

Sharing and Caring: No report.

Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Envelope Steward: David Meyers has taken envelopes.

Envisioning Committee: Report next meeting

Fundraising: Margaret Martin introduced the idea of a tea to run parallel with bake sale. Sip (tea) and paint (MM to offer).

Historical: Nothing to report

Memorials: Nothing to report

Minister's Report: One day off since return from San Salvador. Reverend Takouhi is grateful for the support give to her by the San Salvadorans when she received the news of D. Good's passing. They gave her strength.

Emily, Claire, Owen, RevT will hold a thank you evening with a presentation.

Toledo group will be invited to be involved here for a thank you from Emily and Claire.

RDHS career day was very successful for both RevT and Gary Petro

Week of July 3 a vacation bible school will be held in Portland United Church. RevT has arranged for assistance from a couple from Montreal.

Outreach: Discussion about usefulness of the \$3k from the investment fund that last year was split \$1k to RDHS band, \$1k to Centennial Public School, \$500 to each of the Elgin and Portland libraries for a youth endeavour. How should we do it this year? Send back to Pam and Lynne to meet (include RevT) and make a decision regarding the use of the money. Ensure it is used for community.

Presbytery: Nothing to report

Trustees: Nothing to report

Property Report: Report distributed. Ordered baby change table for Friendship room washroom.

UCW: Very busy: dinner and funeral. AGM will be held in Delta on April 18. August 5 is community breakfast. Change in Venue for UCW presbytery.

Worship Committee: Margaret Martin – April 21-23, 2017. A new cycle of lay training. Graduated 15 from last two years. Twelve people enrolled this year. RevT – Things going well. Next meeting in May.

Motion to Accept Committee Reports: Moved by: M. Martin **Second by:** Betty Hoogenboom
Carried

New Business:

Position for Funerals – Norma presented an idea to have ushers; need someone to organize all aspects of funerals. A list will be compiled so anyone can pick up job rather than a designated person.

Items from Betty James – Wooden Cross, list of war veterans. Connie will speak with Betty James to accept the Cross and the veterans' list.

Grill in Kitchen- should we sell? Move other electric stove from choir room? Check out cost of commercial propane stove. Ad to go on Kijiji to sell grill (Connie).

Transfer \$8k from long term fund to complete projects. Moved: Duncan Pickard Seconded: Norma Cummings **Carried.**

Adjournment: Meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Closing of meeting: Katy Gibson offered the closing prayer.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Katy Gibson, Chair

Patti Evans, Secretary