

PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 25, 2019

Friendship Room of the Church

ATTENDANCE:

Norma Cummings, Larry Cochran, Duncan Pickard, Betty Hoogenboom, Margaret Martin, Hans Downer, Rev. Takouhi, Chair Katy Gibson, Secretary Patti Evans

REGRETS, Doug Bond, Connie Cochran, Blaine Tackaberry, Will French

GUESTS: Aare Hoogenboom

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved: Betty Hoogenboom **Second:** Larry Cochran **Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Moved: Margaret Martin **Second:** Duncan Pickard **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you note from Claire French for funding assistance. Card posted on bulletin board.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

2020 and beyond: \$500 in, \$500 donated but not yet recorded; UCW will hold a fundraising dinner on July 20; picture board being worked on.

Becoming Affirming Congregation: table; Katy sent email with requirements, all should read please.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Duncan Pickard – Prepared and delivered current financial report. Formal reports attached to minutes.

Sharing and Caring: Betty Hoogenboom – Newsletter out June 2, 2019

Cemetery: Blaine Tackaberry absent. Rev. Takouhi spoke about cemetery online. Attach pics of plots for files. Could be accessed by individuals searching ancestry.

Envelope Steward: Norma Cummings gave an update on the status of Cheryl's health. We will pray for her. Norma will stand in.

Envisioning Committee: Larry Cochran – no report presented.

Fund Raising: Aare Hoogenboom proposed a garage sale to be held on August 20 in the Church parking lot with all proceeds going to 2020. Aare will need some assistance on the day. Posters, social media – Larry Cochran will assist. Portland Community breakfast same morning. Other families may join; however, proceeds will be for the church. Aare willing to help with pricing.

Historical: No report.

Memorials: Doug Bond not in attendance. Duncan reported that Doug has received a quote in the amount of \$35k to have a steel roof replace the Friendship Room roof

Minister's Musings: Growing and historical moment; RevT is honoured and humbled by happenings in her life. She closed by saying she is grateful for where she is in her life at this time.

Presbytery: Margaret Martin reported on the inaugural regional meeting held on June 7-8, 2019. Overall the meetings were good, all new policies and guidelines were presented. Tremendous amount of prework was carried out. Meeting went smoothly because of this. Liz Church is the alternate representative.

Trustees: Will French sends regrets; no report submitted. Trustees are meeting June 26 (joint trustee meeting).

Property Report: Doug Bond was not in attendance. Norma has requested a second railing be mounted near the font to assist those who have difficulty with the stairs. Also, the projector stand needs to be moved back to allow slides to fit the screen. Doug should go ahead and mount the railing. Waiting for the front lawn sign.

UCW: Connie Cochran not present – her report presented by Larry Cochran...many orders for pies. The Grateful Were Not Dead concert raised \$556. Friday June 28: pie sale. July 12: Cold supper for 2020 and Beyond; October 5: turkey dinner for 2020 fundraising.

Food Bank: need to be aware and keep on top of Cheryl's status and a possible temporary replacement.

Worship Committee: July 7, there will be a planned power outage so church service moved to 7:00 pm. June 30: Church in the Park 11:00 a.m. September 29: combined service in Portland – requested by Elgin. July 14: Elgin Days – combined service in Elgin. VIBE going well.

Motion to Accept Committee Reports: Hans Downer **Second:** Larry Cochran **Motion Carried**

New Business:

- a. Cluster meetings: Duncan reviewed the UCC Cluster meetings he attended. Rev. Takouhi will keep us updated.
- b. Coffee pot: Larry Cochran will have coffee pot turned on between 7:00- 8:00 am on Sunday mornings.

Closing of meeting: Larry Cochran offered the closing prayer.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 29, 2019