

**Lennoxville United Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wed. Dec. 2, 2020**

**(Meeting conducted via Zoom)**

**Present: Esther Barnett, Doug Blair, Rev. Linda Buchanan, Sandy Davidson, Bob Davidson, Bruce Gilbert, Carolyn Gilchrist, Dave McCormack, Frankie Noble, Jack Noble, Pam Wilson and Debbie Harrison (recording secretary)**

**1 Welcome: Opening Prayer**

The Chairman, Doug Blair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following which Rev. Linda offered an Opening Prayer.

**2 Check In**

**3 Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Esther Barnett, seconded by Frankie Noble and carried unanimously that the agenda be approved with the addition of "Insurance" under New Business.

**4 Adoption of the Minutes of October 22, 2020.**

It was moved by Frankie Noble, seconded by Pam Wilson, and carried unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held October 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated with the change to the day of the meeting.

**5 Correspondence**

**5.1 Regional Council Newsletter (October 28, 2020)**

**5.2 Regional Council Newsletter (November 11, 2020)**

**5.2 General Council**

**6 Business Arising**

**6.1 COVID-19 Updates (Regional Council COVID-19 and LUC COVID-19 Team)**

Regional Council is still in Phase 2 except we are now in a Red Zone. We are only allowed Worship in the building, not in the Sanctuary. Outdoor meetings are not allowed except for Worship. Worship services are limited to 25 people and an attendance log must be kept.

**6.2 Technology Advice**

An advisor from Plav Audio visited the church on Nov. 26, along with Rev. Buchanan, Sandy Davidson and Doug Blair. Information for conducting a hybrid service (service performed in church along with a Zoom or Facebook worship) was provided by him. Cameras, sound cable, lighting and equipment to synchronize these are relatively reasonable (approx. \$3,000.00). Whatever equipment used in the Upper Hall can be moved into the Sanctuary.

Dave McCormack suggested presenting this proposal to the St. Francis Cluster steering committee. The mandate of the Committee is to facilitate outreach projects which improve a church's connection with congregations and other churches within the cluster. There is a fund that is available for that purpose. However, the cost of this proposal will be included in next year's budget with the intention of obtaining funding through the St. Francis Cluster.

### **6.3 Communication Survey**

The results of the Communication Survey were studied and the following observations made:

- The website is important because it is functional and updated continuously;
- Most watch Sunday services on Linda's personal Facebook page. This will change if we move to hybrid services. Participation numbers similar to pre-COVID. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

### **6.4 Sharing Council Minutes with Congregation**

The Minutes of Official meetings are public information. After they are approved, Council Meeting Minutes will be made accessible on the Church's website. Bruce Durrant will be asked to begin this service by posting the Minutes of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Access to the Council Minutes will be explained in LUC's News each month.

### **6.5 Budget for 2021**

Jack Noble presented a proposed budget. The budget will be reviewed by the Council and discussed at the next meeting,

## **7. Important Business to Return to after COVID-19**

### **7.1 Odd Fellows**

### **7.2 Hatley Amalgamation Team**

### **7.3 Communion - Wine**

### **7.4 Hosting Regional Council 2021 or later**

## **8 Team Reports:**

### **8.1 Financial Report**

Jack Noble circulated and spoke to an up-to-date financial report noting in particular that the Canada Wage Subsidy, for which a monthly application is required, continues to help sustain the financial obligations of the church. With this subsidy the financial position of the Church remains stable. It was moved by Sandy Davidson, seconded by Dave McCormack and carried unanimously that the Financial Reports for the period ended November 2020 be adopted as presented.

## **8.2 Team/Committee Reports - if there is new activity.**

**Worship Team.** Rev. Linda will offer a Christmas Eve Service at 11pm on Dec. 24th via Facebook. The Worship Committee is organizing a second Parade of Offerings to be held at the end of January.

**UCW** There were 5 attendees at the “Unofficial” November meeting held in the Upper Hall. Several UCW members decorated the Sanctuary and Upper Hall for Christmas. The UCW will hold an online Bake and Candy Sale (55 items available with 52 orders placed so far) from Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> under the convenorship of Sandy Davidson. The pies for the bake sale were purchased from Lorraine’s Bakery in an effort to replace some of her lost revenue caused by the cancellation of the Turkey Supper this year. Carolyn Gilchrist coordinated an on-line Auction for which 72 donated items were received. The Auction will run from Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

The UCW has supported the “Hugs” program with a donation of \$500.00 worth of clothing and personal hygiene products.

**Rev. Linda** reported that she has been working with many teams. UCW, Worship and OutReach Teams worked together to make the Advent Tree happen.

### **9 New Business:**

#### **9.1 New Insurance Policy for the Church**

The new insurance company has requested an evaluation of the church.

**10 Date of Next Meeting:** Wed. January 20,2021 at 7pm.

#### **11 Adjournment**

It was moved by Esther Barnett, seconded by Carolyn Gilchrist and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25pm.