

## Bethany Council Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2019

Clergy Present: Rev. Warner Bloomfield   Student Minister: Dianne Everitt  
Council Members Present: Robert & Mary Gray, Mary Leduc, Norine Souter, Glen Robins,  
Andrew & Alison Topp, Isaac & Brenda VanRavenswaay.  
Regrets: Karen Allen, Genevieve & Morgan Blagdon, Jean Clark, Kathy & Ken Egger,  
Frieda Glenney, Yola Rose, Betty Sawyers, Alice VanRavenswaay.

Norine Souter called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.  
Dianne opened the meeting with prayer. She talked about the Pharisees who tried to trick Jesus with the question, “who should our allegiance be, to God or to Caesar?” Jesus answered, “Whose picture is on the coin?” “Caesar’s.” “Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” Leave space in our lives for God’s guidance.

Additions to the Agenda: 1 - Computer Replacement. 2 - Foodgrains Meeting, 3 - Jocelyn Topp’s September 14 Wedding.

**Moved by Isaac VanRavenswaay, seconded by Bob Gray, that both the minutes dated January 10 and February 24 be approved as read. C**

Alison provided members with a copy of the Treasurer’s Report dated March 21 2019.

**Alison Topp moved that the Treasurer’s Report be approved.**

**Seconded by Isaac VanRavenswaay. C**

There was a discussion about where we would take the money from for the new roof; trustee’s funds or General Fund.

It was decided to pay for it from the General Fund. If in the future we need more funds we can plan a fund raiser.

### Committee Reports

*Christian Education:* No report.

*Congregational Care:* A committee report was given.

### *Fundraising & Events Committee:*

Their planning meeting was cancelled. Volunteers will be required for the Perch Dinner May 24. A meet and greet BBQ has been suggested for late June. Organizing a Neighbourhood Watch program may be included and would be of interest to the community. Dianne suggested a blessing of the swimming bags and perhaps later the backpacks. Genevieve has suggested a living Nativity Scene.

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*Ministry & Personnel:*

A reminder of the Congregational Meeting Sunday March 24 at 9:15 before church to present and vote on the Call for Dianne Everitt. We have a great relationship between Fenwick and Bethany. We are asked for support for those youth who will be stepping in to fill in for Barb Blagdon or Frieda Glenney.

*Mission & Service:* Foodgrains Co-ordinator David Epp has arranged a meeting here at Bethany on April 10 at 2 P.M. The basement will need to be set up for 50. Coffee and snack will be provided.

*Trustee Report:* Wynward Insurance will no longer be providing insurance for Churches. We have spoken to Duliban's and they are presently researching some other companies to provide this insurance. May 15 is the last day for our present insurance. We will wait for Duliban's recommendations.

*Worship Committee:* 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, Easter Service at 9:30, Good Friday with communion at 7 p.m. Friday followed by Hot Cross Buns. On Good Friday at 10 a.m. there is a 4 choir musical service at Central UC Welland in which Fenwick takes part. We are invited to come. Grace UC will have a Good Friday Service at 11 a.m.

*Property Committee:* Waiting for Alvin Topp to get a quote. Shannon Langaraap will likely be applying the roof.

*Regional Report:* No report. Rev. Warner suggested that we will need to get Clusters organized as many churches will feel isolated.

New Business:

Computer may need to be replaced but it is hoped that it can be repaired and will work until we decide what we will do with Sound/projection system. Isaac will try to get it working.

**Bob Gray moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. C**

Next Meeting: Thursday May 30, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Dianne closed the meeting with prayer.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_  
Norine Souter

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Leduc