

Bethany Council Meeting - September 19, 2019

Clergy Present: Rev. Dianne Everitt

Council Members Present: Kathy Egger, Frieda Glenney, Robert & Mary Gray, Mary Leduc, Norine Souter, Glen Robins, Alison Topp, Brenda & Isaac VanRavenswaay, Alice VanRavenswaay.

Regrets: Karen Allen, John Warbick, Barbara Blagdon, Genevieve Blagdon, Jean Clark, Ken Egger, Gwen Passmore, Yola Rose, Betty Sawyers, Andrew Topp.

Norine Souter called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Rev. Dianne Everitt opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from William James.

Additions to the Agenda: Coordinating Meeting needs to be arraigned.

**Moved by Mary Gray seconded by Mary Leduc that the Minutes dated May 30 2019 be approved as written. C**

Alison provided copies of a financial report of the Summer Salad Supper (profit \$2013) and balances for the Foodgrains Bank - \$2080 and Mission & Service - \$8365 accounts. The balance in the PenFinancial account is \$12,088.70. The roof cost of \$18118 + HST has been paid. A full financial report will be sent out at a later date.

**Mary Gray moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Seconded by Isaac VanRavenswaay. C**

Minister's Report: Rev. Dianne officiated at her first wedding on September 14<sup>th</sup> for Jocelyn Topp and Matthew Kennes at the Topp Farm.

VBS was a success. Rev. Dianne felt that her goals of having fun while giving a feeling of joy and peace in a church setting as well as getting to know the children were accomplished. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped. She asked that we find a place to hang the banners and display their art creation.

Rev. Dianne's Covenanting Service will be Sunday October 20 - 2 pm at Bethany. The Fenwick choir led by Bill Outred will sing and lunch will follow the service. There will not be a morning service.

**Moved by Isaac VanRavenswaay and seconded by Alison Topp that Bethany host the Covenanting Service on Oct 20 at 2 p.m. C**

Committee Reports

*Christian Education:* There has been a suggestion that the youth do other activities eg. have a Community Family Night once a month. They could play games like Bible Trivia.

*Congregational Care:* Report provided by Jean Clark and read by Alice VanRavenswaay. Cards were sent to Elenor Black on her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Lyle & Barb Shirton on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Two Thinking of You cards to Earle Wettlauger. Jean wrote him a note of thanks for the many things he has done for Bethany. Sympathy Cards were sent to Melodie Wettlaufer and family on the death of her husband Earle and to Tim & Mary Leduc on the death of Mary's Mother.

*Coordinating Committee: Meeting to be scheduled in September.*

*Fundraising & Events Committee:* The final profit for the Summer Salad Supper was \$2,013. There was a discussion about having a live Nativity Scene along with lighting the memorial tree lights at the end of Nov or beginning of Dec. Alison Topp will look for volunteers to take part in a live Nativity Scene.

*Ministry & Personnel:*

Frieda has resigned from being our full time organist but has agreed to play one Sunday a month and as needed on special occasions i.e. funerals. Marie Everitt will periodically play the organ. Thank you to Barb Blagdon who will continue to play the piano.

*Mission & Service:* Donations to date are \$8365.

*Property Committee:* Roof is replaced. The leak of water from the hall toilet is being fixed by Tim Leduc. Property Committee will investigate options for buffering the noise in the Hall. Isaac and Rev. Dianne will decide where to hang the VBS Banners. The Rental Agreement will be revised by Kathy and Isaac.

*Regional Report:* The Regional Meeting is scheduled for Nov 9<sup>th</sup> in Fonthill.

*Trustee Report:* No Report

*Worship Committee:* The Blue Christmas Service will be delayed for a year if we have the Live Nativity Scene. Christmas Eve Service will be at Fenwick this year. World Wide Communion will be October 6<sup>th</sup>, Communion Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 26 is Ash Wednesday.

New Business: There is a Kitchen Table Climate Conversation scheduled for Oct 19 1-4 at Bethany. Colleen Lynch will be the facilitator. Hosted by Mary Gray. Let Mary know if you are attending. Federal Election will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Hall. A discussion followed about the church cleaning. It is felt that the cleaning cannot be done adequately in the time allotted. It was suggested that the Hall floor needs cleaning with a machine perhaps four times yearly. This is being looked into. Mary Gray will speak to the cleaners and ask if they could do more time (weekly rather than twice a month) and for a more thorough job. The Public Health yearly inspection of the Kitchen will be on Monday, September 23. We need one member with the food services course. Kathy Egger and Alice VanRavenswaay have theirs.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**Bob Gray moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m. C**

Dianne closed the meeting with prayer.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Norine Souter

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Leduc