

Bethany Council Meeting - May 30, 2019

Clergy Present: Rev. Dianne Everitt

Council Members Present: Karen Allen, Kathy Egger, Frieda Glenney, Robert & Mary Gray, Mary Leduc, Betty Sawyers, Norine Souter, Glen Robins, Andrew Topp, Isaac VanRavenswaay, Alice VanRavenswaay.

Regrets: Barbara Blagdon, Genevieve Blagdon, Jean Clark, Ken Egger, Gwen Passmore, Yola Rose, Alison Topp, Brenda VanRavenswaay, John Warbick.

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

Dianne opened the meeting with the scripture Acts 16:25. Paul & Silas were in jail and following an earthquake, the jailor feared that the prisoners had escaped and was going to take his own life. Paul said "do not harm yourself for we are all here". These were very calming words for that time but also for us in our time and place here at Bethany.

Additions to the Agenda: Update on landscaping and a parking spot for the minister.

Moved by Isaac VanRavenswaay, seconded by Alice VanRavenswaay that the Minutes dated March 21, 2019 be approved as written. Carried

It was requested that the minutes be posted. They are also posted on our web page and sent to council members by email as well as hard copies made for members without email. Extra copies are on the table at the back of the church.

Alison provided copies of the Treasurer's Report dated March 22 - May 20, 2019. Expenses to date were \$33,394.26.

Isaac moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Seconded by Robert Gray. Carried

Minister's Report: Rev. Dianne reported that after her long years of study and internship and following her ordination on May 25, she will now be referred to as *Reverend* Dianne Everitt. She is happy to have this journey behind her. Betty will inform the Haldimand Press that Dianne is now Reverend Dianne Everitt. Rev. Dianne thanked Karen Allen for the excellent work she did on the Stole presented to her on behalf of Bethany United Church. VBS is not being offered by the Region even though the funds for it were "protected" for this purpose. Dianne will ask some questions regarding this at the Extension Council meeting. There is no team to provide VBS this year but some individual churches will provide their own VBS.

Committee Reports

Christian Education: No report.

Congregational Care: Jean sent a report saying that she has visited Wade Blagdon and Eleanor Black. Eleanor really enjoying the lilacs this year.

Thanks to Jean for her visits at the local hospital. The congregation appreciates your faithfulness.

Fundraising & Events Committee: Karen stated that the Perch and Pie Dinner was a success with higher numbers of take-outs and people attending. Our profit was \$2628.00. There was a discussion on the lottery for the baskets. Since United Church Policy is against gambling and this includes lotteries, it was decided that we would adhere to U.C. policy in the future. There was a suggestion that we could have a Silent Auction instead. Brenda/John Sawyers would like an increase in their amount from Youth tickets. We could raise our price, leave it at \$10 and take less ourselves, or change the age to 6-10 years instead of 6-12.

There was a suggestion that we could buy the fish and John & Brenda would prepare it.

-June 17 - 6 pm is the Community Neighbourhood Watch Program sponsored by Bethany. Constable LeClair from the OPP will do a presentation at 7 pm. There will be a lunch - likely strawberries. There was some discussion about the Neighbourhood Watch signs. Some flyers are out and more will be distributed.

-Salad Supper is August 21. *Save the date.*

Ministry & Personnel:

-At present there is \$1500 in the music budget. Hiring an organist will mean an increase in this amount. Andrew brought prices for advertising and several different write up ideas for the ads. He and Bob have made inquiries about organist's salaries. This amount will depend on music education and if there is a choir, etc. They will contact Brian Ricker's daughter who might be a candidate for the job.

Moved by Isaac, seconded by Kathy Egger that Ministry & Personnel proceed with looking for an organist. Carried

The committee can proceed with whatever advertising is necessary.

-Frieda reported a problem with the organ overheating and has contacted someone to fix it.

-Frieda stated that she is still willing to fill in on the organ if needed. Thank you Frieda for your musical leadership, we appreciate it.

Mission & Service: There are donations of \$4550 to date. We are on track to meet our \$11,500 goal.

Trustee Report: The paper work is signed to enable the transfer of \$20,000 from the increase in value in the Original Trustee Investment Fund (not the Manse Investment Fund).

Worship Committee: Rev. Brian Howell will be providing music at the June 2 service. It will be followed by a Pot Luck. Pointless Sisters coming in July. Father's Day is June 16th. Communion June 23rd. The Worship Committee minutes will be posted on the bulletin board.

Property Committee: Roof is scheduled to be replaced in the second half of June. The leak of water from the toilet is being fixed.

Regional Report: No report.

Coordinating Committee: Meeting to be scheduled in September.

New Business: Mulch has been added to the front flower beds.

-Karen Allen plans to work on the garden on the south side of the church. Some discussion followed as to how it would be best to design the markers for the memorial garden.

-Rev. Dianne will consider where she would like us to mark a parking space for her.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Bob Gray moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Carried.

Dianne Everitt closed the meeting with prayer.

Chairperson _____

Norine Souter

Secretary _____

Mary Leduc