

Bethany Council Meeting  
November 7, 2019

Clergy Present: Rev. Dianne Everitt

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

Regrets: Karen Allen, John Warbick, Barb & Genevieve Blagdon, Jean Clark, Ken Egger, Gwen Passmore, Glen Robins, Yola Rose, Betty Sawyers, Andrew & Alison Topp.

Norine Souter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Dianne opened the meeting with a few words about Remembrance Day and an Iroquois prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: 1 - Rev. Dianne's salary increase. 2. Vacuum Repair.

**Moved by Mary Gray and seconded by Alice VanRavenswaay that the minutes dated September 19, 2019 be approved as read. C**

Alison is sending in the paper work to The Foodgrains Bank by the end of November. We received a payment from Crop Insurance.

Alison provided members with a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated January 1, 2019 to November 7, 2019. It was noted that our expenses were greater than our income and that due to some members' deaths our monthly income has decreased. We have paid \$16,034 for a roof and received \$20,000 from our Trustee Investments.

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

Minister's Report: Rev. Dianne reported that she has been very busy. She asked for prayers as she conducts a very difficult funeral service Friday. Remembrance Day Service is this Sunday. A combined Blue Christmas Service will be held at Grace United Dunnville in December. There has been a request by the Andrew and Christy Topp Family for baptisms. It was decided that it would be appropriate to do these on the White Gift Sunday Nov 24.

**Moved by Isaac VanRavenswaay that Bethany hold a Baptism for the Topp Family on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Robert Gray. C**

*Correspondence:* We received a flyer from Front Row Insurance Brokers Inc. They provide Event Insurance for Churches. Renters can get a quote and pay on line for their events. Bethany's insurance covers only church sponsored events.

Committee Reports

*Christian Education:* Brenda is asking teenagers who are interested in performing on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> for The White Gift Service to volunteer. Gifts will be collected for the Salvation Army. There will be no lunch after this service.

Dianne suggested that the Feather Mural and other colourful items made by Bible and Sunday School Students be placed at the entrance to show that the children are an important part of our church family.

*Coordinating Committee:*

-January 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 there is a service for Rev. Garry van Bruchem's retirement at Fonthill. Fenwick will close and Bethany will have a lunch after church as Rev. Dianne will be able to stay following the service.

-We will join Fenwick for the Cantata and a Pot Luck Lunch on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

-Rev. Dianne will have 3 weeks holiday in August 2020.

The committee feels that meeting once a year in September is now sufficient.

*Congregational Care:* Jean did not send a report. Ellenor Black has been moved to Grandview.

*Fundraising & Events Committee:* No Report.

*Ministry & Personnel:* 2020 salary changes were discussed.

**Changes were Moved by Robert Gray and Seconded by Brenda VanRavenswaay. C**

*Mission & Service:* To date we have raised \$9700. Our goal is \$11,500.

*Trustee Report:* No Report

*Property Committee:* Isaac got a price for sound proofing the hall. Estimate was \$13,000 to \$16,000. Installation included. He will check for other prices. Snow Plowing hopefully will continue with Eggers. Dishwasher is now working thanks to Benny VanRavenswaay and the organ tuner. We discussed the Vacuum which is not working.

**Moved by Mary Gray that Isaac check into repair for vacuum and if it can't be fixed that Isaac get a new one with an upper limit of between \$500 and \$800. Seconded by Alice VanRavenswaay. C**

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*Regional Report:* There is an all-day meeting at Fonthill this Saturday.

*Worship Committee:*

Nov. 17 - Communion

Dec. 1 - Advent.

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - There is no service at Bethany. Pot Luck at Fenwick.

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve service at Fenwick

February 16<sup>th</sup> - Bethany Annual Meeting.

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Fenwick Annual Meeting.

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday evening service at 7 p.m.

April 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunrise Service 7 a.m.

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Anniversary Service.

New Business: We will plan the Live Nativity Scene next year.

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

Next Meeting: Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7 p.m.

Rev. Dianne closed the meeting with prayer.

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

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