

Hope Council Minutes – December 18, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer at 9:10 am

Attendees: Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen, Gerry Jacob, Linda Harvey, Audrey Strauss, Peter Clark, Shirley Forwell, Cynthia Cantelon, Curt Satre, Pastor Terry

Regrets: Pat Hyslop

Agenda

m/s/c that we adopt the agenda

Minutes

m/s/c that we adopt the minutes of the November meeting

Pastor's report – written and included two months information

m/s/c hat we receive Pastor's Report

Executive Report – written

m/s/c that we receive the Executive Report

Correspondence – nothing for this month

Old Business

Reopening of the church for in-person worship

- Concern expressed about opening up too soon with the new COVID Omnicron variant
- While people are eager to connect personally, there are several interactive opportunities in addition to the zoom service such as the Thursday hymn sing, men's breakfast, Tuesday afternoon bible study, phone tree, Wednesday pastor's letter

m/s/c That in recognition of the Omnicron variant and consistent with our ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our members, we will postpone resumption of in-person worship.

Ventilation in Sanctuary

Further to a reopening, we will review the opportunities for improved ventilation in the sanctuary. Gerry Owen will discuss with the health officer the comparative urgency of surface cleaning along with improved air flow and possible filtration.

Hybrid update

New camera available with zoom capability rather than reliance on iPhones. A new sound mixer should allow either in-person or zoom attendees to participate actively in readings or prayers during the service.

m/s/c that the hybrid project be allocated a budget of \$6,000 for technology.

Committee Reports

Continual Learning – no report

Worship – have been focussed on re-opening with preparing for ushers, readers etc.

Property – need new clasp on front door

Fellowship – no report but continuing with phone tree etc.

Finance/Stewardship – written report

Witness Mission – written

m/s/c that we accept the committee reports

Treasurer's Report – to be updated with amendment

m/s/c that we accept the updated Treasurer's report

Annual General Meeting preparation

Curt to follow up to see if we have a delegate for the national convention.

m/s/c that we adjourn.

Next meeting January 15, 2022