

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council meeting minutes – August 21, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer at 9:10 am.

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

Pastor Terry was on vacation in Ontario

Agenda

m/s/c That the agenda be adopted

Minutes

m/s/c That the Minutes of the June 19, 2021 meeting be adopted.

Pastor's Report - Attached

m/s/c That we receive the Pastor's report

Executive Report - Attached

Correspondence - None

Old Business

Reopening

Given the indications of a fourth wave, there were concerns raised about our scheduled Sept 5 reopening. There was also discussion regarding user groups, both rental groups like AA and membership groups like the men's breakfast.

m/s/c That we defer in-person worship until such time as the council has comfort that we can open safely.

It is important that the message be sent out from either the pastor and/or the chair quickly and broadly. In addition to the normal email distribution, it will be announced during the zoom services August 22 and 29.

Concern was raised for possible attendees who do not have regular access to a computer. Audrey and Shirley will work together to try to determine who should get a direct call. Gerry Owen will make separate announcements regarding the status of finances and the delayed re-opening.

In order to support the Council in the decision on when to re-open, Pat will lead a COVID status task force to monitor the development of the pandemic and assess available data in the context of provincial guidelines. Names suggested as members or resource persons include Gerry Owen, Judy Hyslop, Sue Grant, Dr. David Paton, Erika Blakeman, Kaylee Bakker. Peter Clark

will represent the Worship Committee on the task force. Given the immediacy of the concern, we look forward to prompt feedback.

User Groups

While it may seem contradictory that we are postponing in-person worship while considering granting access for user groups, the concern is that while we have a very viable alternative for worship using zoom, community groups like AA have fewer options.

m/s/c That, subject to appropriate protocols and provincial guidelines as assessed by the COVID status task force, we allow both internal and external user groups access to the building for their respective functions.

Criminal Records Checks (CRC)

Some discussion about who needs to have the CRC. Jan and Cynthia will have a discussion with the insurance representative to determine those individuals who may be in contact with Vulnerable Persons. As per previous meeting, they will also develop (or maintain) a method to monitor the status of those requiring current CRC's.

Insurance Review

Pat provided a written report commenting on the recommendations from the insurer that were provided to Council on August 20. While there is no immediate concerns, there were some questions for follow up.

Memorial Garden - No report

Community Garden

Gerry Jacob passed on Council's comments to Dale Perkins who initiated the idea but has not heard back from Dale.

Committee Reports

Continual Learning - Attached

Worship - Attached

Property - Comments included in Treasurer's report

Fellowship - Attached

Finance - No report

Witness and Mission - No report

m/s/c that the committee reports be accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Written report attached.

Verbal notes that additional funds will be required for hybrid services. The intent is to enable remote participants to be as actively engaged as possible. This would include the possibility of having them read lessons or prayers. Present indication would be about \$4,000 for laptop, monitor, etc.

m/s/c That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

New Business

Governance

Gerry Owen looking after remittances

Financial Secretary

Joan Nolting has expressed a desire to have some backup and ultimately a possible replacement for her in the role of Financial Secretary. We have been particularly blessed with her reliable and efficient service. Gerry Owen will approach Kim Iles as a possible candidate.

Next meetings

Executive Sept 17 at 10:15

Council Sept 18 at 9:00