

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING HARROWSMITH/VERONA PASTORALCHANGE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Present: Andy Adamson, Jane Adamson, Jean Clair, Don Coleman, Rev. Patsy Henry, Alice Kennedy, Norm Kennedy, Doug MacIntyre, Rev. Ian Mackay, Ann McDougall, John McDougall, Mary Ann McNutt, Bea Moffitt, Darlene Nicol, Diane Revill, Gayle Roberson, Margaret Smith, Joan Steele, Carl Turner, Glenda Turner

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Glenda Turner.
2. The devotion was a story read by Diane Revill.
3. Adoption of the Agenda: Gayle Robertson / Ann McDougall Carried
4. Approval of the Minutes of April 18, 2016: Carl Turner /Don Coleman Carried

5. **REPORTS**

(a) **Rev. Patsy Henry** reported that since our last Official Board Meeting she has presided at 3 funerals, 4 weddings and next Sunday will celebrated 5 baptisms. She thanked the Property Committee for the new office space and indicated that the new office administrator, Natalie Wotherspoon was settling in well. She has mapped out future services with the new organist, Stan Stinchcombe. She has had a goal-sharing meeting with the M & P Committee.

(b) Jane Adamson indicated that there was no **Presbytery Report** as their meeting is tomorrow Sept..20.

(c) Andy Adamson reported on this very busy time for the **Ministry and Personnel Committee**. Interviews were held for the Administrative Assistant position and the successful candidate was Natalie Wotherspoon.

Moved: that the Official Board ratify the administrative assistant position contract with Natalie Wotherspoon. Andy Adamson / Margaret Smith Carried

Regrettably, the M & P accepted the resignation of our music director, Annabelle Twiddly. Advertisements were posted and interviews held. The successful candidate was Stanley Stinchcombe.

Moved: that the Official Board ratify the organist / music director position contract with Stanley Stinchcombe. Andy Adamson / Gayle Robertson Carried

Each employee has been given an M&P Committee member as a liaison: Rev. Patsy Henry (Gayle Robertson and Ralph McInnes); Stan Stinchcombe (John McDougall); Natalie Wotherspoon (Marni Pedersen, Mary Ann McNutt); Doug and Joyce Casement (Andy Adamson)

United Church Contracts run from July 1 to June 30. The Minister's Study leaves are Nov. 6 (Sheila Anthony), Nov, 13 (Ian Mackay) and Feb. 19 (TBA). Her Vacations are July 17 (Sheila Anthony), Oct. 23 (Ian Mackay), Nov. 20 (Ian Mackay), May 7 (TBA) and May 14 (TBA).

The M&P Committee met with Rev. Patsy to discuss her aims and objectives for the coming year. Her immediate priorities are a coffee time once a week, particularly for new members on Wednesdays from 10.00 to 11.00 and a special Advent program for community children.

*(d) The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Don Coleman. After many clarifications, the report was accepted. Don Coleman / Jean Clair Carried*

*(e) The **Amalgamation Report**, as presented by Carl Turner was extensive. The Board praised the fine work of this Committee over this challenging period.*

St. Paul's United Church was sold for \$ 270 000.00, showing a balance of \$ 251.747.67 after expenses. Of this \$ 125 000.00 must be invested and we may withdraw up to \$ 20 000.00 each year. The disposition of the remaining \$ 125 000.00 will be left up to the Congregation to decide. No monies are sent to Presbytery.

After it was decided what should be moved to Trinity, Gordon's Auction handled the sale of the St., Paul's contents. The \$ 5000.00 from that sale still stays with St. Paul's for the present.

At Rev. Ian Mackay's recommendation, the Trinity Communion Table, which has a rich community history, will be placed under the cross at the back of the sanctuary as our 'Community Table'.

The Amalgamation Committee still needs to lead a process for the congregation to decide a mode of governance for our future and a decision on the new name for our amalgamated church.

(f) The Joint Worship Committee will be dissolved and any need for the replacement for the music director and minister will be managed by the Session.

Motion: that the Joint Worship Committee be dissolved. John McDougall / Diane Revill Carried

*(g) Carl Turner reported that the **Property Committee** moved the Charge Office to Trinity at a cost of \$ 300.00. The Store Room need organization and the Chancel flower have been moved to the narthex. More keys have been ordered and need to be tracked for security reasons. The 'table donations' plaques are placed in a frame in the Fellowship Hall.*

*(h) The **Session Report** presented by Diane Revill reported that the Sunday school returned on Sept. 18 and baptisms will occur on Sept.25. Oct.2 will be communion. October 16 will be a re-dedication of the St. Paul's artifacts that we will now celebrate and enjoy in the sanctuary. The Christmas Eve Family Service will be at 5.30, with a Communion Service at 9.00.*

(i) Ann McDougall reported that the **Stewards** will take over the Casement's Craft Sale on Nov. 5. Linda Bates will prepare the luncheon. Christmas Hampers will be managed by Linda Brown, Ann McDougall and Glenda Turner. Linda Brown is managing the Pie Sale on Sept. 30. A suggested congregation retreat will be postponed until next year. The Fellowship Hall floor will be cleaned and buffed and some trim painting is necessary.

(j) Darlene Nicol announced that three **UCW** members went to Camp Quin-mo-lac this year. The Four Rivers Fall Rally will be in Brockville on Oct. 26. The Bay of Quinte Meeting will be in Wooler this year.

(k) The **Trustees**, under Carl Turner's leadership, had the brickwork repaired in the bell tower for \$ 6638.75. The new porch and steps into the Fellowship Hall cost \$ 3420.51.

(l) *New Business*

(a) The Session confirmed that they regularly review the Official Congregational Role.

(b) We confirmed the need for the Official Board and that it should meet quarterly. The 2017 budget will be presented at its Nov. 28 meeting at 7.00 pm.

(c) We discussed repairs for the church to consider, including accessibility as a priority.

(d) Any proposed action to discuss future amalgamation plans will wait to be discussed at the February Annual Congregational Meeting. Margaret Smith / John McDougall Carried

After a prayer, Jean Clair moved adjournment until our next meeting on Nov. 28, 2016.