

## Session Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020

**Welcome:** Marg Smith welcomed us to this meeting at 1:30 p.m. which was held remotely via Zoom because of the covid 19 virus which has kept us all in isolation. This was our second meeting using the Zoom technology.

**Members Present:** Sheila Anthony, Marg Smith, Catherine Oxenford-Grant, Glenda Turner, Linda Shane, Jane Mackay and Bea Moffitt

**Regrets:** Mary-Anne McNutt

**Reflections:** Led by Glenda who reminded us of Jack Leyton's last words which seemed very timely given our situation today. She also gave us some rather humorous thoughts on being thankful.

September's reflections will be led by Bea.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Sheila Anthony    Seconded by: Bea Moffitt

### **Approval of Minutes of May 05, 2020:**

Moved by: Jane Mackay                      Seconded by: Sheila Anthony

### **Business Arising from the minutes:**

1. Celebration of the ramp: The date has been postponed and this issue has been tabled until the fall meeting of Session.
2. Anniversary service: Has been cancelled for now due to Covid 19. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2020 - Final arrangements have been deferred to our next meeting in September.
3. Dedication of the pew cushions - again deferred until our fall meeting.

### **Minister's Report:**

- Sermons have been recorded and posted on the website each week.
- During this time of isolation, many phone calls have been made and cards sent out.
- Conducted the funeral service for Rev. Dr. Alan Bennett, a long-time personal friend.
- Has been in touch with family of Suzanne Clarke throughout her illness. Her death was noted with sadness.
- Two weddings which were scheduled for this summer have been postponed.

Conducted two other covid funerals for colleagues.

**Worship and Sacrament:** Nothing to report.

**Correspondence:** None

**Membership/Pastoral Care:** No report.

**Christian Education:** No Sunday School is being held at this time.

**Outreach:** No report

**New Business:**

1. **Re-opening of the church.** A discussion was held regarding this item and these comments were made.
  - Capacity of the sanctuary is 125 persons. 30% of this would allow 37.5 people to be present.
  - There would have to be a sign in list.
  - Some pews would have to be roped off.
  - Hymns could be photocopied so no hymn books would need to be used.
  - Just because we can open, should we??
  - Concerns about cleaning and disinfecting.
  - What does our health unit say? We should be following their guidelines. (It was noted that the health unit's guidelines were 32 pages in length.)
  - Suggested a small group be set up with the ministry team, two representatives each from session and stewards, as well as the church office manager and the custodian.

It was agreed that we should go ahead with this small group plan and that the two session representatives would be Sheila and Glenda. It was understood that Catherine and Ian also be on this committee.

2. For public information and in response to those making inquiries re the reopening of the church, we will let it be known that we have a committee working on this and that such information will be forthcoming asap.
3. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the folks in Parham and especially for the members of St. James Anglican Church who lost their beautiful historic building in a needless fire this week.
4. It was noted that Ian Mackay was ordained on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1970. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Time – tbd.

**Adjourned:** 2:15 p.m.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_