

**Grace United Church, Tavistock
Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 7 pm Zion Hall**

Welcome.

Devotions.

Agenda. Addition: request from the worship committee, additional correspondence. **Motion to approve the agenda and seconded. Carried.**

Approval of Previous meetings' minutes

Meeting minutes from February 15, 2022: **Motion to approve the board meeting minutes from Tuesday, February 15, 2022 and seconded, Motion carried.**

Email meeting minutes from February 21, 2022: **Motion to accept the February 21, 2022 and seconded. Motion Carried.**

Business Arising:

Policies and Procedures: Small group meet to review and recommend changes to Privacy Policy and the Accessibility Policy. Changes will be presented at a future meeting. Suggested to have one entrance to worship on Sunday morning to recognize the being labeled an accessible building. Using the side parking lot entrance instead of the front entrance would be inclusive to those who need to use accessibility. Board discussion was positive to be inclusive. Discussion about whether to lock the front doors – point was made should they be locked in case emergency services needed admittance to the front of the building. Try to unlock the door but put a sign up for the front door to encourage using the side door which is accessible and welcoming to all.

Fundraising for Camp Bimini Cabin Painting for Grace: Lent collection has started and been shared.

Financial Report. Discussed the South Easthope Cemetery Receipts, were late being issued and significant increase due to memorial donations.

Discussed donations down: will give a reminder on how to make donations. Will do a stewardship Sunday after Easter

Motion to accept the financial report and seconded. Carried.

New Business. **The survey from the Ministry and Personnel committee for the Church Board:** What is the role of the committee (Board) in the church? Look after the business of the church, keep things running smoothly. What are your expectations of the minister at your meetings? Facilitate communication throughout the church.

How can the minister best support your goals? Stable voice amongst the committees

Comments: specifics around expectations. To be well versed in the United Church of Canada Manual.

Available to assist with devotions, and closing with a prayer.

Posting minutes on the website: the United Church of Canada (UCC) manual states that minutes should be posted on the website if you have one. Suggested to not put full names. Complete names need to be included for proper record keeping. Will look into possibility of creating a code for access. Research blacking out names.

Easter Sunday Coffee time: Asking about hosting an Easter breakfast before service. Youth usually host a breakfast. Will have to check.

Worship committee: wondering if Board would be willing to do the church service May 22nd ? Board agreed to do it.

Correspondence.

Received email from IPC wondering about a photo directory. Put off till the fall.

Thank you letter and donation received.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Finished the online auction. \$1276 was raised. Fundscrip will run again.

Manse: a part on the circulator pump broke on the boiler. The tenant fixed it.

Ministry and Personnel: Have hired a new Choir Director. **Motion made and seconded by to extend thanks to the M & P committee for their work of hiring and recognizing our new organist. Motion Carried.**

Discussed that the organ is not working properly and is in need of some repair. Will put off to the fall and discuss getting a quote and fundraising. Also made a point about accessing the Grace Living Legacy fund to pay for it. Re evaluated taking some action now. Thought we should get a quote. **Motion that we look into getting a quote on repairing the organ and seconded. Motion Carried.**

Pastor: reported on the wider church: co – facilitated in Truth and Reconciliation, will be taking training session with M&P next week, led the WOW region meet and greet for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Christian Ed: 8 ladies on line and 7 ladies in person for Lent Study Group. Study Leave: next two weeks, Leadership and Resilience (Conrad Grebel), Ministry and Supervision (Vancouver School of Theology).

Property. Wondering about the lawn cutting? Plaque is ready for the sign. NW Roofing is coming to look at the roof.

Re-opening Committee-Province wide face masking will be removed March 21st. Discussed continuing wearing masks until Easter. The re-opening committee will re evaluate before Easter to see where COVID cases are at. **Motion that Grace would continue mask wearing for Sun. March 27, Apr. 3, April. 10 then at which point it will be re assessed and seconded. Motion Carried.** Passing the offering plate: suggested to leave the plate at the front and not pass the plate. Will continue.

Session: April 24th 2 new member welcomed, could be additional names added. Discussed M&P survey. Will create a Social Justice sub committee of Session.

Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) reported: highlighted offering a M&P basic course and a more in depth course. Journey through Lent – available on WOW website.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2022 7:00 pm

Closed with prayer

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary