

MOUNT FOREST UNITED CHURCH

LEADERSHIP TEAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

7:00 p.m. – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Present: Bob McFarlane, Laurie Aitken, Al Leach, Daphne Rappard, Norm Eygenraam, Gerry Wilkinson, Betty Seminowicz, Dianne Johnson, Rev. Sue Campbell, Patty Sinnamon, Rick Sinnamon

Regrets: Lene MacLean,

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Bob McFarlane opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. **OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL TIME**

Laurie Aitken provided a scripture reading and opening prayer.

3. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –**

i) Minutes of August 22, 2023

Motion:

Moved: Gerry Wilkinson

Seconded: Norm Eygenraam

That the minutes of the August 22, 2023 meeting be hereby approved.

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Bob mentioned that the retirement recognition for Annette went well.

5. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Financial Report: Al Leach briefly reviewed the financial report and things are sitting well at this time of year.

Motion:

Moved: Al Leach

Seconded: Betty Seminowicz

That the following reports be received for information:

- Finance
- Worship
- Pastoral Care
- Mission and Service
- WOW

Carried.

Laurie Aitken also advised that Trustees would be meeting shortly to review and consider investments that have matured.

6. **REPORTS FOR DIRECTION: None presently.**

7. **UPDATE ON HIRING MINISTER – none at this time**

8. **NEW BUSINESS OR MATTERS NEEDING DIRECTION**

- i) Annual Meeting – February 11, 2024 – this should be placed on the next agenda to review who is on the nominating committee.
- ii) Correspondence received from Donna McFarlane, co-chair of the Worship Committee, expressing frustration that a new minister has not yet been hired. The committee has looked after pulpit supply until the end of the year, but this has been a lot of work for the committee and members are feeling exhausted. This led to much discussion that the Search Committee and Leadership Team are also very frustrated with the process and lack of support from the United Church of Canada. The job description has not yet been approved or published to the site. It was suggested that Lene contact the chair of the Human Resources committee. Norm recommended that we insist that they let us know when it is approved and when it is released to the Hub. Rev. Sue also recommended that Lene could perhaps attend a next Human Resources meeting and be on the agenda. She should contact Micol Cottrell in this regard.

Bob will ask Donna to amend her correspondence and that it also be copied to Lene.

- iii) Speakers not working in the sanctuary
Al brought information forward that the choir is not hearing the service through the speakers. Bob will follow up with Derek and Shawn.
- iv) Office Manager Juliann received a request for the use of the sanctuary for a fundraiser from a Coburg, Ontario Elvis impersonator that does gospel. (Elvis Gospel Night). Tickets would be sold for \$25.00 each with the church receiving half of the proceeds. The Leadership Team will revisit this in the spring.
- v) Anniversary Sunday – Mount Forest - October 15. The Leadership Team is asked to help with set up and clean up.
- vi) Betty mentioned that she does not have a key to the church and had to borrow one. Committee chairs can attend at the church office and receive a key. Keys are not to be loaned out to others.

- Next meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. and November 21st, 2023.

9. **ADJOURNMENT - Al Leach moved for adjournment at 7:47 p.m.**