

Leadership Team Tuesday, March 19.

Bob McFarlane called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Those in attendance were: Bob McFarlane, Laurie Aitken, Dan McArthur, Betty Seminowicz, Al Leach, Neil Aitken, and Daphne Rappard. Those joining by zoom were: Reverend Sue Campbell from Elmira and Norm Eygenraam from Amherst, Nova Scotia.

Laurie Aitken led us in prayer to open the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting had been distributed via email on March 26. Gerry Wilkinson moved that we accept the minutes. 2nd Al Leach, carried.

Laurie reminded us that Reverend Campbell had sent suggestions for the Search Committee, as received in the agenda. Laurie asked Dan McArthur for any Search updates: They will have two interviews this Saturday morning with possible candidates. They have a list of suggestive questions from the United Church. Shawn MacLeod and Donna McFarlane have joined the Search Team to bolster numbers.

Gerry Wilkinson reported from the Worship Committee. Reverend Diane Eurhig will lead services Palm Sunday. Lene MacLean will lead services on Easter. Norm Eygenraam will lead Holy Humour Sunday. Some holes left to fill for April

Al Leach gave us a Financial update. He had only returned home so the report was not included in the email for agenda, but will be included in the minutes. We are on target for our budget, possibly below, as we will be without a minister for at least a while longer. Also the warm winter has resulted in less snow removal and furnace oil. The Finance Committee is still trying to update our assessment from WOW, however our giving to WOW will help churches that are less fortunate.

Norm Eygenraam reported on WOW. They have a meeting in May from which we will give us an in depth report. Betty Seminowicz asked that the minutes show that five of our Leadership Team were preparing to go to the WOW Cluster Meeting in Harriston last month. It was cancelled due to lack of interest from other churches.

Dan McArthur reported for the M & P. We are looking for an Office Administrator for about 10 hours/week.

In Rick Sinnamon's absence, Bob read his report regarding the possible painting of Fellowship Hall. UCW is to help select a colour. Update next meeting.

Al Leach moved that we accept all the committee reports. 2nd Laurie Aitken. Carried.

New Business:

Laurie gave a report regarding the Reaching Hands group that meets in Fellowship Hall every Thursday 7-9 pm. For this we receive a nominal amount of \$600. Their group is quite busy and have recently lost their facility in Arthur where they meet two mornings a week. They are asking if we could supply them accommodations Monday and Wednesdays from 11am to 12 noon?

Dan informed us that they are very self sufficient. They have their own key, make their own coffee, and do their own clean up. If a funeral interferes, the group will move upstairs. It seemed from our discussion that we felt this was a very important service to offer. Gerry Wilkinson moved that we allow the Reaching Hands to use the facility Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 am -12 noon and continue with the Thursday evenings for a total cost \$1200 per year.
Second Al Leach. carried.

Laurie reported about our useful but out of date data projector. Our worship services could benefit from a blue tooth adapter to a cell phone.
Al Leach moved that we buy this data adapter projector up to \$200, locally preferred.
2nd by Betty Seminowicz.....carried.
Reverend Sue suggested to make sure it has enough Lumens
Bob reminded us that the restoration project on hold had proposed up to three large monitors.

Bob McFarlane asked for any further important issues regarding the church.

Dan asked for prayer for the search committee interviews.
Gerry asked that the microwave and telephone in the church kitchen be repaired.
Laurie reminded us that our upcoming Leadership meetings are:
The third Tuesday each month, April 16, May 21, June 18.
Laurie asked that the emails go to all committee heads.
M&S asked for new members in the bulletin.
M&F asked to also be in the bulletin looking for new members.
Daphne asked why we didn't ask for new members at the AGM.
It was decided that was a lapse at the AGM.
Reverend Sue Campbell asked what our specific protocol was as to presenting a new minister.
First to the Leadership Team.
Second to the congregation.
Third to WOW.
On Sue's experience, we decided if a decision is to be made, we must call an immediate leadership meeting. We don't want to miss out on a candidate by being too slow.
Neil reminded us from last months meeting about the Tidbits of the Meeting to be shared during announcements of the next service. Bob and Laurie will present.

Al moved to adjourn. Carried.