

Roxboro United Church Council Meeting August 16, 2022 Via Zoom

Present: Beverly Baker, Diane Campbell, Francoise Coté, Ann Govan, Heather Herridge, Vivien Lapa, Monique Loiselle, Rev. Darryl Macdonald, Janet St-Pierre, Carol Paradis, Charles Paradis, Claudia Rourke-Frew, Lynda Scardocchio, Sandra Thomson.

Regrets: none

Call to order: by Janet St-Pierre at 7:18pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement, Opening Worship & Welcome:

Darryl Macdonald opened the meeting with a prayer and then addressed the council members with a rendition of the territorial acknowledgement.

Adoption of Agenda: Three topics are to be added (a) Collection for Fonds d'Aides de l'Ouest-de-l'Île, (b) Request by West Island Seventh-Day Adventist (WISDA) regarding the use of the kitchen and (b) Changing October Council meeting date. Diane Campbell moved to accept the modified Agenda, seconded by Francoise Coté, and motion passed.

Correspondence: There was an email wanting to donate furniture (used sofa) to the church. It was suggested that Michael Leclair from Pierrefonds Community Project (PCP) be contacted as the church does not wish to have it.

Adoption of Minutes: Beverly Baker moved to accept the minutes of June 22, 2022 seconded by Carol Paradis. Motion was unanimously passed.

Time with Darryl Macdonald:

- Missed attending Summerlea service of August 7th, 2022 due to getting COVID again. He was very pleased with the attendance of some core group of members attending the shared summer services held by the churches of the West Island and Rosemere.
- As written on Roxboro United's website, there will be three more services, August 21st, 2022 at Cedar Park, August 28th, 2022 at Merging Waters (Beaurepaire United & Union Church) and Cedar Park again September 4th, 2022.
- Service will resume at our church September 11th, 2022. The starting time will be now back to 10:30 am.
- There is to be a wedding on September 4th, 2022 at Roxboro United with the officiating minister of Lakeside Heights Baptist Church of Braebrooke Ave., Darryl Macdonald showed the minister where everything was located for his participation on that day.
- Helen Paton nee Bedford's funeral is to be held at the church, on Saturday September 17th at 3:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 3:00-3:30 p.m. Janet St-Pierre will send a reminder to WISDA that they need to leave before that time. Darryl Macdonald also reminisced about Charlotte Canning nee Stevens funeral service which was held on August 13th, 2022 at Rideau Funeral Home, Dollard des Ormeaux.
- For the baptism of Maverick Wayne McLean, son of Sarah Wilson and Eric McLean, the suggested date was September 25th, 2022. Sarah is the daughter Maria Wilson, a member of the church.

- Communion will be held at the church on October 2nd, 2022 in conjunction with World Wide Communion Day, held annually the first Sunday in the month of October.
- Both Beaconsfield United and Merging Waters are missing ministers. Darryl Macdonald spoke hopefully that our council members will branch out and hold talks with others in the West Island “Cluster” group; to discuss the Ministry in general and what can be done together. He felt it would be in the best interest to begin sharing ideas and help the ones not doing so well in our region.
- There is no news regarding the cell tower.

Business Arising:

Covid-updates: Janet St-Pierre said that, for the moment, the situation is somewhat stabilized. However the sense of community and fellowship is missing and perhaps it is time to start looking at activities for the fall, such as the Harvest Dinner in early October etc. People can sign up ahead of time, thus allowing a judgement as to whether the event will take place or not. Regular health procedures will continue at the services.

Kitchen Reno Grants: nothing to report

Videotron Lease: nothing to report

New Business:

(A) Nova:

- It has returned to its normal activities.
- Janet St-Pierre found that the current lease needed to be updated regarding the gym’s usage as not only for exercise but for also for lunches.
- At the moment renters may have two cancellation per year. However due to situations beyond their control, Janet St-Pierre suggested that in the case of Nova, being a non-profit organization, that the cancellation clause be waived for them. Beverley Baker so moved, Diane Campbell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed. Motion was carried.

(B) West Island Seventh-Day Adventist:

- Some of the members wish to cater vegan meals, using the church’s kitchen. However upon discussion, it was deemed that this would not be an option.

(C) Fonds d’Aides de l’Ouest-de-l’Île :

Both Diane Campbell and Claudia Rourke-Frew mentioned that this organization was in need of food contributions. It was agreed that the 3rd Sunday collection of food be resumed, with people bringing their bags when they arrive and then take a seat, vs going all at once to the front. Claudia Rourke-Frew was asked to contact the organization.

- Janet St-Pierre wished to change the date of the council meeting in October from its current date of October 18th to the 25th, 2022 and November council meeting would be the 22nd, 2022.

Committee Reports:

- Pastoral Care: as per Lynda Scardocchio, see report. It was noted that Marie Patton had open heart surgery. She also mentioned that some of the participants from our church, who attended the UCW 60th anniversary celebration in Sydney, Nova Scotia caught Covid but were fine now.

- Roxboro Revelations: Lynda Scardocchio: the deadline is to be September 19, 2022.
- Special Events: Janet St-Pierre – nothing particular to report. Perhaps **Guffmann 5** may give a concert and that Curb-side Cuisine may start up again. Darryl MacDonald mentioned that two Guffmann concerts are to be held in the fall: November 27th, 2022 at Stewart Hall, Pointe Claire and a week later on December 4th at St. Columba House downtown.
- United Church Women/UCW: Lynda Scardocchio asked whether refreshments may be now served after Sunday services. The answer was yes, with careful consideration with Covid rules still being applied. The auditorium would be once again used. Beverly Baker inquired whether the Fall Bazaar would take place. The date of November 12th was chosen by UCW executive. Janet St-Pierre cautioned that it could take place. However it was noted that the bazaar needed volunteers who would be able to man the tables, that its lay-out might be changed and that in general, due to the times and ages of the congregation, there might be a rethink of its concept. The UCW's general meeting, scheduled for September 19th, will be held in person at the church. Vivien Lapa also thanked Lynda Scardocchio for her term of office for the past 3 years.
- Community Action/ M&S: Claudia Rourke-Frew: Food was distributed to Fonds d'Aides de l'Ouest-de-l'Île and summer craft items etc. were distributed to PCP renting from the church and soon to St. Columba House. School supplies are also being given out from various sources in the area.
- Finance: Beverly Baker: see report. In reading out the report, she explained the two options of paying off the roof loan: the first to pay off the complete loan using money from the Legacy Fund or the 2nd one being that “to pay only the amount held in the roof account” then pay the last and final installment in December. After a very long discussion, with many suggestions presented, with a show of hands, the majority voted to use the Legacy Fund (Option 1). However at a later moment there was a motion to reconsider our vote and vote for the second option. Sandra Thomson so moved, Francoise Cote seconded and this motion was passed. It was agreed to wait until September for anything to actually take place.
- Membership: Carol Paradis: see report Card to Mary Patton.
- Regional Council: Diane Campbell: Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisa'lakw was installed as the 44th moderator of the United Church of Canada in early August 2022.
- Affirming Ministry: Sandra Thomson- no report
- Trustees: Darryl MacDonald: The group has not met yet.

Adoption of Reports: A motion to accept the above reports was moved by Monique Loiselle, seconded by Claudia Rourke-Frew. Motion was carried.

Motion to Adjourn & Closing Prayer: The motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Claudia Rourke-Frew, seconded by Carol Paradis. Motion carried. Darryl Macdonald closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2022

Respectively submitted

Vivien Lapa, Council Secretary