

**Roxboro United Church Council Meeting    October 17, 2023 via Zoom**

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

**Regrets:** Heather Herridge

Call to order: by Janet St-Pierre at 7:17 pm.

**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:** Charles Paradis moved to accept the presented Agenda, seconded by Claudia Rourke-Frew, motion was passed.

**Correspondence:** no report

**Adoption of Notes of September 19, 2023:**

Monique Loiselle pointed out that in the Council Meeting of September 19, 2023, that an error was made in that the wording was incorrect, i.e. **Adoption of Minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, should read **Adoption of Minutes for August 15, 2023**.

**Adoption of October 17, 2023, Council Minutes:** Sandra Thomson moved to accept the notes

of September 19<sup>th</sup> as well as the minutes of October 17, 2023, seconded by Francoise

Coté, with all in agreement, save for those (Diane Campbell,

Monique Loiselle and Cindy Snow/Sawers) who were not present at the

September Council meeting and therefore were not eligible to vote this time.

**Business Arising:**

1. Telephone repair: To be looked at.

2. Electrician for sanctuary: Electrician to be contacted again.
3. Piano Tuning: To be done this fall.
4. Building Fund: Letter will be sent out as well as an explanation about the situation in the coming newsletter.

### **New Business:**

(1) Request for Sanctuary rental: Janet St-Pierre: West Island Church of the Nazarene wish to rent the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons, for three to four hours, hosting 100 to 150 persons. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this request, with the consensus that this matter needs to be investigated. Both Sandra Thomson and Diane Campbell agreed to be part of that committee.

(2) Booking Wayne Johnson for Christmas: moved to “Time With Darryl”

Janet St-Pierre: there are many wasted spaces areas in the church that need to be examined. Vivien Lapa added that the room upstairs needs to be also reorganized as again there are many items that need to be sorted, kept and or/thrown away. She and Diane Campbell agreed to handle this concern.

### **Time With Darryl: (added to the Agenda)**

1. He shared a very interesting summation of his Scottish trip, with references to his ancestors and interests of Nova Scotia, during his sabbatical time. He was very moved and grateful for this occasion, i.e., to have this personal journey as well as experience the similarities of his upbringing in Cape Breton that that of a having his Scottish heritage.
2. He then spoke about the planning for Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve services. There would be two; a family one at 4:00 p.m., the other one at 10:00 p.m. For December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 it will be a combined service with the other West Island churches, with the location to be determined.
3. The following coming services and dates were discussed:
  - (a) Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in honour of All Saints, with Darryl back.
  - (b) Nov.19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 “Reign of Christ”, (last day of liturgical calendar) music provided by the Trailblazers.

- (c) Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agreed to be the Advent I.
4. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Guffman 5 will host a Christmas/Jazz concert at 3:00 p.m. at the church.
  5. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Candlelight Concert: with the possible participation of Wayne Johnson, if he is available and/or at the Christmas Eve service. 7:00 p.m. was the chosen time.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Pastoral Care: Lynda Scardocchio: see report.
- Roxboro Revelations: Lynda Scardocchio: The deadline was October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Special Events: Janet St-Pierre: no report, save for Guffman 5 concert with details to follow.
- UCW: Cindy Snow/Sawers: see report as well as:
  - (a) She corrected the age of Dot Bond, to be 93 vs 83 as written in the report.
  - (b) She also requested help with contributions to fill the Harvest Supper draw-baskets with “Family Time”, “Wine”, “Spa” and “Tea/Coffee-Food” themes.
  - (c) Chili Luncheon will be held on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - (d) Harvest Dinner: details for set up etc. were discussed.
  - (e) Darryl Macdonald was asked to say a few words at 11:00 am at Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> bazaar.
- \* Comm Action/M&S: Claudia Rourke-Frew: nothing much to report save for the fact that the food box is still at the back of the church and that the bread tags were picked up.
- Finance: Beverly Baker: no report given, though \$14,536.00 in the bank was mentioned.
- Membership: Carol Paradis: see report. Peter Chen has updated the church roster 2023. Diane Campbell will print out some copies for those who don't have Internet access.
- Regional Council: Diane Campbell: see report. Daniela Marks will be asked to send out information about our coming bazaar, for their website.
- Affirming Ministry: Sandra Thomson: no report. However, Darryl Macdonald said that there were monthly meetings via Zoom, to which he'll send the link to her.
- Trustees: Rev. Darryl Macdonald:
  - (a) Pierrefonds Community Project requested to use the hall Wednesday nights, and were given the O.K. as this space is not used often.

- (b) Parking lot question: the school opposite the church wants parking spaces until 9:00 p.m. A counter proposal was sent to resolve the issue.
- (c) Another freezer chest was bought and installed on the stage. The pianos that were there are being dismantled to allow more space for overall storage.
- (d) There are places where water leaks into the church, which are being looked at.
- (e) Vivien Lapa brought up the topic of the flagstones next to the kitchen entrance being uneven and dangerous to walk up. She asked that this be looked into in the spring.
- (f) Diane Campbell mentioned that in the same area, there are three brown garbage boxes that are an eyesore and need to be addressed, either by eliminating or getting new ones.
- (g) He reminded that Rev. Cynthia Reynolds from Wesley United will substitute for him on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- (h) Lastly he officially thanked the council for the past sabbatical month that he had, appreciating greatly that “sacred time”. In turn Claudia Rourke-Frew thanked Darryl Macdonald for being our caring minister.
- M & P: Francoise Coté/Heather Herridge: see report

**Adoption of Reports:** Motion to accept the committee reports was made by Beverly Baker, seconded by Carol Paradis. Motion was carried.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

**Next Meeting: November 21st, 2023**

Respectively submitted - Vivien Lapa