

Roxboro United Church Council Meeting September 17, 2024 via Zoom

Present: Beverly Baker, Diane Campbell, Heather Herridge, Janet Herridge, Vivien Lapa, Rev. Darryl Macdonald, Carol Paradis, Cindy Snow/Sawers, Lori-Ann Snow, Claudia Rourke-Frew, Janet St-Pierre, Lynda Scardocchio,

Regrets: Françoise Côté, Sandra Thomson.

Call to order: by Janet St-Pierre at 7:15 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: Heather Herridge moved that the agenda be accepted, seconded by Beverly Baker. Motion was carried.

Correspondence: no report.

Adoption of Minutes:

Janet Herridge moved that the Council Minutes of August 20th, 2024 be accepted, Diane Campbell seconding. Motion was carried.

Time with Darryl:

1. Sandra Thomson requested that in order to be able to better prepare for the musical selection, the selections be chosen a month ahead. She has been provided with all of the info from 'Gathering' an online worship resource, with the suggestions of various appropriate hymns.
2. Wayne Johnson will be playing October 6th, 2024.
3. The Thanksgiving letter, the newsletter insert is being written and the minister's comments for the coming directory will be forthcoming.
4. Regarding publicity for the two coming events of Harvest Dinner and the Fall 2024 Bazaar, slides and such will be prepared for Daniela Marks, who is in charge of publicity.
5. Pride Event: He not only attended this event but was one of the four (4) guest speakers. It was held at Edgewater Park and is planned to be repeated next year. He encouraged that there be more visibility and acceptance in the community, either by having a drop-in center, possibly at Fairview Mall or dinners etc. Various dignitaries attended as well.

Business Arising/Trustees:

(A) Electrician for Sanctuary: Waiting for parts.

(B) Sound System: no report at this moment. There is no estimate yet.

(C) Furnace Repair Update: Also waiting for parts to come, ditto for the roof.

(D) Grant Application: this topic is on hold regarding the furnace issue.

(E) Request From Kirkland Concert Band: Overall they are pleased.

(F) Update on Membership List: Of the many (25) letters, two (2) wished to remain, and two (2) wish to be removed from the list. There are still many "active" members

who've not been seen, nor been active in the church's activities. There was also a discussion as to how to deal with their non-participation. Those who did not respond to the letter will be removed from our active list. Also the coming Directory was mentioned as a source of contact for future consideration.

New Business:

Dates for Regional Council Building & Strengthening Relationships: Two persons were mentioned, i.e. Lisa Byer de Wever and Rick Sheffer volunteering to represent Regional Council, will visit various churches, to discuss and share information. September 29th, 2024 was chosen as their invitation date.

Date for Christmas Concert Kirkland Concert Band: Various dates were tossed about, mentioning also the need for booking the pianist Wayne Johnson, with the agreement for now for the first Sundays of each month, continuing till July, including January 5th, 2025. As for the concert by the Kirkland Band, December 7th was a possibility.

Darryl Macdonald confirmed that for the Thanksgiving Service, which will be held on Sunday October 13, 2024, communion will be given.

Online Vote Regarding Heating Pump Repairs: Moved by Heather Herridge to approve the repair of the furnace at a cost of \$7542.36, with a contribution of \$5000 from the United Church Women and the balance of \$2542.36 from General Funds. Seconded by Bev Baker. It was passed, nine in favour, one abstention.

Committee Reports:

Regional Council: Diane Campbell: no report, see discussion above

Affirming Ministry: no report.

Trustees: A new quote for the repair of the urinals is being sought. NOVA is not renewing their lease. Elections Canada is asking to rent the church for pre-election and the actual day.

M & P: Heather Herridge: Misty MacLaren has joined this committee. The Performance Reports are being collected and tabulated. Their next meeting will be Monday October 7th, 2024. The night watchman will be Doug Patton for a memorial service sometime in November. An outline of job descriptions is being written for future positions, such as a part-time administrator etc.

Pastoral Care: Lynda Scardocchio: see report.

Membership: Carol Paradis: see report. A few birthdays will be celebrated in the near future.

Roxboro Revelations: Lynda Scardocchio: The deadline is September 29th, 2024.

Special Events: Janet St-Pierre: nothing to report. Only the Kirkland Concert Band discussed.

UCW: Cindy Snow/Sawers: see report. UCW general meeting will be held after service on Sunday September 22nd, 2024.

Community Action: Claudia Rourke-Frew: School supplies are always needed etc.

Finance: Beverly Baker: see report

Membership: Carol Paradis: A Thinking of You will be sent to Wayne Black, wife Sherrill.

Adoption of Reports: Motion to accept the committee reports as presented was made by Carol Paradis, seconded by Diane Campbell. Motion was passed.

Motion to Adjourn & Closing Prayer: The motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by

Claudia Rourke-Frew, seconded by Beverly Baker. Motion was passed.

Darryl Macdonald closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 15th, 2024.

Respectively submitted – Vivien Lapa

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