

Brechin United Church Council
CHECK-IN MINUTES
Thursday, April 2, 2020

Via Zoom

ATTENDANCE: Kathy Torhjelm, Christine Robertson, Linda Braid, Val Neilson, David Moddle, Tif McNaughton, Barb O'Neill, Lynn Burrows, Tom Gray, Anne Manikel, Randy Manikel, Diane Thomas.

Regrets: Darlene Darby.

WELCOME by Kathy Torhjelm, Council Chair, who called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

READING – Anne Manikel read excerpts from “Going Home” and verse 3 of the hymn #20 in Voices United “Oh Jordan’s Bank”.

Rev. Tif McNaughton – She has made hearts and a paper chain with which she will decorate the fence at Brechin House.

Randy Manikel, David Moddle – Randy expressed his thanks to David for working to take over the financial responsibilities. Brechin is in really great shape financially as most people are on PAR. E-transfers have been set up for on-line donations. A stewardship letter will be sent out with the details. A computer technician has Cindy’s computer to ensure all programmes are up to date and that it is in top operating order. It will be back today, April 2. The federal government is providing interest free loans up to \$40,000 to business and non-profit groups.

MOTION: The Trustees authorize the Treasurer to negotiate an interest free loan of up to \$40,000 payable by December 31, 2022. The repayment amount would be 75% of the loan amount. **M/S:** Randy Manikel / Diane Thomas.

Carried.

Val Neilson – She participated in the Region conference call. Approx. 138 people took part. The General meeting will be held electronically in the fall as the May meeting has been cancelled. The current President, Jay Olsen will transition to Past President as scheduled and President Elect, Rev. Blair Odney will take over the Presidency at a Regional Executive Meeting in May/June.

Barb O'Neill – The congregational list has been divided into groups Team members and others are calling everyone on their lists to see how people are managing.

Val Neilson – Re Development: Construction is continuing following the construction guidelines provided by the provincial government. The Vancouver team is still working, some of them from home. No site inspections are happening. JBR Construction is forwarding photos and videos to the team for their review. We need to expect delays and setbacks.

David Moddle was excused from the meeting at this time.

Linda Braid – Linda has been in regular contact with Rev. Gail Miller, Regional minister. We discussed what Brechin is doing regarding worship services and what the music team would be responsible for. Brechin will pay retainer invoices as presented.

CLOSING PRAYER – Tif closed with a prayer.

Next Council meeting: April 16, 2020 via Zoom.

Devotional: Val Neilson.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am on the motion of Diane Thomas.

Kathy Torhjelm, Chair

Christine Robertson, Secretary