First United Church – Hanna, Alberta

Council Meeting, Church Lounge

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Winona Gutsche

Rev. Jan Richardson, Stettler United Church

Secretary – Lynette Barker

Laura Creasy Ray Hickle

Linda Quaschnick Jean Lypka

Liz Gourlay Tyler Creasy

CALL TO ORDER Chair Winona Gutsche called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. WELCOME & OPENING WORSHIP

Chair Winona Gutsche welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Rev. Richardson to open the meeting.

Rev. Richardson read from Matthew 9:35-38 and Matthew 10:7,8.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion No.** **31**  Moved by Laura Creasy that the Agenda for May 16, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Motion seconded by Jean Lypka. **Carried.**

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**Motion No.** **32** Moved by Laura Creasy that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held April 11, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Motion seconded by Linda Quaschnick. **Carried.**

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Winona advised that she has not yet been in contact with Pete & the Re-Petes regarding a concert to raise funds for mission work.

1. CORRESPONDENCE

Winona Gutsche presented the following correspondence:

5.1 Thank you card from Leila Currie – greetings and expressing thanks for the gifts from the church.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Finance Committee – Written Reports

Linda Quaschnick reviewed the Balance Sheet dated April 30, 2018 as well as the Budget & Income Comparison Report for April 2018. She noted that most of the actual expenses to date were less than the same period last year.

Laura Creasy attended the JNAC meeting – mileage rates were discussed. We pay $.41/km, but the standard for the United Church is$.39/km. Council consensus is to stay at $.41/km, especially now with the high price of gas.

Laura received an email regarding the Energy audit that was completed. It is a 38 page report that Laura will be reviewing and then forwarding to the Property Committee.

Laura advised that there should be enough funds in the account to cover expenses for the summer months, as the Thrift store made their quarterly contribution at the beginning of April and the Mohl Investment funds will arrive in May.

* 1. Board of Trustees – No report
  2. Worship, Mission & Service – Verbal Report

Jean Lypka advised the following:

* Jean Lypka reported that the committee did not meet in April, but met on May 2nd to plan Music Sunday on May 6th.
* The committee is scheduled for services at the Nursing home. Jennifer Laux is unable to attend 3 of the 4 services. Reverend John from Bethel Evangelical has offered to cover.
* Pulpit supply is scheduled to the end of August, with options available for September. Reverend Sellars is scheduled for October - December. Jennifer Laux has arranged music coverage while she is away.
* Jean Lypka also reported that both her and Jennifer have heard comments in the community that the United Church is closing. They are planning to put something on the church sign to indicate otherwise. The Board will also say that the church is closed for July and August.
* The church greeters list along with the list of things to do for set up is placed by the laptop each week, suggested that it be posted in a few other spots for easy accessibility – ie. on the table at the front.
* No communion service has been set.

Jan Richardson advised that Reverend Sellars will need to be appointed for the period of time that he is covering. This “Retired Supply” appointment is between the congregation, Presbytery, and Clarence; it sets out the terms of what is expected from each party. Jan Richardson will find the form and send it to Jean.

* 1. Christian Education – No Report
  2. Pastoral Care – Verbal Report

Linda Quaschnick will ask Tricia Gladdish to add a note in the bulletin that if anyone wants or needs a visit to get in touch with Linda.

Liz Gourlay advised that several people have voiced questions and concerns to her regarding the Remit results. Liz would like to have an information session or support group set up to discuss their concerns. Jan Richardson offered to put together some information to share.

* 1. Memorial Park – Written Report

Winona reported that a clean-up day was held on Saturday, May 5th – gravel was raked out of the park grass, the south side peony flower bed was cleaned out, and north side of church raked. Some of the memory plaques will be replaced this year. The flower pots will be planted in the coming days with plants purchased from Super A and Home Hardware.

* 1. Ministry & Personnel – Verbal Report

Tricia Gladdish, Office Administrator, is ok with having more time off during July/August when the church is closed. She will be able to check emails and phone messages remotely. Laura will continue to pick up the mail.

* 1. Property – Verbal Report

The headset was repaired - the ear piece protector was repaired by replacing the piece of rubber which Bumper to Bumper provided for free.

Will be setting a clean-up date for the manse yard.

Amanda Creasy is willing to cut the grass at the manse.

**Motion No.** **33**  Moved by Ray Hickle that the Property committee hire Amanda Creasy to mow the grass at the manse over the summer as required, at the rate of $20/mow.

Motion seconded by Linda Quaschnick. **Carried.**

* 1. Thrift Store – Written Report

Laura Creasy reviewed the Thrift Store report, noting the following:

* April sales were $5,504.10, volunteer hours were 277 and customers numbered 463.
* Board meeting was held May 2nd.

**Motion No.** **34**  Moved by Tyler Creasy that Council ratify the following motions made at the May 2nd, 2018 Thrift Store Board meeting to authorize the Board to:

1 Hold a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ in the yard of the Manse with the meat and potatoes supplies by the Thrift Store.

2 Host a Customer Appreciation BBQ of hotdogs and smokies on July 18th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm; free will donations will be collected.

Motion seconded by Jean Lypka. **Carried.**

* 1. JNAC report – Verbal Report

Winona Gutsche advised that Joint Needs Assessment Committee report is complete. A motion from council is required to ratify the following motion.

***Moved by Jennifer Laux that Hanna First United Church request that Coronation Prespytery declare a vacancy for a Full Time Ordained, Diaconal or Designated Lay Minister effective immediately. Seconded by Gloria Hutton***

**Motion No.** **35**  Moved by Tyler Creasy that we accept the findings and recommendations of the JNAC Committee.

Motion seconded by Ray Hickle. **Carried.**

The date for the Congregational meeting is set for May 27th, 2018 at 1 pm to receive the report of the JNAC committee. JNAC committee members will be there for questions, as well as Barbara Zimmerman.

A search committee for a new minister should be set up ahead of time; Winona will speak with the JNAC members to see if they are willing to be on the Search Committee. There was discussion regarding having Clarence here the same time that a new minister could possibly be starting, and how that would be dealt with.

The JNAC Committee has completed an application to make Hanna United Church a learning site for student ministers.

**Motion No.** **36**  Moved by Linda Quaschnick that Hanna First United Church become a Learning Site.

Motion seconded by Ray Hickle. **Carried.**

1. PRESBYTERY REPORT – Verbal Report

Rev. Richardson reported on the Presbytery meeting held April 24 & 25 in Oyen:

* There are Presbytery funds for a .25 position to deal with implementing the Remit.
* Coronation Presbytery is hosting a Canoe trip down the Battle River – June 15-17.
* Bar Harbour camps are coming up.
* Naramata Centre registration is open

1. MINISTER’S REPORT – No Report

**Motion No. 37**  Moved by Laura Creasy that Committee Reports 6.1 to 6.10 and Presbytery Report 7.0 be accepted as presented at the meeting tonight.

Motion seconded by Jean Lypka. **Carried.**

1. NEW & OTHER BUSINESS

Linda Quaschnick received a gift carving on behalf of the Hanna United Church from Jerry Beskowine. It is a cross carved from a birch tree branch.

1. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m, unless there is a need that arises that warrants an emergency meeting.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Winona Gutsche thanked everyone for attending and stated that business being concluded, the meeting is adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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