First United Church – Hanna, Alberta

Council Meeting, Church Lounge

Thursday, November 12, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Winona Gutsche

Secretary – Gwen Snell

Rev. Aurora Coulthard, Hanna First United Church

Rev. Jan Richardson, Stettler United Church – Virtual

Lynette Barker Liz Gourlay

Laura Creasy Jean Lypka

Tyler Creasy Linda Quaschnick

CALL TO ORDER Chair Winona Gutsche called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. WELCOME & OPENING WORSHIP

Chair Winona Gutsche welcomed everyone to the meeting in the fellowship room which allows everyone to be a safe distance apart in respect of COVID-19 regulations, but still be together.

Rev. Aurora Coulthard opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion No.** **37** Moved by Linda Quaschnick that the Agenda for November 12, 2020 be adopted as amended to include the addition to the correspondence.

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

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**Motion No.** **38** Moved by Tyler Creasy that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held October 14, 2020 be adopted as corrected to read in 7.0 that Barbara Zimmerman of Castor is retiring.

Motion seconded by Laura Creasy. **Carried.**

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

1. CORRESPONDENCE

5.01 Flatten the Curve information on Covid 19 confirms that the church is operating within the guidelines and we are taking precautions with lower numbers in attendance, hand sanitizing and making masks available.

5.02 Pat Johnson has indicated that the family would be willing to donate the piano currently on loan to the First United Church on the provision that a charitable receipt based upon fair market value be considered for the donation.

**Motion No. 39** Moved by Lynette Barker that a letter be sent to Pat Johnson, thanking her for the donation of the Kimball baby grand piano Serial No. B18822. The letter will acknowledge the donation of the piano for the fair market value as determined by a recognized authority for income tax purposes.

Motion seconded by Tyler Creasy.  **Carried.**

**Motion No. 40** Moved by Tyler Creasy that a brass plaque recognizing the contribution of the Johnson Family to the Hanna First United Church be mounted on the piano.

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

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Finance Committee – Written Reports

Linda Quaschnick reviewed the financial reports. She noted that fall campaign has resulted in an increase of revenue for the church.

Laura Creasy presented a draft budget for 2021 for members to review. Laura mentioned that there is a new program with a digital mobile option but feels that it would not be an interest at this time. There is also additional worship services online but with the additional cost it would not be of value.

* 1. Board of Trustees – Tyler Creasy

Tyler Creasy reported that insurance did increase by $1,396.49 and that the increase was expected. There have been no meetings of the Board of Trustees.

* 1. Worship, Mission & Service – Jean Lypka

Jean Lypka reported that she has spoken with Richard Crowle and he will build and donate a new base for the Advent wreath at no cost. It will be considered a gift in kind donation. Candles are ordered and should arrive shortly.

Decorating for Christmas needs to be completed between November 15and November 28. Assistance with the tree is required and it will be set up on November 18. Tyler Creasy indicated he would assist with the tree.

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

Linda Quaschnick and Liz Gourlay reported that cards have been sent to several members who are currently in hospital or not well.

Delia congregation currently meetings once per month. It was suggested that we invite Delia to attend our Advent services if they wished. Winona Gutsche will draft a letter of invitation to Delia United Church at Box 5 Delia, AB T0J 0W0.

* 1. Memorial Park – Verbal Report

No meetings have been held to date.

Steve and Lauralee Greenslade have donated the bales for use with the Nativity Scene this Christmas.

* 1. Ministry & Personnel – No Report
  2. Property – Verbal Report

Gwen Snell advised that the motion lights have been installed at the front entrance of the church, both front and back door of the manse and on the manse garage.

Rhonda Lund and Winona Gutsche are working on the replacement of the sign for the front of the church.

It was mentioned that the eaves at the church were cleaned but the manse eaves were not cleaned at the same time. Gwen Snell will follow up on this.

* 1. Thrift Store – Written Report

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

* October – Sales $11,750.70, Customers 719, Volunteer Hours 403
* This was a “record breaking” month.
* $6,250 was given to the church, meeting the annual contribution of $25,000.
* $1,500 to Hanna Community Youth Fund
* Kidney Foundation picked up 347 bags & 78 boxes on November 1.

**Motion No.** **41** Moved by Jean Lypka that the motion from the November 12, 2020 Thrift Store Board meeting be ratified as follows:

1. Donate $1,500.00 to the Hanna Community Youth Fund.

Motion seconded by Lynette Barker. **Carried.**

* 1. Search Committee – No Report

1. CHINOOK WINDS REGIONAL COUNCIL – Verbal Report

Rev. Richardson reported:

* She has participated online for a three-session presentation called “Let Go – Leaning into the Future without Fear”
* Discussion and planning regarding to “how to continue to meet the community needs”
* Annual meeting for the region was held with some changes in executive members.

1. MINISTER’S REPORT – Verbal Report

Rev. Coulthard gave a verbal report, including the following items:

* Feels that two services for Christmas Eve to ensure that we can maintain physical distancing would be beneficial.
* Suggested a night of caroling outside in the Memorial Park with hot chocolate would be a welcome event. Date will be set by next meeting in order to promote.
* Regular weekly services will begin November 29.
* Volunteers will be required to assist with online services following Advent. It was suggested that the existing list of volunteers would be beneficial.

**Motion No. 41** Moved by Laura Creasy that the Reports be accepted as presented at the meeting tonight.

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

1. NEW BUSINESS

9.01 Delia United Church Letter of Invitation

Winona Gutsche will draft a letter of invitation to the Delia United Church. Reverend Coulthard and Trish Gladdish will review and ensure that it is subsequently sent.

1. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Winona Gutsche thanked everyone for attending and stated that business being concluded, the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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