

## **Programme Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. by Zoom

**Present:** Judy Zarubick, Jim Zarubick, Randy Norris, David Hamilton, Emily Perry, Sheila Bauer, Shirley Bieman, and Gord Dunbar. Everyone checked in and shared how they were doing during this season of winter.

**Worship** – Judy Zarubick read a meditation from Joyce Rupp’s book “The Circle of Life” on Winter: The Season of Waiting and ended the worship with prayer.

### **Approval of October 5, 2021 minutes was done by Consensus**

#### **Business arising from previous minutes**

1. 5 youth size Every Child Matters Shirts from 2017-2021 from the Orange Shirt Official Site were ordered for a cost of \$20 each but due to the flooding in British Columbia the order has been delayed. Discussion happened around the proposed Indigenous teachings that will happen in the new year in regards to what the different logos on each of the shirts means.
2. The Organ has now been repaired and we are waiting for the invoice from Northern Organs. We have received an anonymous donation to hopefully cover the cost of this repair. David Hamilton is also hoping that they can come before Christmas to tune the organ but it may not happen.
3. Opening protocols and Booking requirements Discussion followed re: policy of not requiring double vaccination. Pros and cons of the policy were discussed as well as the consequences of Council’s policy of not requiring double vaccination. Property Ministry Team has agreed to install new programmable thermostats in both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and the temperature will be programmed at 18 degrees
4. David McNeil is going to call Judy Zarubick December 8, 2021 to confirm our Audio Visual upgrade equipment order. Council approved a \$9,000 Capital project for the upgrade and as of today we have received \$10,400 towards the project. The cost of installation was not included in the upgrade estimate so we may need the extra monies that have been donated in order to complete the project. The upgrade will not happen until the new year.

#### **New Business**

1. In Person and On Line Report

November 7 – Zoom 26 households; 31 YouTube Views; 37 in person

November 14 – Zoom 32 households; 14 YouTube Views; 41 in person

November 21 – Zoom 28 households; 11 YouTube Views; 48 in person

November 28 – Zoom 31 households; 11 YouTube Views; 34 in person

December 5 – Zoom 31 households; 11 YouTube Views; 47 in person

December 6 – Vigil for Violence Against Women - Zoom 8 households;

4 in person and one of those who remained for 1 hour and 20 min

Questions arose re: how that compares to attendance before the pandemic. Before the pandemic we averaged 70-90 people attending depending on the date. It is thought that we are reaching more than before the pandemic as we are reaching groups at Malcolm Place and Trillium Court.

Discussion also followed re: facebook and the possibility of having a facebook page in the future and the need to keep it current. David Skinner, Mary Phillips and John Phillips are working on creating a Facebook page for which David will be the Administrator.

2. Christmas Eve Services will not be the same as past years' tradition. Jim and Judy Zarubick decorated the sanctuary for Christmas. The tree was not put up as it was broken. Last years' service was only online and feedback was that it was too dark as we attempted to replicate a candle light service using only the Taize candles. This year it will be in person and on line and because we do not have the needed volunteers to safely have the candles on the end of the pews, electric individual candles will be handed out for those present. KUCIE will also not be playing this year. We will be investigating how much lighting we will have to leave on to make suitable for the live stream. We will need more greeters on Christmas Eve, on Sunday's the counters have been greeting but we will need more help. We will have capacity limits and may have to turn people away. The idea was put forth to put chairs in Fellowship Hall to increase our capacity to over 60. It was also mentioned that since Covid 19 numbers are increasing daily that protocols may change by Christmas and the question was raised whether we have Christmas Eve at all.

If we are going to have an in person service then protocols must be seen to be followed. Our reputation in the community is that we are the most stringent followers of the Public Health protocols.

An announcement will be made letting people know that the Christmas Eve service will be different, ie no band, no candles on the end of the pews but electric individual candles will be supplied, and limited capacity to around 60 people, etc.

3. Nursery/Sunday School remains closed – we are not able to open the nursery due to the fact that we do not have enough volunteers to work the nursery as we need 2 adults each Sunday so we would need at least 6 volunteers. If open we would have the possibility of having anywhere from no kids to possibly 6 or 8 if they all came. At this time we only have 2 people who have put their names forward to work in the nursery. Gord Dunbar has activity sheets at the back of the sanctuary for children.
4. Gord Dunbar has prepared a 2022 Worship Schedule, if anyone would like a copy let me know and I will send one to you.

5. Pulpit Supply is covered until September 2022 when Gord Dunbar's sabbatical begins and the Council has not decided how they will cover the sabbatical time. Gord Dunbar has suggested Pulpit Supply to cover his sabbatical so that the congregation can hear different voices. January 2 – Emily Perry; February 6 – probably Judy Zarubick; March 13 – Kevin Hart; May 15 and 22 – Marion Boyd; June 19 Liz Dillman. Rev. Richard Hall from Wingham is also available if needed.

Suggested 2022 meetings      February 1, 2022 at 7 pm by Zoom (Gord on vacation)  
    April 5, 2022 at 7 pm in person  
    September 6, 2022 at 7 pm in person (Gord on Sabbatical)  
    November 1, 2022 at 7 pm by Zoom (Gord on Sabbatical)

Gord Dunbar is now preaching from the lectern so that there is a visible 6 foot distance of Gord Dunbar from the choir and David Hamilton has made sure that the choir does sit 6 feet from each other unless they are in the same bubble.

Gord Dunbar thanked David Hamilton and Judy Zarubick for the work that they do for the church.

Judy Zarubick reminded folks about the Congregation meeting on Sunday and then ended the meeting with a Winter Blessing.