

Programme Committee Meeting

May 12, 2020
11 a.m. by Zoom

The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

Welcome –The following people met by a Zoom Call: Gord Dunbar, David Hamilton, Jim Zarubick, and Judy Zarubick, Randy Norris, Charles Clarke
Regrets from Emily Perry, Sheila Bauer, Joan Gillespie, Teresa Perfrement

Check In and Worship – Prayer Seeds by Joyce Rupp page 68 on Hope

Approval of minutes

Moved by Jim Zarubick and Seconded by Charles Clarke

That the minutes of April 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Live Streaming License –was purchased for the remainder of the year at a cost of \$51.33

Other Business:

1. Purchased 3 new body mic wires from Taylor Electronics for 193.48 as we were getting snapping and crackling on both body mics. So replaced them and now have 1 spare.
2. Upgraded Laptop software to Microsoft 10 as Microsoft 7 was not supported anymore. Cost us 1.5 hours labour (about \$65/hour) as Microsoft 10 was already on the laptop. Invoice yet to come from MicroAge Basics.
3. Fireside Chats on YouTube as of today: May 1 – 37 views; May 5 – 38 views; May 8 – 20 views,
4. Worship Services – Zoom Broadcast about 49 households live; YouTube for May 3 – 27 views; so far on May 10 – 8 views
5. Sound for Prelude and Introit fluctuates, working on trying to fix issue so that we honour David Hamilton's musical offering.

David Hamilton

- Choir is meeting by zoom on Thursday to connect with each other. David Hamilton, Rod Coates, and Liz Coates are investigating the possibilities of doing an anthem electronically, so far their attempt has not been successful but it is a work in progress.
- Responding to the question about the possibility of doing solos in church, David Hamilton reported that we could do that, not every week but that it would depend on who would be available. He would know more after the choir meets on Thursday.
- David Hamilton is working on arranging for soloists in July and August, with the understanding that it may not happen as planned
- Gord Dunbar noted his appreciation of the initiative that David Hamilton, Rod Coates and Liz Coates are doing to try and pull something together to make worship incrementally more participatory without trying to do things beyond our capabilities. Gord Dunbar also mentioned the idea of having breakout rooms after worship but noted that he does not want to push ideas ahead without the knowledge that we have the capability to do them or even if they are suitable

Gord Dunbar

- Noted his appreciation of Judy and Jim Zarubick taking care of the technology on Sunday mornings as we have had constructive feedback from the first three Sundays of live streaming, some of which we were able to implement and some we are looking into ie: other folks reading from their isolation whether recording in advance or live sharing screen. All options will be explored but slowly
- Gord Dunbar does not see any semblance of normal worship until at least the end of September but realistically probably not for another year. One of the reasons for this is the information that is coming in regards to singing sending droplets far and wide. Gord Dunbar wants to do more research on this and it will be something that this committee will need to look at.
- Gord Dunbar has shifted his work to the Fireside Chats, worship preparation and the two reflections that he puts out weekly which takes a fair bit of preparation, as well as pastoral care remotely.
- Gord Dunbar also appreciates that extra work that David Hamilton does checking the building with the list from property for insurance purposes.
- Question was asked if Gord Dunbar finds singing hymns stressful on the broadcast and the answer was no.

Other Business:

1. Question was asked when the sound issues began and the answer was that there were issues from the beginning and suggestions were made as to why this might be happening ie Zoom adjusting and possibly compressing the signal, choir mic old and may need to be replaced, that there may be an electronic limiter on the program we are now using, etc. More research is needed. One possibility is to put a hand held mic in Choir area and turn off the hanging choir mic.
2. What we are missing is other voices in the service so this week Judy Zarubick will be reading the scriptures from the balcony and setting up a hand held mic between the AV Team to use during the responsive parts of the service to see how that goes.
3. Another question was couldn't people just stay on after the service and have fellowship. That is not a possibility with webinars but we could set up a follow up zoom meeting with breakout rooms but at the present time we are not looking at that, maybe in the future. We do not want to make the AV needs complicated for our volunteers.
4. Gord Dunbar stated that part of our portfolio is Christian Development and so by July he wants to resurrect the Study by Richard Rhor by a Zoom gathering, Gord Dunbar is getting his own Zoom Pro Account and hopes that we can also have small groups by Zoom as well. Gord Dunbar is also planning to do some training for leadership for the small groups.
5. Charles Clarke asked if there was a way to see and hear others during worship, besides David Hamilton and Gord Dunbar, giving a few moment of how they are etc? Judy Zarubick replied that it is not that easy in a worship service, we could tape them and put them in the Sharing Time but again the sound is the issue as all sound needs to go through the sound board and just bringing them up on the screen does not put them through the sound board, so you could see them but not hear them.
6. All suggestions are appreciated and as we are able, the suggestions are slowly incorporated if workable with our systems and available volunteers.
7. We are not going Live on YouTube but we do send a recording to Terry Boyd to upload to YouTube which is helpful.

Date of next meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 11 a.m. by Zoom