

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 7 pm
on Zoom

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The regular meeting of the Bedford United Church Council was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7 pm on Zoom with Tim Rorabeck in the Chair.

Present: Tim Rorabeck (Chair), Jill Wilson, Tammy Humphreys, Jan Oakey, Maurice Tugwell, Andrea McQuillin, Jocelyn Tingley, Sarah McLean,
Staff: Rev. Katie Aven, Carolyn Crowell, Secretary and guests Rev. David Hart, Bob Hodgson, Val Welsh

Regrets: Carol McKnight, Janice Reid

Opening Worship: Rev. David Hart opened with prayer.

1. **We assemble as Stewards of Spiritual Vision and Temporal Gifts:**

It was moved (Maurice Tugwell/Andrea McQuillin) and **CARRIED**

1. that Council empower all present to discuss all matters, in accordance with BUC bylaws. In accordance with the BUC constitution, only Council members are eligible to vote on matters brought before Council,
2. that Council approves the March 27, 2024 Agenda, and
3. that Council adopt the minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting of Council as printed and circulated by email and of the email motion approving the composition of the Search Committee for the Lead Minister of BUC.

Correspondence:

1. Report of the motion passed by the Executive of Council (Appendix A) that BUC Council accept the new job description of the Minister of Congregational Care and the temporary changes within the job descriptions for the three members of the Order of Ministry personnel of Bedford United Church for 2024 as circulated by Jill Wilson.
2. Request from Jayne Wark, co-Team Lead of the Outreach Ministry Team to hold a 50/50 draw to support the emergency work of the team.

2. WE SEEK AN INSPIRED PATH FORWARD RELATIVE TO:

- a) **Stewardship Campaign:** Tammy Humphreys reported that the campaign has now raised over \$9,000.00 and donations are still coming in.
- b) **Other Financial Items:** There is concern about the possible deficit in 2024 of about \$88,000. There may be some changes that can be made. Tim Rorabeck will be in touch with Janice Reid before the AGM.
- c) **Ministry & Personnel Ministry Team:** Jill Wilson reported that Paige Fraser is pregnant. She will be leaving for her maternity leave after the participants get home from Rendez-vous which is being held July 3-6. Jill will be in touch with the Christian Development Ministry Team in case we choose to cover her maternity leave without hiring a 'backfill' person. Jill will bring a set of options to the meeting in April.
- d) **Property & Facilities Ministry Team:** Tim Rorabeck welcomed Bob Hodgson, who has agreed to serve as Team Lead, to the meeting. Bob gave the meeting an update about some current issues
- a) the 'crazed' skylight in the porch - this has been repaired temporarily.
 - b) we have received a bill for some of the fencing during the period after the 'flood' of July 2023.
 - c) there is a need for changes in the chancel area - the cluttering makes it a dangerous space.
 - d) there is a need for more signage for non BUC members trying to find the Sanctuary during funerals.
 - e) the soundboard has been replaced by asking 3 people to make a \$500. donation each.
- e) **Regenerate Leadership Initiative:** (Appendix B) Rev. Katie Aven explained her request for Council to support the UCC Foundation's project in our area, the "ReGenerate Leadership Initiative". Rev. Katie will be using part of her free time on this project. There will also be funding from other groups, but grants cannot go to an individual. She will be asking the Christian Development Ministry Team for support as well.
- It was moved** (Tim Rorabeck/Tammy Humphreys) and **CARRIED** that BUC sponsor this initiative and donate \$500. for it

- f) **Raffle Request:** (Appendix C) Discussion on the request from Jayne Wark, Co Team Lead of the Outreach Ministry Team, for permission to hold a 50/50 raffle in support of their emergency fund was continued.
It was moved (Tim Rorabeck/Jill Wilson) and **DEFEATED** that Council accept this proposal. It was noted that a Cake Auction has previously raised money for this cause.
- g) **Food Initiative Update:** Jocelyn Tingley has made arrangements for a monthly Community Dinner. She has support and insurance concerns have been alleviated. Staff will not be required to be involved. Council encourages her to go ahead with this project.
- h) **Search for Lead Minister:** Matt Murphy has sent a report to Tim Rorabeck which was read. They have received some applications through Church Hub. The 'soft target' for the end of applications is mid April. After that, interviews will be held if potential candidates have applied.

CHANGE OF CHAIR: Tim Rorabeck had to leave the meeting, so Andrea McQuillin, Past Chair, assumed the chair.

- i) **Sustainable Future Committee:** The Council received the report of this committee last month. Andrea McQuillin explained that Council needs to take the lead in Short Term projects as the committee does not have that power. They plan a report to the congregation at the AGM. Part of their strategy is putting people who want to see action in positions where they can lead these initiatives.
- j) **Nominating Ministry Team:** Andrea McQuillin shared her screen to show what positions still need to be filled. Two Members at Large of Council have offered their services - Carol McKnight and Sarah McLean. Two more members at large are needed as are Team Lead of Communications and Vice Chair. Terry Choyce has agreed to let her name stand as Team Lead of Worship & Music.

k) **Moderator's Workshop:** Rev. Katie Aven reminded us that the Moderator of the UCC, Carman Lansdowne, will be leading the working **Flourishing Nova Scotia** at BUC on Saturday, April 13. Members are encouraged to attend.

3) We go out into the World to Serve with Joy and Compassion:

Closing Motion: It was moved (Sarah McLean/Tammy Humphreys) and **CARRIED** that Council delegate to its Executive the power to deal with any urgent matters arising before the next meeting and that this Council meeting be adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Katie Aven offered the closing prayer.

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Tim Rorabeck/Andrea McQuillin, Chair

Carolyn Crowell, Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7 pm on Zoom.