

APPROVED

St. Paul's United Church Orillia
 Leadership Team Minutes
 October 3, 2023
 Parlour @ 4:30pm

Attending: Gloria Tozek (Chair), Ted Reeve (Minister), Chris Atkinson (Secretary), Fred Kallin, Harvey Watt, Craig Maltby, Mary Johnson, Mary Phelps

Regrets: Kathy Duncan

1 Welcome and Opening: Craig Maltby lit the Christ candle. A prayer was said by Gloria Tozek. What are we thankful for – warm weather, family, friends, community, extra-curricular events are back up and running. Looking forward to the coming month.

2. Approval of Agenda: Approved by Craig Maltby and seconded by Fred Kallin. Carried.

3. Minutes from September 6, 2023

Approved by Mary Johnston and seconded by Craig Maltby. Carried.

4. Business arising:

See agenda

5. Financial Report (Craig Maltby):

Next Finance meeting Wednesday, October 7th, 2023. Nothing new to report. Report approved as submitted.

6. Remit toward an Autonomous Indigenous Church (discussion):

Jody Maltby spoke at Sunday's service about this.

Fred Kallin – raised some questions & concerns; who can attend an indigenous church? Everyone is welcomed; How is it determined whether it is an indigenous church? % of indigenous members? Lack of information – what constitutes an indigenous church? Is it less racist to segregate the church's? Intention to respect the Indigenous church as others are supported through the United Church. Is there provision for formalized way to resolve issues and disputes? 50 years – asking the indigenous community through evolution on how they want to relate to the United church – regionally, and historically. Disagreement/conflict – working through the relationships, adult to adult conversation

2 row wampum belt – two boats going in the same direction but separately.

Language is difficult to understand. Personal work on learning and understanding needs to be done.

Caretakers call – created by the Indigenous Church – UC approved this.

Truth & Reconciliation – UN Document – UC has signed this.

Suggestion: Should we talk to Jody and maybe she can clarify the historical communities of faith, their own developments.

What we (LT) have to do is vote on the remit – need to share with the congregation and after all questions are answered the LT needs to vote. How do we take this to the congregation and when? Jody started the information on Sunday. Needs to be both spoken and written information. Lunch and learn.

7. Minister’s report (Ted):
No report

8. Trustee’s search update (Ted Reeve/Gloria Tozek):
Eric & Cathy Sayle agreed to become Trustees. Thank you letters to be sent to Trustees that are retiring.

9. Web site (Ted Reeve):
Ted Reeve reported that Joe was having issues re: knowledge of creating website. Suggest an amount of \$1000 to hire someone else. Further discussion needed.

Adjournment: Fred Kallin

Next Meeting: Wed. Nov 1, 2023 @ 4:30pm – Parlour

Date of Approval: _____

Chair, Gloria Tozek: _____

Secretary, Chris Atkinson: _____

St. Paul's United Church Financial Alternatives Planning

- 1 Option: Shining Waters' Region – potential for lease of bldg., whole or part.
- 2 Option: Building as a Centre for Reconciliation – not gone anywhere
- 3 Option: Assessing community support –
 - Arts Orillia – no – Eric, Ted, Mary P
 - Kindred Spirits – no – Ted, Becky, Eric, Mary P
 - Informal meeting with the Mayor – Michael Gordon, Ted
 - Next meeting was cancelled.
 - Lease? Rental? Would the city consider the church as another property which they then could take over the maintenance, running, and then StP would lease from them.
 - Youth centre
4. Option: Development of the property for affordable housing – Kindred Works – no
 - affordable housing – City
5. Option: Broadening the congregation
6. Option: Amalgamation of other congregations of faith – co-leasing other faiths
 - Connexus – taking over the building – was not comfortable with the UC affirming of all peoples.
 - with Hindu community, Muslim community – discussions
 - possible Korean community
7. Options: Shared ministry model – telecommunications