

Wawota United Church Unified Board Meeting

June 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Members in attendance Roy Bortolotto, Sandra Murray, Betty Wyatt, Chris Haussecker, Bob Birnie, Linda Birnie, Joanne Corkish, Stephen Smulan, Wendy Brehaut

Roy Opened with a prayer and a scripture reading Psalm 57 verses 1 & 7

After three months of being apart we were glad to be able to meet.

Wendy read the minutes of the last meeting

Roy read excerpts from a couple of letters from Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister) & Rev Tricia Gerhard (Living Skies Executive Chairperson)

Linda read a letter from Florence Hutchison, who is living in Weyburn.

Bob adopted minutes; Sandra seconded

Old Business:

None

Discussion:

Worship: Roy said online with Zoom has been working well

Property:

No bids for the grass tender.

Linda messaged Cheri Mansfield to see if Dylan would be interested in mowing the lawn. Cheri replied that he would. Bob said that he would be in contact with Dylan and let him know when it needs to be done

Bob made a motion that we hire Dylan at \$40 per cut for the rest of the summer. Chris seconded, carried

Reports:

Financial Report:

Linda gave the financial report see attached

M & S:

Sent in \$673 Balance \$260 again number is down due to Covid 19. See attached report.

Memorial Fund: \$620 received in April and May in memory of Eunice Rogers

Stephen adopted Financial reports Carried

Minister's Report:

Due to the lockdown during this pandemic all regular events and activities have been cancelled since March 17, 2020.

What has been able to go forward are these:

Sunday worship – website updates each week

- Zoom video Conferencing services each Sunday Morning starting May 3.

Communion – Pentecost Sunday May 31, during online worship

Board Meetings – Crossroads Board Meeting by Zoom Mar. 31

- Wawota and Maryfield local board meetings in person June 16 & 18
- Crossroads Board Meeting in person at Maryfield

Continuing Education – retreat 1 at Ancient Spirals near Saskatoon Mar. 17-19

Wider Church – Weekly Zoom meetings with Living skies Regional Council ministry personnel

- bi-weekly Zoom meetings with DLM group across Canada
- bi-weekly Zoom meetings with Tri-Regions/Regional Council leaders

Upcoming Happenings

Re-opening Churches: Recommendation from national church/regional council to plan for fall re-opening

Use of facilities by other groups: each renter must have its own detailed plan that follows provincial and church guidelines and be approved by the local boards before granting permission to use.

Pastoral Care: No report, but Roy has made 120 phone calls/texts since March 17 to connect with most regular attendees, especially during the period before Zoom video meetings were started. There have also been mail outs/deliveries of printed Sunday materials to help keep people connected with our communities of faith.

Food Service:

No report

RTR:

No report

Bob adopted reports, Sandra seconded, carried

New Business:

We all had copies of “A conversation & planning process for Living Skies Regional Council”, and “Places of Worship Guidelines from Saskatchewan Health”, and “Building re-opening plan” which is a blank template prepared by Living Skies Regional Council and The United Church of Canada. See attached copies.

We had discussion about all of the above and decided we would shoot for re-opening Sept. 6, 2020.

Bob made a motion to have another meeting Aug. 11, and revisit the guidelines for re-opening at that time. Chris seconded.

Chris made a motion to allow AA's and Al-Anon to use our building providing they follow the provincial health guidelines and submit a plan to us. Stephen seconded, carried

Bob will get the info to them and bring their info back to us.

Lynn Swanson has resigned as treasurer for Crossroads, so we need to find someone to take her place.

Chris adjourned meeting Stephen seconded. 9:10 pm