

## **EXETER UNITED CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES**

**Meeting Held: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:00 pm, Exeter United Church**

Present: Rev. Laurie O'Leary, Shirley Hayes, Ann Johns, Alice MacLean, Larry Wein, Stephen Platts and Laurie Johnston (recording secretary)

### **1. Check In / Opening Prayer**

Ann Johns welcomed everyone and it was decided Rev. Laurie would be acting as chairperson. Rev. Laurie opened with prayer.

### **2. Approve Agenda**

'Capital Projects' was added to New/Other Business. The Agenda, as amended, was approved by consensus.

### **3. Approve Minutes of Leadership Team Meeting**

The Minutes of the Leadership Team Meeting of April 26, 2022 were approved by consensus.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- a) Church Hub-Church Profile & Living Faith Story (defer)
- b) Community of Faith Self-Assessment (defer)
- c) Annual Meeting – 29 May 2022

The first announcement of the meeting was made on Sunday and hard copies of the annual report were available. The motion before the congregation will be that Rev. Laurie will chair the meeting and that Janice Brock will be the recording secretary. Ann Johns will present the financials.

### **5. Finance & Stewardship Report – Ann Johns**

No issues. Income and expenses are tracking the same as reported last month.

Ron Godkin has reviewed the church accounts for 2021 and all was in order. He will also be providing guidance on how Exeter United Church accounts for the grants associated with the South Huron Arts Centre. The South Huron Arts Centre will not be paying rent initially and will be considered an Outreach of Exeter United Church.

The use of the \$20,000.00 bequest from the Ann Bell Estate needs to be determined, however, for the time being the decision will be deferred.

### **6. Re-Opening Team Report**

Alice inquired about having the James Street doors open for worship. These are the doors that will be part of the capital project. It was determined that these doors would remain closed.

After discussion, it was determined that masks will be required for singing and optional otherwise. A notation will be made in the powerpoint slides. It

was further determined that both the kitchen and basement would re-open as well.

Summer services will be held in the social hall. It was left up to Rev. Laurie how best to set up that worship space.

As Laurie J is now working in the office, the congregation will be informed of her hours.

**7. UCW Report** – Ann Johns reported that was nothing new for UCW. Shirley Hayes suggested the UCW could host a Jubilee Tea as Clinton UCW is doing this and tickets are sold out. Ann advised that at the last UCW executive meeting it was decided that the UCW would not consider resuming activities until September.

**8. Office Communication/ Correspondence Report** – Laurie Johnston Hay Communication will be in on Thursday, May 19, 2022 to complete the transition from Ring Central to Hay.

Al Harvey from LRV Computing was in earlier today to complete the update of software and hardware on the three computers.

**9. Creative Arts Centre update** – Ann Johns  
The steering group has determined that the official name is *South Huron Arts Centre*. There is a photo of the steering committee with a sign stating 'The future home of the South Huron Arts Centre' taken at the front of the church that is on Facebook. Ann will be participating in a photo op presentation of the Vitality Grant by Tom Prout on May 18, 2022. Banners have been made to go on the outside of the church, noting Exeter United Church as the future home of the South Huron Arts Center.

**10. Minister's Report** – Rev. Laurie  
Since the last meeting Rev. Laurie has been with the Dinney family and celebrated Ada's life; participated in the GC44 listening sessions and also the training for discussion hosts of which she is one; attended the spring WOW regional council meeting and also attended a session led by the National Indigenous Council concerning proposals coming to GC44; the rest of her time has been preparing worship, as well as the at home videos, working to ensure that all things are in place as we begin to use the building and working with Laurie J to ensure that office and administration is being accomplished.

**MOTION** to confirm the baptism of Axel Mudge on June 12, 2022.

Ann Johns / Alice MacLean  
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Worship Calendar:  
May 29 – Annual Meeting

June 5 – Pentecost  
June 12 – Axel’s Baptism  
June 19 – Kate Monk (Rev. Laurie will be attending GC44 sessions)  
June 26 – UCW Sunday  
July 3 – 10 @ 10 begins for the Summer

## **11. New Business**

### Capital Projects

Ann Johns met with Ken Coates, Don McCaffrey, and Jason Morgan, Avis Architects concerning the universal washroom, upgrading the existing men’s and women’s washroom and anticipating a unisex washroom in the basement. It was determined that the storage area near the men’s washroom would be the best location for the universal washroom.

W.H. Smith Construction of Seaforth has been approached with regards to the project. They have stated that work would not be able to start before 2023. The church will not have to be closed during the renovations, provided a washroom alternative is place.

Ken Coates had also reached out to get a new revised quote for the James Street doors from D&D Glass a month ago with no response. Ann has been able to confirm that W.H. Smith is also able to take on the project of replacing the James Street doors and any ancillary repairs. Ann met with a representative of the company yesterday and a quote will be forthcoming.

The necessary preparations for the South Huron Arts Centre was discussed. The first step is to take an inventory of items and then meet with the affected groups to determine the best disposal of the items no longer needed. The social hall is the area to be de-cluttered first.

## **12. Meeting Adjourned**- adjourned at 8:05pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 7:00pm (in person)