**Exeter United Church Leadership Team**

**ZOOM Meeting - 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

Present for the meeting Pastor Paul Vollick, Ann Johns, Alice MacLean, Shirley Hayes, Stephen Platts, Larry Wein and Laurie Johnston (recording secretary)

**Check In / Opening Prayer**

Ann Johns welcomed everyone to the meeting, it was decided Ann would act as the Chairperson. Pastor Paul opened with prayer.

**Approve Agenda**

The agenda was approved with 2 new items, (Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir & the February Newsletter) to be added to New Business. Agreement received that approvals for all decisions will be made by consensus.

**Approve Minutes of the 2 Leadership Team Meeting - January 17, 2023**

The minutes of the Leadership Team Meetings of January 17, 2023 were approved by consensus.

**Finance & Stewardship Update - Ann Johns**

1. 2022 Year End Results

* A motion was made by Ann Johns & Seconded by Alice Maclean that the excess funds of $4,187.89 be used for 2022 Capital Projects Expenses from the estate of Anne Bell. **CARRIED**

2. 2023 Recommended Budget

A motion was made by Ann Johns & Seconded by Shirley Hayes that the budget presented be the final budget for 2023. **CARRIED**

**Operating Update - Ann Johns**

1. **South Huron Arts Centre**

* Ann reported the pottery studio was approved in principle by the Trustees, conditional on a long-term rental agreement being in place before renovations begin. Also, the team of Paul Vollick, Ken Coates, Joanne Bowen, and Ann Johns were appointed to do the negotiations with the Arts Centre. Ann reported she contacted Deb Homuth who offered to research options and bring this information to the first meeting. Ann reported she has started the application for a United Church of Canada Seeds of Hope grant for the Arts Centre expansion. The Edge Growth grant which was the follow-up to the Innovation grant ($4,000 was received for the Arts Centre in 2022) is not available in 2023.” Pastor Paul reported he has recruited a small team to work with him to review all basement areas and determine which rooms should be kept for our use or rental. Larry suggested Pastor Paul reach out to Walt Tideman.

1. **Capital Projects**

a) **James Street Doors –** Ann reported the Trustees approved proceeding with replacement of the James Street doors using W.H.Smith Construction. This is deemed to be mandatory based on the security risk. Also, the Trustees directed that the congregation be asked for donations. Ann shared the UCW approved the donation of approx. $10,000 from previous years meat pie sales to this project.

b**) Washrooms** - Ann reported an estimate of $188,000 was received from W.H. Smith Construction for the washroom renovations.  This was presented to the Trustees who directed it to be brought forward to the congregation at the annual meeting for discussion and decision as it will require funding by the congregation.   Ann indicated she has asked W.H. Smith Construction to provide a breakout of the estimate e.g., cost for women’s washroom and cost for universal washroom to enable decision making.  Ann reported she has researched grants and has identified we can apply for the Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant (Create inspiring, useful spaces) which will open in May 2023. Pastor Paul reported he is getting a second opinion on the universal washroom from a retired construction company owner who has experience with old churches.   This is to determine if there is an alternate option which is less costly.

Pastor Paul confirmed the congregation as well as the Region will need to provide approval.

Agreed a second quote should be requested after determining if there is an alternate option.

**Office Communications**

1) The phone system has been replaced with services from Hey Communications. The savings will be approximately $50.00 per month.

2) Looking into changing the door codes for each group & member having their own code.

3) Camera for recording Sunday services will be installed in the Sanctuary using the computer from Rev. Laurie’s office. Tom Ladenback will install the camera and the program. Tom has asked only for his mileage for compensation.

4) The Canon printer needs to be returned. Cannon has quoted a cost of $824.00. There is the possibility of Ken Coates returning it for $300.00.

**Minister’s Update**

1) Pastor Paul has suggested using **Minute for Mission** in the Sunday Service, once monthly.

2) Pastor Paul also suggested that members of the congregation be asked to read the Scripture Readings as well as be used for Ushers, Greeters & Offering. Alice MacLean has volunteered to organise this when she returns from Florida.

3) Pastor Paul indicated that he would like Rev.Paul Ross to be a Minister Emeritus. He will make this a motion at the Annual Meeting, with Rev. Paul’s agreement.

4) Pastor Paul is available to do weddings.

**New Business**

1. Ann indicated the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Concert had approached Exeter United Church for a concert on Sunday, April 23rd. It was decided by consensus that it would not be feasible at this time. Exeter United Church agree better timing would be for a fall 2023 or spring 2024 concert and to share that to the choir.
2. February Newsletter - to be sent out by email & mail on Friday, February 24th.
3. Shirley Hayes inquired if there were going to be UCW meetings to discuss fundraisers. Ann Johns informed us that the UCW Executive is meeting in the near future, and a decision is to be made.
4. Ann indicated the Fundraising Team in 2020 consisted of Janice Brock, Peter Mosely-Williams and herself and they have not met since 2020.  Ann indicated this team was going to start to do some planning and Shirley would be a welcome addition to the team.
5. Alice MacLean suggested a High Tea for a fundraiser.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting will be a ZOOM Meeting on March 21st at 7:00 PM**