***Exeter United Church – Leadership Team***

***ZOOM Meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 7 pm – Minutes.***

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 Vollick opened with a prayer.

***Approve Agenda***

The agenda was approved with 2 additional items. 4 a) UCW update, and 9 c) Exeter 150 Celebrations – weekend of June 29 – July 2, 2023.

Agreement received that approvals for all decisions will be made by consensus.

***Approve minutes of Feb.21, 2023 - Leadership Team Meeting***

The minutes of the Leadership Team Meeting of February 21, 2023 were approved by consensus.

***Finance and Stewardship Update – Ann Johns***

Ann confirmed year-to-date income and expenses as of end of February are tracking to budget. She indicated March income looks good due to the visitors for a baptism.

Ann shared Bill Carson’s Bluegrass Band has agreed to do a one hour afternoon concert on Sunday, May 21as a fundraiser. They will also perform during the Sunday worship service. A fundraising luncheon will be held between the worship service and the concert. The Sunday School will be asked if they would like to put on the luncheon.

***UCW***

Ann Johns reported the following.

1. The UCW had a profit of $490.75 from their soup sales.
2. The UCW may hold an Afternoon Tea in May, if a volunteer can be found to organize this event.
3. The UCW is still planning to attend 2 of the Farmers Markets this year, the dates have yet to be determined.

***South Huron Arts Centre***

Ann Johns reported the following.

1. The social hall will be in use the morning of Sunday March 26 for an all-day painting class.
2. The Seeds of Hope grant application is in-progress and will be submitted by April 15. This grant would go towards one-time expenses for the Pottery studio.
3. All day classes for school children are scheduled for May 17, 24, 31 & June 7th.
4. June 10th is the last day of the Spring Program & the Fall Program will begin mid-September.
5. S.H.A.C. shared the results of their research / thinking on rent. The next step is for our Trustee appointed negotiation team to review this information and respond.

Alice MacLean queried as to what the EUC expenses have increased, since S.H.A.C. began using the facilities. Ann indicated that Lynn Alderdice is comparing utilities costs to previous years.

Larry Wein questioned the cost of operating the Kiln. Ann indicated this is being investigated and one of the S.H.A.C board members has the same Kiln so may be able to share their cost.

***Capital Projects***

***External Sanctuary Doors***

Ann Johns reported thecompany doing installation completed the door measurements needed to place the order.

***Washrooms***

Pastor Paul shared that Clarke Rawlings (retired owner / engineer of a construction company) provided his feedback on the design and indicated it is possible to renovate the men’s washroom to become the universal washroom and improve the usability of the women’s washroom without major renovations.

On March 2, 2023, unanimous approval was received via email from all Leadership Team members for Pastor Paul to obtain quotes on an alternate solution.

Pastor Paul indicated based on this approval, he contacted local plumbers and that Inglewood Mechanical has agreed to provide an estimate. He confirmed the goal is to have other options to bring forward at the annual meeting

***Office Communications Report –*** Laurie Johnston

Laurie reported the Canon Printer has been picked-up and returned and the new telephone system with Hay Communications is working well.

Laurie reported she contacted Barb Potter with regards to an earlier request for a minister for her son’s wedding. Barb confirmed that the wedding couple had found an alternative officiant but if their needs change, they will contact EUC.

On March 2, 2023 a recommendation to add the option to rent the social hall or parlour at $25 if using <2.5 hours was sent and unanimously approved via email by all Leadership Team members.

Laurie reported Judy Dougall from Heart Felt Yoga has reserved space for yoga classes from April 3 – June 26, 2023. Judy will be reserving for year-round classes, less the summer months, if the spring classes are well received. The new rent option based on using <2.5 hours is what Judy will be charged.

***Ministers Update –*** Pastor Paul Vollick

1. The use of congregational readers during the Sunday Services will be arranged by Alice MacLean, upon her return from Florida.
2. It is hoped that EUC be part of the area churches for summer services. These services could take place in the area churches, as well as local outdoor venues. Consensus was given to Pastor Paul Vollick to speak to the other area ministers to plan for the summer services.
3. The camcorder for recording services has been purchased and the hope is that the camcorder is up and working within the next month.
4. Pastor Paul requested that the Leadership Team be known as the Official Board.

A motion was made that the Leadership Team name be changed to the Official Board. **Ann Johns / Alice MacLean** **CARRIED**

1. Ministry and Personnel Team would like to have a coffee hour with men and women from the community churches. It was suggested that this be held on the 4th Monday of each month. Ann Johns will speak to Lois Godbolt with regards to the above meetings.
2. Pastor Paul suggested that the Minister’s Washroom be made available for all to use.

***New Business***

1. **Rental Policy Revisions**

Ann Johns proposed sanctuary rental rates be revised to consider capacity - less than 100 people, less than 200 people, and 200 plus people. Ann suggested the current rate be used for the lowest capacity with rates doubled and tripled for the next levels.

* + Less than 5 hrs / less than 100 people $ 75.00
  + Over 5hrs / less than 100 people $125.00
  + Less than 5 hrs / 100-199 people $150.00
  + Over 5 hours / 100-199 people $250.00
  + less than 5 hrs / 200+ people $225.00
  + more than 5hrs / 200+ people $375.00

A motion was made to approve the revised rates for rental of the sanctuary.

Ann Johns / Larry Wein **CARRIED**

1. ***Annual Meeting*** – April 23

Pastor Paul confirmed the Chairperson and Secretary must be nominated from the floor. Ann Johns indicated Lynn Alderdice has agreed to make this motion and will nominate Pastor Paul as chair and Laurie Johnston as recording secretary, based on their agreement to accept this nomination.

Pastor Paul confirmed the worship service will go from 10:30 to 11:00 am with the annual meeting starting at 11:00 am.

Stephen Platts volunteered to provide the coffee for this worship service and meeting.

1. ***Exeter 150th Anniversary***

Ann Johns shared that Joanne Bowen has indicated that Exeter United Church may be approached to host a historical display on June 29th and June 30th.

Agreement by consensus to not have an in-person worship service on Sunday July 1 to encourage members to attend the community worship that will be held at the South Huron Recreation Centre.

***Other Business***

Shirley Hayes suggested the monthly women’s fellowship gatherings not be used to make decisions and UCW meetings should resume to cover all business items. Ann Johns indicated the UCW executive is considering the timing for resuming meetings.

Shirley Hayes suggested a shorter version of the newsletter be done in a “flyer” form to distribute among the community, so events at Exeter United Church be known by more than church members.

Shirley Hayes shared that she was told flowers were not allowed in the sanctuary during lent. Past Paul indicated he has no objection to flowers in the sanctuary during Lent except for Good Friday. Pastor Paul stated that decision on decorations during Lent is at the discretion of minister base on their theology.

Agreement by consensus there will be no Good Friday worship service, due to time constraints.

***Meeting Adjourned***

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00pm in person - Parlour.