

CONSECON PASTORAL CHARGE
OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING
Kingerly Hall, Consecon
Jan. 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Margaret Miron (chair) Blanca Zizman Joan Rollins
Carol Rout Heather Mattis Peggy Leavey
Bill Wilson Janet Peacock (recording secretary)
Rev. Norman Long (Pastoral Charge Supervisor)

Regrets: Tim Acker, Diana Duncan-Fletcher

Marg Miron opened the meeting in prayer at 10:10 and introduced our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, the Rev. Norman Long. Rev. Norm gave a brief introduction of himself then went around the table asking each person to share a memory of Rev. Sue who passed away on Dec. 21, 2018. It was a very moving and heartwarming activity, helping us to further process our grief and to get to know a little more about our beloved minister who had such great passion and shared a special relationship with so many people.

The agenda for the meeting was accepted by consensus.

Marg Miron read a letter of resignation from Yvonne Pope-Baldwin. Yvonne will be resigning from her trustee position and position of co-treasurer. She has agreed to stay in her position until the sale of Carrying Place Church is complete and a new bank account set up. She will continue to look after the directing of M&S funds as well as taking monthly donations to the Food Bank on our behalf.

The minutes of the Nov. 29, 2018 Official Board meeting were discussed and moved for adoption by Janet Peacock. Seconded by Bill Wilson. All in favour. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Executive

Marg Miron discussed the board structure which has changed only slightly from last year. Unless someone steps to the floor as co-chair, Marg, will be the sole chair this year. The position of phone convenor has been added as previous church calls had been forwarded to Rev. Sue's cell phone. Peggy Leavey will fill this position. The Pastoral Care Committee and a Communication and Advertising Committee are also new and deemed necessary by our current situation. It is encouraging to see several new faces on the slate of officers this year.

Trustees

Peggy Leavey has informed our lawyer, Matt Ward, of Rev. Sue's passing. We have been given a new tentative closing date for the sale of Carrying Place Church on Jan. 25. It was felt that an additional trustee would be a good idea and Bryon Zizman has graciously offered to let his name stand for this position.

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Finance and Property

Janet Peacock reported that the 2018 financial report showed a deficit of \$14,616.18 over the year. It is hoped that without paying a minister's salary, we will be in a better financial position in the coming year. As a church, it is our challenge to keep our congregants coming and supporting our new direction of running a church without a minister.

The United Church Assessment (\$2132.00) has been paid for the year. The new Statistics form has arrived and will be looked after by Marg and Janet.

Bill Wilson has been checking Carrying Place Church daily to ensure that all is well. It is hoped that the closing date will be soon.

The financial report was moved by Janet Peacock. Seconded by Heather Mattis. Carried.

Worship/Christian Education

The Worship Committee has planned Sunday services for the first few months of the year. Several congregation members have volunteered to do services and guest speakers have been arranged to deliver messages. Our biggest challenge is to find ordained ministers to lead service at least once per month. We have suggested closing our church on Easter Sunday and asking our congregation to join Albury-Rednersville church for that day. This proposal will be discussed at our annual meeting.

There was a special Anniversary Service on January 6, with guest minister, The Rev. Dr Bill Smith and guest musician Stephanie Bird. Melissa and Tim Acker and Blanca and Bryon Zizman joined the church by Profession of Faith and Abigail Lee Burris was received through the Sacrament of Baptism.

It is a pleasure to welcome Blanca Zizman to represent Christian Education. Blanca has been helping with the Sunday School children and enjoying this new role. Last Sunday, Blanca had the children write notes and make cards to send to Rev. Sue's family.

M&P

Contrary to the minutes in November, this committee will not be disbanded as it is a mandatory committee despite our current situation. The same members have agreed to continue in the position, but will basically be on standby.

Pastoral Care

The newly formed pastoral care team will try to tend to the needs of our congregation by sending cards, making phone calls and visiting those who are going through difficult times. Rev. Sue had planned to meet with this group to give them some direction, but this unfortunately did not happen. Carol remembers Rev. Sue's one piece of advice was to listen, listen, listen. We have a caring and enthusiastic group who will do their best to fulfill their mandate.

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UCW

Carol Rout has taken over from Heather Mattis as president of the joint UCW group. Carol and Thelma have gone to the bank to transfer funds from the Carrying Place UCW. Consecon unit is more than willing to help sponsor Carrying Place's foster child for an additional two years when he will turn 18. All seems to be going smoothly with the new joint UCW. At the last UCW meeting, a schedule was drawn up to decide who would host meetings, who would do devotionals and who would provide the discussion topic for each meeting in 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

- i) The Annual General Meeting will take place on Feb. 3. There will be a potluck lunch after the service followed by the meeting. This timing should allow Rev. Norm to reach Consecon to be present for our meeting. It is expected that there should be no problem in having 10 full members in attendance. Darlene will be asked if she can arrange to get the Annual reports printed.
- ii) The governance structure was discussed and we were advised by Rev. Long to leave it as it is.
- iii) Marg Miron discussed the concept of clustering, which is groups of church working together in whatever ways suit their needs. Typically we have clustered with only PE County churches, but Consecon received an invitation from Rev. Warren Vollmer of Frankford United Church to attend an information meeting sometime in January. Marg and Carol plan to attend.
- iv) One of the 2019 Manual requirements is to have Board minutes and decisions posted on the church website (Bylaws: A.6, page 52). After the minutes have been approved and adopted, we will make arrangements to have them posted.
- v) One of the issues to be assigned to teams is the procedure to follow in regards to cancelling church in inclement weather. It was decided that Marg and Heather would make the initial call then call a few others so that everyone would be informed.

It was decided that our next meeting would be in May unless something unforeseen comes up before that time. The exact day will be determined closer to the time.

Rev. Norm closed in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Secretary _____

Chair _____