**Niverville United Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 17, 2023**

Chair: Lesley Reimer

Recording Secretary: Terri MacDonald

Present via Zoom: Lesley Reimer, Rev. Simba, Bill McVicar, Judith Hinton, Judy Limpright,

 Valerie Grantham, Roxanne Anderson, Ellen Gaudry

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Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and recited the mission statement. Rev Simba offered the prayer/meditation.

***The mission of the Niverville United Church is to worship God, care for each other, and seek***

***justice and deepen our faith within our Christian church family.***

**REMINDER:** **Mask optional but recommended**

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**Minutes –** To review both Nov 2022 and Dec 2022 minutes.

**MOTION #1:**           Terri made the motion to accept Dec. 2022 minutes as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Roxanne

                                    \*Carried, unanimously

**MOTION #2:**  Roxanne made the motion to accept Nov. 2022 minutes as corrected.

 \*Seconded by Judy

 \*Carried, one abstention.

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**Thank you, cards:** None noted at this time.

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**Treasurer Report** – Report indicates that a lot of expenses were accrued in 2022, related to monies spent on technical equipment, salaries, music, and snow clearing.

-Insurance with HUB has been changed now to a new policy with company used by UCC; the overall cost of the insurance will be lower than what was paid in 2022.

**MOTION #3:**            Valerie made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Bill

                                    \*Carried, unanimously

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**Old Business**

* AGM – Reminder to be added to the newsletter that reports are due; Lesley will write a brief on the Joint Search Committee; Judy’s brief will be on the Joint Ministry. Further discussion needed, re: sharing of reports with StUC and vice versa.
* Directory – Adm secretary, Stacy, in talks with StUC, re: shared directory. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.
* Alarm Systems – It is unclear if the Ins. Company will offer any credit for having a security company in place. No hard copy of the policy received yet so this will be tabled for now.

**MOTION #4:** Ellen made the motion to table the alarm system discussion for 2 months.

 \*Seconded by Judy

 \*Carried, unanimously

 \* Keys needed for front door and safe; Bill will deal with this issue.

 \* Rev Simba shared with the council how he is feeling more comfortable with his new

 home in our region. He notes that he is open to all phone calls and once fully settled,

 he will be available for home visits. Rev Simba is now part of the Ministerial group,

 representing the UC. They have nominated him to give the sermon on the Sunday,

 following Niverville’s summer fair.

**New Business**

* Council vacancies – Valerie will be stepping down as Treasurer when her terms ends in June of this year. She graciously makes herself available to assist whoever takes her place. Roxanne is stepping down from the Financial Committee. All vacancies to be discussed at the AGM, advising that positions accepted are for a 2 year term.

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**Committee Reports**

* + **Cemetery** – No report at this time.
	+ **Worship** – Prepping for Lent. Julie is lowering her time in our church to once per month, so we are in search of another pianist.
	+ **Property** – There may be a new member to this committee soon, Bill will investigate that. Motion lights are now all working.
	+ **Pastoral Care** – Received 17 prayer shawls from the family of Susan H.
	+ **M & P** – Joint committee is lacking clear communication with the worship committee, and they will meet to discuss improving the situation.
	+ **Trustee Report** – Awaiting further information, re: Insurance.
	+ **Finance** – In process of completing the necessary paperwork for adding and removing names of those who hold official signing authority; Judith will be added to the list.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:10 pm \*\***Next Meeting – February 15, 2023\*\***