**Niverville United Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2023**

Chair: Lesley Reimer

Recording Secretary: Terri MacDonald

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

 Ellen Gaudry, Roxanne Anderson

Regrets: Valerie Grantham

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Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 Feb 2023 Minutes

**MOTION #10:**           Terri made the motion to accept Feb. 2023 minutes as read and amended.

                                    \*Seconded by Ellen

                                    \*Carried, unanimously

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**Thank you, cards:** To Bonnie and Ethel from StUC for taking directory pictures.

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**Treasurer Report** – Presented by Roxanne; questions tabled until Valerie returns.

**MOTION #11:**             Roxanne made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read.

                                     \*Seconded by Judy

                                     \*Carried, unanimously

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**Old Business**

* **AGM** – Will take place this Sunday following the church service; Service will be shortened, and tech equipment will not be used.
* **Joint Directory** – Bonnie Morrow from StUC has offered return dates to those who missed picture times and are requesting a time – Saturday, March 18th from 10am to 2pm and Sunday, the 19th from 9am-10am. At least 20 people have not yet replied to the email to have their pictures taken. There will be no cost to the individuals.
* **Software update** – Opting for the lesser cost back up system.
* **Coffee Circles** – These events need to be coordinated with Rev Simba. Council would like 6 hosts to join 6-8 people in this get-to-know-you time. Judith will speak with Stacy about setting up a sign up sheet at church and in the newsletter.

**MOTION #12:** Judy made the motion that council choose the external hard drive, 3 TB

device; approximate cost of $150.00

\*Seconded by Roxanne

\*Carried, unanimously

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**New Business**

* **Council vacancies** – 1) Treasurer, needed as of June 30, 2023

 2) Finance committee, one position required

 3) Trustee committee, one position required

 4) Those interested in learning tech operations

 5) Song leaders (2-3) to join in/lead singing with congregation

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**Committee Reports**

* + **Minister’s Report** – Many visits being made for pastoral attention/needs of the congregation.
	+ **Cemetery** – No report currently.
	+ **Worship** – Moving into Holy Week (Passion Week) that begins on Arp 2nd. Good Friday service will be at 10:15am, Apr 7th. Palm/Passion Sunday will include an in-person communion time with Rev Simba.
	+ **Property** –. Peephole purchased for front door of church and awaiting installation.
	+ **Pastoral Care** – Committee welcomes Annette B. who has taken charge of distributing cards as needed.
	+ **M & P** – Safety concerns addressed, including for those who are alone in the church at any given time. Suggested that a sign be placed on the door requesting anyone wanting to enter the building must first phone the church.
	+ **Trustee Report** – As discussed in Dec 2022, fire alarm/security service necessity debated. At this time, it needs to be investigated as to what, if any discount our insurance company would provide if we hired a professional service.
	+ **Finance** – Susan F. and Heather W. are handling the donations.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:56pm \*\***Next Meeting – April 18, 2023\*\***