**Niverville United Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 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

Regrets: Ellen Gaudry

Guest: Jonathan (IT Tech)

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Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:03 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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\*Jonathan was asked to join council this evening to discuss the differences in the back-up options for the church’s computers:

1) **External Hard Drive** – most basic type; files are not transferred but “moved” and therefore are now saved in both locations; inexpensive.

2) **Network Hard Drive** – live, accessible by all the computers on the church network at the same time; save and open, no copying needed; 4 Terabytes which comes with a one time cost of $1000.00 and more can be purchased; allows access to files externally, ie, working from home; faster than internet type; files are local and there is lots of physical storage.

3) **Cloud/One Drive/Dropbox** – monthly fee; internet has to be up and running; can access from home; data is stored “outside” therefore accessible by the server; subscription cost is $13.00/user/month; can purchase 1 Terabyte and then buy more.

This discussion will be forwarded to the next meeting and a decision/choice will be made. Jonathan will provide a full write up of pros and cons for the council members.\*

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**Minutes –** To review Jan 2023 Minutes

**MOTION #5:**           Terri made the motion to accept Jan. 2023 minutes as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Roxanne

                                    \*Carried, unanimously

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

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**Treasurer Report** – Stacy to cancel MTS internet service as we continue with Shaw. Not much change noted in the report since last month though we have made our first insurance payment.

**MOTION #6:**            Valerie made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read.

                                    \*Seconded by Judy

                                    \*Carried, unanimously

**MOTION #7:** Valerie made the motion to finalize the budget to be presented at the AGM

\*Seconded by Judy

\*carried, unanimously

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**Old Business**

* AGM – Stacy pleased to note that she has received most of the reports. AGM will happen Mar 19th following church service.
* Joint Directory – Bonnie Morrow from StUC has offered to take the pics as she has done for the last four directories provided in StUC. She will make herself available to NUC all the Sundays in March; it has been suggested we take our pics on March 5th and 12th; evening appointments will be considered upon request. There will be no cost though each church is responsible for payment, re: number of books ordered. In 2020, the cost was $6.21/book.

**MOTION #8:** Roxanne made the motion to make/purchase a joint directory with StUC.

\*Seconded by Bill

\*Carried, unanimously

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**New Business**

* Council vacancies – To be listed in next week’s newsletter.
* Regional Annual Meeting – Rep needed to attend this meeting in Wpg at

Meadowood UC from June 1st to the 4th (Thursday to Sunday). Rev Simba will be attending, and Roxanne has put forth her name to accompany.

**MOTION #9:** Judy Limpright nominates Roxanne Anderson to attend the RAM

\*Seconded by Judith

\*Carried, unanimously

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**Committee Reports**

* + **Minister’s Report** – Pleased to share with us his ecumenical appointment; Rev Simba will be preaching at the Niverville Old Tyme Country Fair, Sunday service on June 11, 2023.
  + **Cemetery** – No report currently.
  + **Worship** – Prepping for Lent; focus is, “we are water”. New pianist has offered her services and will be starting at NUC this Sunday. Team pleased to announce that 3 new people will be training to use the new tech equipment.
  + **Property** – Eric and Heather have joined the group with Tom and Lloyd.
  + **Pastoral Care** – Prayer shawl team has requested, and will be accommodated, to perform the blessings of the shawls off camera.
  + **M & P** – Nothing to report at this time.
  + **Trustee Report** – Nothing to report currently.
  + **Finance** – Newsletter to add a note of encouragement for those people using donation envelopes to contribute towards the cost of providing them.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:43 pm \*\***Next Meeting – March 15, 2023\*\***