## Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Official Board Annual Meeting WEBEX - February 16, 2022

Annual meeting of the Two Rivers Pastoral Charge was conducted through WEBEX, Wednesday evening, February 16, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

**Present:** Bette Ashley, Sue Gamble, Kelly Newstead, Chris Patstone, Doug Evans, Linda McCullough, Marilyn Parish, Maggie Coffee Prowse, Amber Graham, Margaret Stackhouse, Kelly Newstead, Kenneth Furry, Catherine Cole, Ross & Anne Titus, Beth Quigley, Ross Sherwood, Rev. Kate Jones.

Regrets: Josie Peck, Kathy Thorne, Eldon Smith, Jennifer Wilson, Ticket Gillan.

Ross gathered us together with prayer, followed by reading our Congregational Purpose.

Rev. Kate Jones read Territorial Land Acknowledgement.

**Call to Order**: Ross called meeting to order when majority of members were on line.

Agenda: Moved by Doug Evans, seconded Linda McCullough, Agenda be adopted as circulated with Fundraiser for Titus Farm Fire added under New Business. Motion carried.

Minutes: Moved by Beth Quigley, seconded Catherine Cole, minutes of the November 17, 2021 Official Board minutes be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

## **Business Arising from Minutes:**

**Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Governance Document**: Work on Governance Document by Rev. Kate Jones, assisted by Beth Quigley and Chris Patstone, will commence in March. Proposed meeting following the busy Christmas Season postponed due to COVID rules and restrictions of gatherings.

**Correspondence**: None received.

**Scripture & Reflection**: Rev. Jones report looks back over 2021 and how we flourished because we kept grounded in God. Looking forward to 2022 with the Bible reading of Jesus answering Peter's question with: "Who do you say I am?" He is many different things to different people and how we answer that question shapes how we live out our faith. If Jesus was standing in front of you now, how would we answer that question? Teacher, friend - - - -. Rev. Kate invited people to send their answers to her in the coming weeks and months ahead, or arrange to meet her at the church. Rev. Kate followed reflection with prayer.

**Ministers Report (pages 8, 9, 10)** Rev. Kate suggested folks read her report and she will share her thoughts at the Congregational Meetings.

**Reports:** Ross thanked Elaine Elkin, TRPC secretary, for her time and work in putting together the Annual Report.

**Rites of Passage**, Page 4: Ross read the names of those who passed away from all points in 2021. He also listed those who passed away this past January: Phil Jones, Paul Smith and Georgie Buckley.

Baptisms: Joseph Fullerton - Long Reach

**Statistics**, Page 5: Members' attendance hard to follow over the year due to COVID, restrictions and live streaming. Counts often made with how many screens were watching and not how many people at each site. It is fully acknowledged that it is not an accurate number.

**Nomination Report:** Chris Patstone presented the slate of officers for Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Executive: Chair: Ross Sherwood, Deputy-Chair: Bette Ashley, Secretary: Josie Pike, Treasurer: Beth Quigley. Invitation for further nominations from the floor called three times. No nominees presented. **Moved Chirs Patstone, seconded Sue Gamble, the slate of officers be elected as presented.** Motion carried.

Joint Board of Stewards – No report as board did not meet due to illness and COVID.

Session: Pages 11&12 – Chris Patstone spoke to the report. The Holy Spirit is always present at session meetings and all the work they do outside of the church. It has been a challenging year for all of us. The elders are dedicated and even though they lifted up several of their members in prayer tonight, they are still there to continue the work of the church and have great commitment. Ross thanked Session for the work they do and how much they are appreciated. Youth and Young Families: Page 13 – Kenneth Fury presented report as newly hired Youth Co-ordinator. He has put in a huge amount of effort to making Sunday School a remote program. Looking for that type of program for the youth but as we are changing restrictions, they may meet next week. He is excited and planning lots of fun for a great year when we open up for gatherings. Ross noted Thanks to Bette Ashley, Irene & Gwen Quigley for finding the Youth Co-ordinator.

**Ministry & Personnel:** Page 15 – Report received as submitted.

Benevolent Fund: Page 16 – Finances in report. Fewer requests than expected for 2021.

**Pastoral Care Team**: Page 17 – Report received as submitted.

**Broadview Subscription**: Page 17 – As submitted. Thank you to Joanne York for her work. Gathering held once per month to discuss items in the Broadview Magazine.

**Church in the World**: Pages 17-18 – Report as presented. Many thanks for the work to serve and help other people outside of the church.

**Mission & Service Fund**: Page 20 – Ross Sherwood spoke to the report. Telethon for M&S probably will become an annual event. Some folks thanked them for calling. Special thank you to those who called, especially Martha Crabbe who contacted Peninsula folks. Mural will be fantastic and may be viewed on face book for the churches.

**Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Council:** Page 21 – Only one virtual meeting last year. Will have virtual meeting again in 2022. Thanks to Bette Ashley, Elaine Elkin and Kathleen Fullerton for being representatives of TRPC.

**Home Mission Council Report:** Page 22 – Three students received secondary education bursaries from Home Mission Council this summer: Julia Dickie - Long Reach, Martha Crabbe's granddaughter - Bayswater/Summerville and a student from Westfield.

**Affirming Ministry Team:** Page 23 – Report received as submitted. Chris Patstone added that God's love is limitless.

## For information only:

**Bayswater-Summerville** Financial Report: Page 25 – As presented **Long Reach** Financial Report: Page 33 - Down in funds but hope to recover in 2022. **Westfield** Financial Report: Page 37 – Thanks to Margaret Stackhouse for taking on the Westfield books from Phil Jones, who had done most of the work and will be missed.

**Motion to receive above reports as presented by Chris Patstone. Seconded Anne Titus.** Motion carried.

## **New Business:**

**TRPC Mission and Service Goal 2022:** Page 20 – As Ross Sherwood is Chair, Rev. Kate presented budget for 2022 Mission and Service Goals: Long Reach - \$4,000.00, Bayswater-Summerville - \$3,000.00, Westfield - \$14,200.00, Westfield UCW - \$300.00 for Charge total of \$21,500.00. Moved by Linda McCullough, seconded by Bette Ashley, the Mission and Service Goal for 2022 be accepted as presented. Motion carried. Rev. Kate thanked everyone and especially Ross for being a "solid enthusiast".

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Budget 2022: Beth Quigley presented budget for 2022. Board of Stewards have discussed the approximate \$3000.00 increase for the TRPC insurance. Beth is still consulting with the company. When the final numbers are received a change may be made in the distribution of payment for insurance. Year end 2022 budget projected as 16,190.80. Rev. Kate questioned the error in the ADP Pay Roll Remittance Cost – misprint of \$1,300 should be \$13,000. Beth thought it was included but will check. Beth moved the adoption of the 2022 budget with possible changes to insurance and payroll remittance figures. Margaret Stackhouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Note: Budget did not reflect the misprint in ADP Pay Roll Remittance – changed to \$13,000.00 with year end balance for 2022 at \$4,490.80)

**Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Signing Officers**: With the death of Phil Jones, only Beth and Margaret are the remaining signing officers. It was recommended by Margaret and Beth that four signing officers be assigned to the account, two from the Peninsula and two from Westfield Church. Moved by Marilyn Parish, seconded Chris Patstone, Beth Quigley, Margaret Stackhouse, Catherine Cole and Doug Evans be named signing officers for the Two Rivers Pastoral Charge account. Motion carried.

Fundraiser for Titus Farm, Gorhams Bluff, due to barn fire – Kelly Newstead brought forth the conversation to donate funds from the churches or the Two Rivers Pastoral Charge towards rebuilding the barn on the Titus Farm. Following discussion, it was decided to approach the Benevolent Fund for the donation, even though it is usually a "requested" donation. Beth (Titus) Quigley and Ross & Anne Titus excused themselves from the discussion due to "conflict of interest". Moved by Doug Evans, seconded Kelly Newstead, that \$1,000.00 be donated to Titus Farms for the rebuilding of barn from the Benevolent Fund. Motion carried. We will figure out a way to get the funds to the family. Beth thanked the court for their generosity and caring.

Next Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled at Summerville Church, 7:30 pm following Session.

**Motion to Adjourn**: Moved by Chris Patstone meeting be adjourned. Ross thanked everyone for all that we do.

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**Closing Prayer**: Rev. Kate Jones led us in prayer.