

Rivers United Church Council Meeting **December 10, 2024**

Present: Dave Falkevitch, Tara Bray, Jamie McFadden, Megan Lelonde, Monica Madden, Heather Lamb, Alastair McFadden, Dianne Kowalchuk.

Regrets: Rev. Barb Jardine, Lynn Madden

Chair Heather Lamb called the council meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Acting secretary was Megan Lelonde. Heather opened the meeting with a reflection written by Rev. Patrick Woodbeck. The minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed. ****Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Monica Madden, that the minutes of the November 12, 2024, council meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

Business arising from the minutes:

1. Seven people from RUC went to meet the Peace Train. The train was very late, and everyone went home before it arrived.
2. The hymn books left downstairs were gifts from Dave and Donna Falkevitch. Unfortunately, the VU organist copy is missing in action.

Correspondence:

- E-mail from Jennifer Braun re: Step 2 program (It was suggested that a note should be left on the tables saying that they should not be taken down)
- E-mail from Kids Club re: locking the front door (Council is fine with the front door being locked during nursery school hours.)
- Letter from Hamiota United Church -- HUC has no desire/need to be in a ministerial partnership
- Letter from United Church of Canada re: Northern Ministers Retreat

Reports

Spiritual Leadership: The committee has not had a meeting lately.

Outreach: No representative. No report.

Ministry and Personnel: No representative. No report.

Trustees: Dave Falkevitch had no report.

Prairie to Pine Region: No report.

Search: Nothing new.

Stewardship (Property): Jamie McFadden reported the following:

- The vacuum is still not fixed.
- The four windows will be here in January and installation will likely be in the early spring.

****Moved by Dave Falkevitch, seconded by Tara Bray, that the reports be accepted. Carried.**

Stewardship (Finance):

The financial statement for the month of November 2024 was presented by Jamie McFadden. Income for the month - \$4,407.62; expenses - \$7,771.70. As of November 30, 2024, total RUC funds were

\$216,425.92. ****Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Alastair, that the financial report for November 2024 be accepted for information only. Carried.**

Old Business:

1. **Photo Directory:** On November 25th, Dianne signed a contract with IPC Canada on behalf of Rivers United Church. Photo sessions will be held on April 22nd and 23rd (Tuesday and Wednesday) from 2:30 – 8:30 pm. These are 15 – 20 minute sessions with three photos taken. There is no obligation to buy anything, and the prices seem reasonable. A package with full information will be coming soon. We may be able to do bookings online. 100th Anniversary Specials include:
 - two extra editorial pages. It is not known at this time how many editorial pages are included free of cost anyway.
 - 20% overprint of directories
 - 10 free submitted photos

The photographer will take other photos for the book i.e. church exterior, stained glass windows, groups, quilt, banners. Dianne has volunteered to be co-ordinator.

New Business:

1. **2025 Budget: **Moved by Jamie McFadden, seconded by Tara Bray, that the draft 2025 budget be accepted to be presented to the congregation. Carried**
2. **Annual Meeting: **Moved by Alastair McFadden, seconded by Tara Bray, that the annual meeting of RUC be held on Sunday, February 9th, preceded by worship and a potluck lunch Carried.** The meeting could start at 12:45.
3. **Annual reports:** The deadline for annual reports is January 12, 2025.
4. **Christmas Eve Service: **Moved by Dianne Kowalchuk, seconded by Dave Falkevitch, that the offering received on Christmas Eve will be split between the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada and Rivers Early Learning Centre (for the new daycare). Carried.** The plate will be passed at this service.

Roundtable:

- There is still no word about the Service of Lessons and Carols usually held on the Sunday after Christmas.
- Last choir practice – December 19; practice will resume on February 6.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. *The Lord's Prayer* was repeated.