

WESLEY-KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Spiritual Life Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020

MINUTES

This meeting took place online by Zoom due to distancing restrictions in place due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Those present: Liz Dunlop (Chair), Ann Stokes (Secretary), Vivienne Wardle, Kathey Coates, Mike Beck, Rev Pirie Mitchell, Dan Leaver, Glen Pearson, Lynda Laskey (Leadership Liaison), Mallory Brennan (Zoom facilitator)

Regrets: Jason Taylor, Karen Schuessler

Opening Devotion: Kathey

1. The minutes of the November 5th meeting were approved.

2. Past services

November 8th - *Remembrance Sunday*. **Worship Team:** Pirie, Dan, Sheila Dinnin.
Music Team: Karen, Linda Olson

November 15th - *Children's Sunday / Transgender Day of Remembrance*.
Worship Team: Dan, Mallory, Hannah Haworth **Music Team:** Karen, Richard Yake

November 22nd - *Mission Sunday*. **Worship Team:** Dan with the Reaching Out Committee: Margo Bettger-Hahn, Brian Dalton, Tony Haworth. **Guest:** Peter Rozeluk (Executive Director Mission Services). **Music Team:** Karen, Tara Pegg

November 29th - *Advent 1 Hope. Communion*. **Worship Team:** Pirie, Dan, Helen Campbell.
Candle-lighters: Alison Reid and Lauren Mardlin (Pirie's daughters).
Music Team: Karen, Bill Jacklin, George and Gillian Laidlaw (flute and piano)

Comments

- Reaching Out team did a good job on Mission Sunday, Peter Rozeluk is an interesting speaker
- Communion worked well on Advent 1, with Pirie explaining about seder meals

3. Upcoming services / Pulpit supply:

December 6th - *Advent 2 Peace*. Advent Candles: Sheila & Julia Dinnin

December 13th - *Advent 3 Love*. Pageant. Advent Candles: Paul & Cindy Stewart

December 20th - *Advent 4 Joy*. Glen preaching. Advent Candles: Topher Beck and family

Night Passed - Chris Mortlock will make a video

Christmas Eve - Karen and Pirie will make a video - needs to be well advertised. We had considered having a 10pm quiet service but, on advice from the Re-opening Committee, will not be doing that.

December 27th - Pirie

January 3rd - Pirie

4. **Re-opening:** Thank you to Vivienne for comprehensive reports.

Vivienne: The committee talked about closing again, if necessary, they are watching the government guidelines. It was decided not to do a survey at this time. Due to, maybe, having to turn away some who wanted to attend it was decided not to have an in-person Christmas Eve service.

5. **New Business**

Dan: asked about ushers for Pageant Sunday, as it suggests youth ushers in the Christmas Checklist. He was assured that was not necessary this year (due to Covid). Kathey confirmed that she has ushers booked.

Mallory: March 14th is PIE day. Inclusivity & Affirm committee would like to do a service on that day. From United Church website: PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit. These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. March 14 is a chance to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada.

Pirie voiced doubts about doing this during lent. However, the committee approved Pie Day service.

6. **Other Business**

Pirie: An e-mail was sent from Ann to this committee regarding comments she had received about the Minister's Musings in the last church newsletter.

Pirie expressed his concerns. Some discussion followed.

7. Lynda volunteered to do a devotional for the next meeting.

8. Pirie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting Date: January 7th at 7pm