

M&O COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, September 10, 2021 @ 1:30PM

Present: Gyllian Davies, Lynda Turner, Bridget Metzger, Doreen Davidson, Joan Warren, Tim Hunt.

Regrets: Duncan Mathieson and Nancy Wigen.

Meeting began at 1:35 pm.

Opening Prayer: Gyllian

Selection of Secretary: Joan

Approval of June 11 minutes.

There was one error which was corrected. **Doreen moved to accept the revised minutes; Seconded by Bridget. Carried.**

Financial Report: Doreen

As of the end of August, there was \$2400 left out of our budget of \$7500—\$2000 in our local and \$500 in our national. We have overspent \$100 in our international Budget. Doreen is uncertain and needs to confirm with Andrew Peat the amount of \$2759 left in our “Over and Above” budget. She will have that figure for our next meeting.

Doreen moved that her financial statement be accepted. Joan seconded. Carried.

Receipts from PWRDF Donations

Lynda has received receipts and some correspondence following our PWRDF donations. Light for every birth, \$500, Territory of the People—Lytton fire, \$1000, Al Ahli Arab hospital, \$1000, and Pimatozwin Nipi, Territory of the People, "Living Water" project, \$1000. We received a very appreciated letter from PWRDF Territory of the People thanking us for our donation.

Bridget proposed that the letter be available to be read online or printed to be read in the sanctuary. Gyllian proposed that the letter should be retained with the paper copies of the minutes, possibility and ways and means as to how to share these with the parishioners.

There were also two donations from parishioners that went directly to PWRDF. One for \$115 to African World Relief and one for \$495 to the general fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish t-shirts

There was no new information for Gyllian to report as well as no volunteers from our committee to take this on. It was suggested that we put an announcement in the church bulletin to see if people are interested and if someone would volunteer to re-establish the Parish t-shirt or pullover project. Lynda will put this in the church bulletin.

Mental Health SSI

We discussed whether we should re-visit our former mental health project which we had to put aside due to the shortage of time to put this together and also a lack of interest from the parish. The original plan was to have a zoom "information gathering" of community mental health coordinators and the RCMP to see how we, as a parish, can get involved. We decided to reconsider this in November and plan for possibly the spring when hopefully we can meet in person rather than on Zoom. In the meantime, knowing that there are people or family members in our own parish struggling with mental health issues, it was suggested that we try to reach out to the parish first and send out a “feeler letter” to the congregation to sense if there was an interest to pursue this within ourselves. Doreen and Gyllian volunteered to write a letter together. If the response is positive, the

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next step would be to ask people that we know are struggling, if they would be interested in moving forward in some way. We would then be able and more knowledgeable to be in a better position to involve the community in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

PWRDF Territory of the People Grants

A letter was sent out by Lynda to all of us describing this new Indigenous program in detail. We were all in agreement that we would like to pursue this program further. Lynda will table this for the next meeting.

Reaching Out. Saltspring Exchange

We discussed the need to better communicate to our parishioners and perhaps the community the work “Missions and Outreach” is doing and where the money given to us is going. We were uncomfortable making our donations public through the Saltspring Exchange and decided to use the ways and means we already have within our parish to increase awareness in our congregation. We decided to make monthly announcements at both our live and online services. **Moved by Tim, seconded by Bridget that they would be responsible for the first O&M announcements for both these services.**

M&O Terms of Reference

Four members of our committee, Gyllian, Tim, Bridget, and Lynda, have met to focus on our future M&O Vision and specific purpose and goals. Gyllian will be sending out a report to the committee. **Doreen moved that this report, when received, should be sent on to the Parish Renewal Task Force. Tim seconded. Carried.**

OTHER

A letter from Colin Ward was read. He would like to see the Thrifty Food Smile Card project happening again as there is such a need on the street right now. We questioned whether we should have an e-vote to decide. No decision was decided.

Coat/ Sock/Blanket Annual Drive

A motion was made by Bridget, seconded by Tim to continue this project. Carried.

Announcements re M&O Activities

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Bridget, that Tim and Bridget would be responsible for the outreach and mission announcements in the live and online services. Carried.

Next Meeting: October 15th at 1:15pm.

Closing Prayer: Doxology.