

JBUC Board Meeting
November 29, 2017

Location: Reception room, 10 am

Present: Cheryl Caldwell (Finance), Karen Dickey (minister), Doug Lunam (Pastoral Care), Marg Lunam (Thrift Shop), Cheryl Macpherson (Worship), Duncan McLean (Member at Large), Gordon Miller (Communication/ Neighbourhood Engagement), Karen Pollett (M&P)

Regrets: Kathie Putt, Jeremy Williams

Chair: Karen Dickey Secretary: Gordon Miller

Opening with Communion and reading from Weird Church, by Beth Ann Estock and Paul Nixon -- a reflection on Luke 10, "the sending out of the 70."

We agreed to accept the Agenda, adding the consideration of a mid-week communion.

Questions, comments in response to circulated reports:
Marg agreed to send a card to Judy Kzresowski with thanks for discovering and helping to transport the supply of 50 used chairs for the lower hall.

We agreed to adopt the October 25, 2017 Minutes.

Karen advised the Board on accessing the minutes on the website by way of the Board page.

For our consideration:

1. Communication and Neighbourhood Engagement

Gordon gave a short description of Christmas community engagement plans and events related to the worship services.

2. Financial report

Cheryl presented the financial statement along with a pie chart format. Both formats will be presented to the congregation for easier understanding, noting the need for accompanying commentary. Two observations:

- We are not reliant on one income source.
 - Thrift shop income is increasing as donations are decreasing
- Cheryl will set up a meeting and pull together a budget planning committee; Doug and Karen P. agreed to participate.

In response to the question of what goals we are identifying for the coming year that need to be reflected in the budget (rather than just looking at last year's budget and reworking it), hospitality was highlighted.

3. "Pledge Drive"

Returning to our last month's conversation about a pledge drive, Karen brought forward thoughts from her November Study Leave, picking up on the excerpt from *Weird Church*, re: Luke 10. Rather than the form of pledge drive that focuses on people's contributions, is there another more wide ranging conversation that is called for; and might we do this by members of the congregation gathering in small groups, with Board members (and others?) invited to facilitate the conversation with an intent to listen carefully. We imagined a future Board meeting, early in the new year, in which we ourselves would experience the process -- a training/ equipping time. Gordon offered to host this gathering.

4. Duncan offered to lead an on-going midweek communion service in the new year. Gordon and Duncan agreed to pick up the discussion in the new year.

M&P Announcement:... committee spots have been filled. (hooray)

Next meeting date will be announced after the Budget Planning Group have a first draft of the 2018 budget to bring to the Board.