

North Burlington Churches united

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018 - 7 p.m. at Lowville United Church

Attendance: Heather McGavin (chair) Sue Stephen (recorder) Carol Boyle, Gary Goodale, Dale McKeown, Barb McKeown, Ruth Coverdale, Marilyn Martin, Janet Saunders, Paul Bartu

Regrets: Allison Playfair, Steve Huntley, Daryl Webber, Nancy Knill, Shirley Bottaro, Marilyn Stairs, Susan Ward England, Dale Martin and Janice Martin

Opening: Heather led the group in the North Burlington Churches united Prayer

Minutes of March 5, 2018. Moved by Dale McKeown and seconded by Carol Boyle that the minutes be accepted as circulated. APPROVED

1. Discussion re Invitation/Distribution List: Heather commented that there are a number of people who receive minutes and notices of meetings who neither attend nor send regrets. Question was posed: Is it time to cull the list.

ACTION: Heather will send out an email asking people to confirm their wish to remain on the list, indicating that the minutes are available to everyone on the website. A non-response will be considered a request to no longer receive minutes/notices of meetings.

ACTION: Re-examine the role and purpose of this group. Much has changed since this group first formed approximately 4 years ago. Heather and Dale Martin (as co-chairs) to discuss and bring forward.

2. NBCu Activities since March 5, 2018

The Holy Week shared services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise) were all meaningful and well attended and worshippers for each included members of the 3 churches. Appleby United also participated in the Good Friday service and members of their congregation attended.

3. Updates

Tansley – Recycling event was again successful 350 + cars, Plus pickups prior to the event, on Saturday and from the POST.

Book Sale is scheduled for May 12 – book drop off on May 10+11 and set up 1 p.m. following on the 11th.

Shredding event will be held June 2.

Decluttering workshop set for this Saturday, April 14. Note change of date from April 21. Unfortunately this now conflicts with St Stephen's Rummage Sale.

A coffee sitting area has been created for those who prefer to sit with coffee following the service. Tansley Cares Network (TCN) responded to learning that there were people not attending worship because they had nowhere to sit for coffee/fellowship.

Outreach Programs are ongoing

Congregation is preparing for Steve's sabbatical – May 21 to June 19.

St Stephen – Rummage Sale this Saturday, April 14.

Mother's Day Tea and Vendor Market May 12

Celebration of all Baptisms that have occurred at St Stephen – this Sunday April 15.

Plans are being made for the 3 Ministers, who were candidates from St Stephen, to return and preach over the next year.

Outreach Sunday, April 29 will include a presentation by Joy and Hope – Haiti

VBS will be held this summer as outlined in March minutes.

Presbytery Approval being sought this Wednesday, April 11 for the sale of the property

A shortened worship service will be held April 22 followed by a Facilitated Listening Circle.

Lowville – JNAC is working hard and will soon present their report to the Council for approval. It is anticipated that the recommendation will be for ½ time ordered ministry staff.

Shay Marvelle will offer her final Lenten reflection this week (April 15). Presentations have been well received and meaningful

Rosemary Jackson has returned in the role of organist.

Kids in the Kitchen program is on-going

Monday, May 7 the Indigenous Book Study will focus on 7 Fallen Feathers (Lowville at 1 p.m.)

4. Conversations between St Stephen and Tansley continue and members of both congregations will participate in a discussion “Exploring Tomorrow” on April 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St Stephen. Marg Torrance from EDGE will facilitate. About 40 people have signed up to date. Planning for the day will be done with Marg this Thursday evening.

5. Joint Service – June 10 – at St Stephen

ACTION: 1 or 2 names of planners from each church to be forwarded to Allison.

ACTION: Carol Boyle to contact Donna Lelievre about participation by Tansley UCW as they had already offered to cover that worship service which falls during Steve’s sabbatical. Carol or Donna to contact Allison about Tansley’s participation.

6. Motion for adjournment – Paul Bartu at 8:04 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: May 7, 2018 at 7 p.m. at St Stephen space permitting. Alternate = Tansley.