

**POWELL RIVER
UNITED CHURCH**



**PRUC Navigation Team Meeting
January 27, 2022**

Present: Rev. Mary White, Grant Vaughan, Alaa Badran, Elsie Parsons, Lynn McCan, Jeremy Buhay, Marilynn Davis, Wendy Barker, Mac & Doe Fraser, Tyler Nouwens

Note: Since the November 25/21 meeting, and based on rising Covid numbers, the Navigation Team decided by e-mail consensus to halt in-person worship services starting with the Christmas Eve service until further notice.

7:00 Welcome and Opening Prayer: opening prayer by Marilyn.

7:05 Agreement of the Agenda: Agreed.

7:10 Check-in: John Taves, past Nav Team member, passed away.

8:00 Minutes, Business Arising, Reports, & Correspondence:

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of November 25/21 will be circulated.

New Ideas for Church:

Jeremy Buhay noted that a number of the Meditation participants are excited by the idea of starting a Dancing Temple in the sanctuary after the Friday evening meditations, with a possible start date in April.

Attendance at the Meditations is averaging 15-20 per week.

Some participants would also like to use the kitchen to prepare soup for delivery to people who are ill. It was noted that public health regulations would need to be followed, and building use forms completed. Navigation Team members agreed that there would be no rental cost for this use.

Loneliness: People are needing connection. It was suggested that some form of Lenten package be considered for drop-off, similar to the bags that went out during Advent.

Business Arising:

Covid-19: Masks continue to be required in all indoor places during all worship services. NT members agreed on the need to keep in-person Sunday services on hold, given the high numbers and discuss this again at the next meeting; however, if anything changes sooner, a special meeting will be called.

Lynn will look into resuming Bible Study. Elsie will check with Brenda regarding possibilities for the Young Families program. Ideas were discussed for doing tea either via Zoom or in small groups in public place.

2022 Planning (nominations):

Malcolm Fraser will stay on Ministry & Personnel until spring, and will assist in finding a replacement.

AGM will be postponed until May.

New due date for submissions to the annual report is Feb 22, 2022

Reports:

* **Light of God:** (see New Ideas above). Rev. Mary is considering offering a Lenten study, either in-person or on-line.

* **Shepherding Resources:** Funds Summary to December 31/21, and revised preliminary Budget 2022 were circulated and approved. Summary of the Legacy Fund activity over the years was circulated, along with recommendations.

Moved by Wendy, seconded by Mac, that the Operating Fund deficit to be covered by Operating Fund Reserve, and maintain the balance of that reserve towards future Operating Fund deficits. Carried.

Moved by Wendy, seconded by Lynn, that \$13,000 (currently held as cash) from the Legacy Fund be transferred to cover the 2021 deficits in the Communications and Young Families projects, and to fund those same projects for the period January to June of 2022. Carried.

* **Trustees:** HUB has not responded to insurance renewal questions.

* **Loaves and Fishes:** Doe is exploring a resumption of the Pasta Dinners, with some possible new volunteers.

* **Caring and Sharing:** Marilyn is looking at ideas for Easter. (See Loneliness above)

* **Sacred Ground:** nothing to report.

* **In My Name:** Paddle Group is not active right now.

* **Open Heart:** Tyler circulated a graph showing the continued use of the website. It was noted that actual viewer numbers are higher than reported, as the services are shown to groups at Willingdon Creek, and to couples and families at home. The weekly newsletter is being circulated by open e-mail to 60 addresses. It was recommended that information on the Friday Meditations be included in the newsletter.

* **Ministry and Personnel:** nothing to report.

* **Regional Representative:** nothing to report.

Correspondence:

TOPS Group Letter: Numbers are down, and the group requests consideration of a rent reduction.

Moved by Wendy, seconded by Mac, that the group's rate be reduced from \$90/month to \$50/month for the 2022 year, with the expectation that the group would increase their rate if their numbers increase.
Carried.

8:30 What have you been hearing: deferred to next meeting.

8:40 New Business: none.

Adding new priorities to our list:

-Harmony Vespers

8:50 Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 17th, 7:00PM via Zoom

8:55 Closing Prayer: by Rev. Mary

My worries disappear when I decide they are powerless.