**Westminster Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 31, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Mary Ruthven, Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott, Murray Stevens, Ruth Mostowy, Renee MacKenzie, Allison Sarauer, Willie Kosokowsky, Tyler Skogen, Elan Buan, Carol Gossner, Sarah Miller, Maxine Mesenchuk, Brenda Curtis, and April Kozar.

1. **Call to Order- 7:11 pm**

**2) Old Business**

1. Cancellation of the Regional Gathering – Allison Sarauer gave update that everything is in the process of being cancelled.
2. Baptism Policy- Tabled until Apr. 22
3. M&P- No update that this time. Will have more info at the April 22 meeting
4. Stewardship committee- (Elan/Brenda/Ruth/Sarah)-Send out an email to the congregation to invite people to form a stewardship committee.

**3) New Business**

1. COVID 19 COMMITTEE
2. Recommendation on closure –Willie Kosokowsky/Renee MacKenzie, “That the worship service be cancelled until April 23 and will be reassessed on April 22, 2020.” Carried.
3. Will no longer need pulpit on April 19 due to cancellation of services.
4. Orders of service left in mailbox – April will print bulletins and have them available for pick up in the outside mailbox by the church’s front door.
5. Wesley United and Trinity letterhead will be added to our service bulletins. The service Brenda prepares will be shared with them as part of our agreement with Quill Plains.
6. Phone Calls and Emails- Everyone will call their phone list again, and let them know that services are cancelled until April 23. It was suggested that everyone be called at Easter and wish them a happy Easter.
7. Treasurer
8. Financials-Elan Buan reviewed the March financial statements.

Carol Gossner/Maxine Mesenchuk, “That vacation back pay for 2019 for James Folster and April Kozar be paid from the building account.” Carried.

1. Webinar – There are free webinars to keep informed with the United Church of Canada
2. Anniversary of Bus Crash Apr.6, 2018 – We will acknowledge it in the prayers of the people in the April 5 service.
3. Brenda Curtis and Matteo Carboni will do some planning regarding services during Easter week.

**4) Other Business –** Painting of Hall Ceiling–– Since main hall is currently not being used, now would be a good time to get the sounds barriers repaired and the ceiling painted. Murray Stevens is willing to paint and a contractor will do the needed drywall repairs. It will cost between $1000-1700 to repair the ceiling including the sound barriers. Paint will be in excess of $500 plus volunteers labour. The estimated cost to complete will be $2500-3000.

Maxine Mesenchuk/Renee MacKenzie, “To repair and paint the ceiling in the hallway and in the hall including the sound barriers.” Carried.

**5) Adjournment 8:34 pm**