

**POWELL RIVER UNITED CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF NAVIGATION TEAM MEETING**  
**September 23, 2021**

**Attending via Zoom:** Rev. Mary White, Grant Vaughan, Marilyn Davis, Elsie Parsons, Doreen Fraser, Mac Fraser, Lynn McCann, Wendy Barker, Tyler Nouwens

**Regrets:** Jeremy Buhay, Alaa Badran

Grant, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Marilyn opened with prayer.

**Agenda:** was approved, with the addition of "Truth & Reconciliation Day"

**Minutes of May 13, 2021:** were approved as circulated.

To enhance timely communication within the community of faith, it was:

MOVED that draft minutes be circulated to Navigation Team members for review, and then made available to the congregation in draft form by e-mail within a week, with formal approval given at the next Navigation Team meeting.

Wendy Barker / Marilyn Davis                      Carried.

**Standing Items:**

**New Ideas for Church:** Friday evening meditation services, as suggested by Jeremy Buhay, will be starting in a couple of weeks.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Covid-19:**

~We will continue to encourage remote or on-line connection for those who are unable to meet current health safety measures.

~Posters indicating current health safety expectations for in-person services will be posted on the inside and outside of all 3 main doors.

~Sacred Grounds will be asked to check the fan direction as a possible alternative to open doors in providing ventilation.

~Phyllis has been provided with a note for rental groups, advising them of their responsibility to ensure current BC Health guidelines are followed.

**AGM:**

~**For 2020**, there has been no requirement set by Pacific Mountain Region regarding whether an annual meeting must take place. However, it was agreed that PRUC would hold their meeting in the sanctuary during the worship service of October 17th.

Congregants will be encouraged to bring their lunch. (There will be no shared food.)

The annual report has already been circulated; the meeting will allow time for questions about the reports, approve the reports, and affirm additions to the Navigation Team and M&P.

~**For 2021**, the Navigation Team will begin planning at their next meeting.

## **Reports:**

### **Light of God ~**

Return to Sunday School will be looked at after Thanksgiving. In the meanwhile, children will be encouraged to stay with their family group when attending worship. Activity packages of colouring books and felts have been made up so that each child can have one of his/her own.

### **Shepherding Resources ~ (see attached report)**

It was noted that the total Year-to-Date deficit would be more than \$26,000 if not for the federal subsidies and the staff cut-backs. This does not include the deficits being incurred to continue our very valuable *Communications* and *Young Families* projects.

### **Trustees ~ no report.**

### **Loaves and Fishes ~**

The *Everybody Deserves a Smile* project has begun organizing for Christmas 2021, and invitations will soon come out to join in making cards and painting bags in the space above the library. Donations of knitted scarves and hats are encouraged.

Starting on Thanksgiving Sunday, people attending the worship service will be encouraged to bring their own thermos and snack so they can visit in Trinity Hall after the service. Masks will be required other than when seated, and seating will be a maximum of 6 to a table.

### **Caring and Sharing ~ no report.**

### **Sacred Grounds ~**

- Fire extinguishers are to be re-charged this month at a cost of \$400.
- AED battery is running low, and a new one was ordered in May, with delivery expected in November.
- Plumbing leak downstairs has been fixed.

### **In My Name ~**

Del Mansell has said he will continue with the Paddle Group. Lynn McCann will connect with Del to see if she can be the communication channel with the Navigation Team, and to find out what other groups Del was liaising with in this area of ministry.

### **Open Heart ~ (see attached report)**

Tyler will re-look at our messaging after we have had some discussion about our priorities going forward, and will provide communication regarding the Meditation Services once these are started. A suggestion of including Zoom participation in the in-person worship services, or live feed, will be referred for later consideration.

### **Ministry & Personnel ~**

In accord with the Pacific Mountain Region's decision to give their staff a paid day off to observe Truth & Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30), it was agreed that PRUC staff would be given that off with pay if they were meant/scheduled to work that day.

**Regional Representative** ~ no report other than as above.

**Correspondence:** - none

**New Business:**

**Planning Towards 2022** ~ will begin at the next meeting.

**Song Leaders** ~

At this time, the Music Director continues to be paid at the summer rate until choir is back (after the province returns to Stage 4).

MOVED that the song leaders continue to be paid at the Guest Soloist rate of \$50/Sunday until choir is back.

Marilynn David / Wendy Barker                      Carried.

**Coffee Hour** ~ (see Loaves & Fishes Report)

**ProVision Projects** ~

Pacific Mountain Region has notified the Treasurer that they will now administer the *ProVision Fund* that had previously been administered through Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery. Processes and funding qualifications will remain the same.

The *Harmony Vespers* project is still open, with some funding remaining and the hold-back available when the project is complete. Mary will discuss the possibilities for re-starting this with David Richert.

**Ushers** ~

Wendy and Allan will review the usher responsibilities and update these to reflect the current situation. This will then be passed on to Phyllis, who will be asked to resume lining up weekly ushers and providing them with the list of responsibilities.

**Decorating for Thanksgiving** ~

Rev. Mary will announce that produce can be dropped off during office hours prior to Thanksgiving, and that some donated items may be given to the Food Bank. Marilyn and Elsie will decorate the sanctuary with these items.

**Spaghetti Dinner** ~ will be referred as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The meeting ended with prayer at 9:05 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm, by Zoom