

Highlights from Paulin Session Meeting – May 2020

Video-conference Meeting: 17 out of 21 active elders, together with Rev. Lisa Aide, participated in a virtual session meeting by Zoom on Monday, May 25th.

Neighbours in the Former Manse: We received an email from our neighbours who indicated that they are going to erect a fence and would like to meet to discuss the property line. Session has asked Allen Burgess to meet with them and provide a report. A. Burgess was part of the Manse committee (composed of members of session and the board of managers) that had worked on selling the Manse in 2007-08.

Treasurer's report: Our income from January to May 2020, has been \$74,119.62 with expenses of \$91,189.80 leaving with a deficit of approximately - \$17,070.20. Because we went into 2020 with a surplus of \$37,804.00, our current surplus is approximately \$21,500.00. For the month of May 2020, our income for the operating account was \$14,777 with expenses of \$9,811. In addition, we have received our first wage subsidy refund from the Canada Revenue Agency. We sent \$1,654.80 to PWS&D representing designated funds raised from the Lenten Soup Dinners and from the congregation's designated givings. Thanks to everyone who has made use of the different ways of financially supporting our church.

Mission and Outreach: We thank the wonderful supporters of the biweekly donations to Street Help. The June dates for the drop off at the church are June 3rd and 17th. Numerous donations of fruit, cereal, sandwiches, stews, soups, peanut butter, canned meats, hard boiled eggs, milk, homemade masks granola bars, juices and water have been greatly appreciated by Street Help.

Congregational Life: If the Women's Retreat at Kintail is postponed, we may move the retreat to May, 2021 rather than September, 2021. Our deposit of \$350.00 is NOT refundable.

Minister's Report: During this past month Rev. Lisa Aide continues to prepare our online worship service, but has shifted the filming forward a few days to make sure that our editor (Chuck Stoffle) has the time that he needs to stitch the worship service together. Rev. Aide is running a weekly bible study via Zoom, and is posting short devotions on Facebook and our website. She has called everyone on the member/adherent list once and has started with repeat calls. In May, she called 55 church families. In response to the way in which people miss seeing each other, Rev. Lisa started a new church program called "Pop up Paulin," maintaining 2 metres distance, she visits people with her phone, and films a short message for their church family which is posted on the Facebook page. She has participated in 1 webinar hosted by the PCC on *Care for Caregivers*. She attended 1 virtual workshop on our theological response to COVID-19, and how the church must learn how to change and adapt to our new world. She has participated in the Essex-Kent Presbytery administration committee meetings.

Board Report: The Board would like to express their thanks to Rick's Maintenance, for the up keep on the lawn & for volunteering to do general grounds cleanup. We would also like to thank our volunteer gardeners for the excellent job in keeping Paulin's grounds well maintained. Margaret Douthart is in continual contact with Merchant's Paper re our backorder on Sanitizer. We've activated e-Transfer as well as Tithe.ly to help make donations as easy as possible. Bob MacVicar continues to do a thorough check daily of the building.

Respectfully Submitted by A. McLachlan, Clerk of Session.