

Report from the Executive to the Congregation, June 19, 2022

Greet everyone!

The Executive held our final ZOOM business meeting prior to the summer break, on Wednesday evening, June 15th.

We were fortunate to have Linda MacDonald's expertise as Chair, and we enjoyed a little taste of summer while looking at Lloyd's beautiful ZOOM background -- this time real, not virtual -- a summer scene with blue sky, a lake and even a boat or two!

We began with a discussion of the **Benevolent Fund** which was established to support those in need. It is administered at the discretion of the minister. In the fall we will look for ways to increase the \$200 traditionally held in the Benevolent Fund, to a higher amount.

We continued our discussion of a recommendation from **Ministry and Personnel** to increase payment for substitute choir director, pianist and IT support when Jennie is absent; this would bring us in line with other local institutions. We proposed that a budget line be shifted so that we can afford this increase and additional expense.

Those of you here in person noticed that the wonderful **banner** created by our Sunday School children is now hanging proudly in the entry way where it will delight everyone during the summer months. The Executive is happy to support things like this!

We reviewed and approved three requests for the **use of our space**, and adjusted the Use of Space Policy to give non-profit groups indication of the cost incurred in offering the space (\$25/hour) and set \$50/hour as the rate for commercial groups.

Our **Treasurer** reported that as a result of income from the grant, SUC has not had to draw on our line of credit or receive capital gains from the investment account. Chrystal also reported that the online *Auction Fundraiser* generated \$1731.

A **Letter to the Congregation** from the executive's FUTURE Group, will be sent this week to the entire congregation. A written response is requested before July 24th. This is a very important initiative, and we are deeply appreciative that 3 of our Executive: Luc Poirier, Eric Tsuz-King, and Linda MacDonald, plus former executive member Diane Fullerton, continue to work hard to move along with their mandate to generate creative possibilities for our church which serve our mission in these new and challenging times.

Please also be on the lookout for a request to volunteer to help SUC be *A Place to Keep Cool* for folks in need during days of extreme heat and humidity this summer. We need a co-ordinator and volunteers in order to offer this vitally important community service.

Finally, we continue to be deeply engaged in re-imagining how Sunday School in the fall might look, and we have some great ideas percolating! Stay tuned!

thank everyone...

Janet