



God is calling us to be an evolving community of faith inspired to embrace our future as we:

- *Deepen our commitment to each other*
- *Nurture our spiritual vitality and growth*
- *Live a life of loving influence in the world*

COVID-19 WORKING GROUP MEETING, 7 April 2020

via Zoom video conferencing

Chair: Kathy Shortt

Present: Joe Gaspar, Heather Power, Karen Schertzberg, Barb Leask Wynne, Jennifer Allan and Richard Jackson (secretary)

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st Working Group meeting was moved by Barb Leask Wynne and seconded by Karen Schertzberg. Carried.

Opening Prayer (Joe Gaspar)

Worship Service (Kathy Shortt)

- Music and Message: Thanks were expressed to Joe Gaspar and Heather Power for their leadership in the worship service. Neil Murray's music was especially well received.
- Upgrade to Zoom to accommodate more than 100 device log-ins: There were 91 devices that logged in for Sunday service. We discussed the desirability of the upgrade and there was a consensus that it was desirable on several counts: (1) to allow an expansion of the congregation, (2) FaceBook does not allow a chat format nor a means of showing text for prayers and hymns, (3) Melanie has already obtained a discount for up to 500 device log-ins, (4) it provides a means to avoid cancelling service when snow and ice make travel conditions and the parking lot hazardous, and (5) it appears that the upgrade can be paid using some funds from our New Horizons Fund grant under the rules of expenditure . Karen Schertzberg indicated that the Outreach Committee is in favour. Barb Leask Wynne urged acquiring the upgrade and Joe Gaspar felt that it was a tremendous opportunity to expand our congregational membership.



- Trouble shooting from service: Joe Gaspar reported that he did lose transmission and reception once briefly during the Sunday service but it returned promptly.
- Kathy Shortt reported that she received three emails endorsing the continuation of livestreaming the Sunday services.

Motion Barb Leask Wynne moved that Parkminster upgrade its Zoom video teleconferencing license using funds from the New Horizons Fund. Seconded by Jennifer Allan. Carried.

Connecting (Kathy Shortt)

- Thanks were expressed to Virginia McQuay and Bob Hudgins for their card ministry

Updates

- Update from M&P: Karen Schertzberg summarized discussions that she had had with Property which had raised the idea of simply using caution tape to make Melanie's office more secure and private. The Working Group rejected this on grounds of being inadequate for both Melanie's safety in the building and confidential discussions. A buzzer is recommended to allow entry that Melanie would control. A barn door, our preferred option, was estimated to cost \$900 without installation costs. Bert Blackburn is seeking direction. It was concluded that this issue should be directed to Council for the meeting on 21 April.
- Update from Property: no updates
- Update from Finance: no updates

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Karen Schertzberg will ask Terry Ridgway and Bert Blackburn for a quote on a buzzer system through the Property Committee
- 2) Kathy Shortt will confirm next week's meeting if it is deemed necessary.

Closing Prayer: The meeting ended with Heather Power leading us in prayer.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 14 April at 18:30 via Zoom video conferencing.

Kathy Shortt (Chair)

Richard Jackson (secretary)