

**Crossroads United Pastoral Charge
Special Council Meeting minutes
June 4, 2020
Carman United Church**

Present (In person)

Julie Ruban McDonald
Terry Gosnell
Karen McGill
Diane Unruh

Harold Kenyon
Betty Park
Judy McGregor
Kathie Findlay

Susan Weppler
Karen Tjaden
Don Lemon

(By Zoom)

Wayne Sanderson
Lloyd Baker

Lynne Sanderson

Shawna Hayward

Julie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m . This meeting has been called to discuss the reopening of the church building, worshipping in person and what needs to be done going forward.

A reflection from Rev. Peggy Reid in New Brunswick was e-mailed to everyone. This was used as opening worship.

Question # 1. How have the past three months challenged you?

- hard not seeing children & grandchildren
- live alone is difficult
- lack of activities
- not sleeping
- wondering what can do to help
- lonely time but know that many others are lonely too
- doing ministry in isolation is hard
- the uncertainty of not knowing when things might return to “normal”
- technology!
- online grocery shopping
- having loved ones in hospital

Question # 2 What surprised you in the last three months?

- how Manitobans followed the rules
- what became normal quickly
- good conversations on the phone
- learning from others
- missed being with other people
- slowing down was okay
- kids learned distancing quickly
- how much baking & eating you can do in isolation!
- environment is better without us running around

Question # 3 What is one new thing our church might consider going forward

- find different ways to communicate with people
- endeavor to share worship online and programming
- more than one kind of church – ie. house church
- summer worship in the hall – air conditioned
- online resource for young families
- no catering until we are open for worship
- not rushing back into worship

Question # 4 What new things have you learned?

- Zoom calls & endless webinars
- to do e-transfers
- make Chinese dumplings
- working from home is not great
- fortunate that life is simple for us
- how to entertain ourselves
- being filmed
- trusting people to figure things out
- how to work from home and be productive in a new way

Elm Creek Update:

Shawna Hayward: Met a couple days ago. The daycare proposed a pushback date for purchase to July 2021. The board discuss and have declined the extended offer.

St. Andrew's is eager to worship together face to face. Looking at a way to do this – possibly outdoors.

Carman Update:

- Daycare is working at ½ capacity
- AA and AlAnon are looking at starting up next week- using social distancing
- Custodian have been given direction around sanitizing spaces
- Not looking at catering again until at least September
- following Manitoba Health guidelines
- Funerals- not more than 25 people, one entrance, no food, no singing, simple service
- No choir until at least January
- railing not installed yet –
- Canada Summer job – will start June 22nd.
- Tentative worship start date – September 13
- Haven't stopped being the church!
- M&S&O to start exploring ways to use the \$5000 Innovation grant received
- Terry Gosnell reported on Finance - \$7300 a month in PAR, envelope givings are about the same as previous year. No rental/catering income
- need to celebrate givings.

-Don Lemon provided update on the lift. \$21,000 plus electrical costs. Looking at another cheaper option.

Opening office – wait until rail is installed – re: safety of people coming in

-Karen M looking to return sometime between June 8 & 15. Once the computer and everything is moved back she will be there to stay!

- Karen T. can work from home but will be in the office in the summer Re; Summer job employee

Meeting adjourned.