

Attendees: Rev. Don Sellsted, Vicky Austin (co-chair), Dale MacArthur (co-chair), Cheryl MacDonald, Cheryl Sellsted (recording secretary), Chris Seymour, Helen Seymour (guest), Carol Wooster

Regrets: Julien Davis, Jean Illingworth

Dale called the meeting to Order at 12:03pm

Rev. Don led the committee meeting in an opening prayer.

***Cheryl Sellsted motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Carol Wooster seconded. Carried.***

***Carol Wooster motioned to approve the February 23, 2021 minutes as circulated. Cheryl MacDonald seconded. Carried.***

#### Old Business

1. PIE Day Feedback

- All feedback was positive. Rev. Don indicated there were 191 views of the service on YouTube which is up from a regular Sunday service, indicating the advertising reached additional viewers.
- Vicky also shared the link to the service with Ann and Jan as well as Homer Noble.

2. Inclusive Marriage Policy Committee Feedback – Rev. Don

- Received grammatical feedback from two people that were incorporated.
- ***Carol Wooster moved that Don share the revised Inclusive Marriage Policy with the Worship Committee for their approval. Cheryl MacDonald seconded. Carried.***
- The next Worship Committee meeting is April 6, 2021.

3. Wall Hanging – Helen Seymour presented a visual of the two sample affirming banners. They were well received by the committee members. Positive suggestions were made and will be incorporated. The name of the church will be incorporated onto the “Bunny” banner.

4. Reports to Affirming Coordinator

- Vicky sent the PIE worship video to the Jackie Harper, the co-ordinator for Affirm United Eastern Region.
- Vicky also indicated that she told Jackie the updated marriage policy is forthcoming.
- Jackie will be looking for OVUC’s mandate and action plan moving forward. Vicky indicated that will become the focus for our planning as we move ahead.

5. 3 Missing Books – Rev. Don will re-order And Tango Makes Three, I am Jazz, The Red Crayon.

#### New Business

- New Resources – The Little Red Shed book – Vicky has purchased this book for the resource library and Theresa will add it on the website. Vicky said it will be good if we continue to remind people of the resources that we have in the library.
- Mandate as an Affirming Church – Dale pointed out that the mandate we had developed was the committee mandate; we still need a church mandate. There are a lot of resources available. Dale will research and develop a draft for review.
- PIE Day submission to the Easter Newsletter – Vicky and Dale have submitted the article to the communication committee. Sylvia Jacquard indicated that the size of the article should be able to fit into the newsletter without reduction edits.
- Next Steps going forward were discussed. Vicky and Dale hope that at some point we can yet put on a workshop. The committee generally felt that what is “missing” so far is hearing the experience(s) directly from someone in the LGBTQ+ community. Rev. Don said he is in early talks with someone. Dale will bring other ideas to the next agenda, based on what the Affirm United process reveals is missing.

<b>ACTION ITEM No.1</b>
Rev. Don will order the missing children’s/family books for the resource library. (order placed while on the zoom call.)

<b>ACTION ITEM No.2</b>
Dale to research and draft a Mandate as an Affirming Church for committee review.

<b>ACTION ITEM No.3</b>
Dale to add areas that yet have to be addressed through the Affirm United process to the next meeting agenda.

Closing Prayer – Chris led us in a heartfelt closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned: 1:25 pm

**Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 @ noon on Zoom**