

Regional Ministry Working Group Meeting

Saturday, May 14th, 2022

St John's, Peterborough

Minutes

Present: Russ Pollock, Hilda Cole, Reg Gordon, Shirley Warr, Larry Ricciardelli, Jim Weldon, the Rev. Bryce Sangster, the Rev. Canon Brad Smith

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. with a prayer led by Bryce.

2. Introductions

3. Appointment of Secretary

Brad took minutes for this meeting, but we will need to appoint a secretary at the first meeting of the Regional Council

4. Review of Regional Ministry Proposal

The proposal was reviewed, particularly the parts concerning the role of the Regional Council. The Regional Council will be the champion of the plan in the parishes. There is no desire to amalgamate finances at this time, but perhaps towards the end of the pilot it may be considered. We would like to look at standardizing the financial reports so there is one common format to make it easy to compare reports from each parish.

5. Appointment of Members of Regional Council

- One warden from each vestry
- One alternate delegate from each vestry
- Three ministry area representatives (may be deferred)

The following members were selected for Regional Council:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Peterborough	Jim Weldon	TBD
Belmont	Russ Pollock	Hilda Cole
Campbellford	Reg Gordon	Shirley Warr
Hastings	Larry Ricciardelli	Grace Budgell
Roseneath	Barry Surerus	TBD

The ministry area representatives will be selected later by the Regional Council in consultation with the parishes.

6. Discussion on process to determine three ministry priority areas we want to focus on

- Previously discussed: youth, seniors, and outreach

It was agreed that the three areas we would focus on first are those the working group previously discussed.

7. Regional Ministry Launch (joint service? Reception? Bishop present?)

The Regional Ministry will have a “soft launch” on July 1st (when Regional Council will “officially” come into being). We would like to have a “grand opening” sometime in September. We discussed the format of the service, whether we should invite the Bishop, what day and time the service would be (does it have to be Sunday morning, for example), where it would be (in a church large enough to hold a combined congregation or at another venue), and how we would manage the fellowship/food aspect. NO decision was made, but this will be the major item of business at our next meeting.

8. Event calendar

St John's, Peterborough, will collect and collate events from across the Regional Ministry and develop a monthly or quarterly calendar. Event details/posters may be sent to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca for collection.

9. Other business

There was no other business.

10. Determine schedule for meetings

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 25th, 10:00 a.m., Christ Church, Campbellford.

11. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with the Grace.

Items for Future Consideration by Regional Council

- Cost sharing formula for common expenses, e.g. clergy
- Work on standardizing financial statements
- Opportunities for shared worship and fellowship