

North Burlington United Churches Meeting

Oct 12, 2016

Present: Steve Huntly, Daryl Webber, Allison Playfair, Mike Lawton, Dale McKeown, Barb McKeown, Keith Rutherford, Heather McGavin, Sue Stephen, Ross Stephen, Mark Goodale, Dale Martin, Janice Martin, Marilyn Stairs, Ruth Coverdale, Don Hunt, Ruth Gorwill, Wayne Elgie, Nancy Knill, Shirley Bottaro, Larry Hatt, Janice Hatt, Keith Copeland, Janet Saunders, Donna Lelievre, Cliff Lelievre, Nancy Holman, Brian Sharpe, Marilyn Martin, John Allchin, Gerry Howe, Susan Ward-England

The meeting opened with the Hymn 'Be Thou My Vision', led by Stephen and Daryl.

Stephen led the group in an opening prayer.

Dale Martin gave opening remarks and introduced Jill Strapp from Edge

Jill introduced herself with some personal background. Of relevance, is the fact that she became familiar with Edge when her church (Manor Rd. UC in Toronto) engaged Edge to work with them when they were struggling. They have subsequently sold part of their property that will be developed into park land and are using the money to renovate their church. The church is now growing and is showing lots of life.

Jill reviewed the goals of the evening. This was followed by break out groups where we addressed 3 different questions. The responses were reviewed by the large group. Jill then summarized the findings and it was agreed that each church would take an update back to our congregations the following Sunday.

A major issue raised at the end of our discussion was how to put a new Council together. It was agreed that we will need some expertise in various areas to be able to explore all of the implications of coming together as one church body (whatever form that takes).

Jill agreed to summarize our discussions and provide a report. This will be disseminated to those present. A follow up meeting is planned with Jill and the core group to look at next steps.

Dale thanked Jill and all of the participants and Allison thanked Dale for his role in the evening.

Stephen closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting: To be determined. Jill will liaise with Heather who will communicate with the group.