

MINUTES – Woodlawn United Church Council October 20th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Co-Chair Barry Zwicker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM: Adelia Holloway, Barry Zwicker,, Brian Moors, Cathy Kay, Helen Dixon, Lisa Allen, Keith Musselman, Rev Mary Lynne Whyte, Paul Whyte, Jerry Jackson, Fay Gunter, Rev Dr Dale Skinner, Kelly MacNeil, Teri Giannou

OPENING PRAYER – Barry Zwicker led the meeting in an opening prayer.

WELCOME: Barry welcomed all to the meeting.

AGENDA – The agenda was modified and approved with the addition of New Business #3: M&P proposal for renewal of Rev Mary Lynne’s appointment to Woodlawn.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT – It was agreed to a 9:00 p.m. adjournment.

CORRESPONDENCE – none received

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of September 22nd, 2021 be accepted as circulated.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Council Secretary – search ongoing

2) Covid protocols

Proof of vaccination – Between council meetings, the co-chairs made the decision to require proof of vaccination in order for anyone to enter the church building. Discussion followed.

Hymn books/bulletins – Discussion around return of hymn books to the pews took place. Consensus reached to advise worship committee that council would be in favour of returning the hymn books with the final decision to be made by the worship committee. Discussion on return of paper bulletins at worship service resulted in the same recommendation....over to Worship Committee for final decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Anniversary Event (luncheon) - Kelly provided an update. 64 attendees confirmed, caterer will make the boxed lunches, all arrangements complete.

2. Transition Team – Rev Dale gave update on Sunday, Oct 17th transition event to gather congregational ideas and thoughts on various goals for transition and the road forward. Some areas discussed: governance, future of music, alternative worship services. Transition team is looking to build something lasting.

3. A&M Financial report – Keith provided an update. Church is in a good position, looking to have a small surplus by year end. A&M suggests that surplus of approximately \$7,300.00 should be used (along with designated funds) to retire the solar panel loan before year end. Approved by consensus. This would also close the solar panel designated account. With regards to funds for a new sound board, as the total amount required has already been donated by the congregation, there is no need to set up a designated fund as suggested at the last council meeting.

4. Renewal of Appointment – M&P (Helen) brought forward the renewal of Rev Mary Lynne’s appointment to Woodlawn from 1 November 2021 to 30 June 2023. Brian asked why we were not making this a call versus the appointment. Discussion indicated that all positions

were to be determined following the Transition process (Ministerial, music, youth).
Appointment was approved by consensus.

ROUND TABLE –

1. Barry has been in contact with a film maker who is making a documentary focused on how faith based organizations are trying to mitigate the effects of climate change. We have been included and hope to be able to show the documentary to the congregation once complete.
2. Jerry suggested that we ask Maggie (youth leader) to see if the youth have suggestions on how Woodlawn can be a better steward of the environment. (ie things we can do to reduce our overall “footprint”). Lisa agreed to speak to Maggie.
3. Discussion on police checks; each committee required to seek police checks for members in positions that require these. Rev Dale indicated that the police check document is the property of the individual and should not be kept (or copied) by the church. Committee should simply note the result (pass or fail) and the date.
4. Paul noted that a new sound board has been ordered, however due to the pandemic, delays are expected and the board will not be in place until late December at the earliest. A 2nd head mic will be purchased next year to match the most recently purchased mic. Also, communications committee welcomed another new Mike (MacNeil) to the team.

NEXT MEETING – November 18th, 2021.

CLOSING PRAYER – Rev Mary Lynne offered a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT – Barry adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Paul Whyte – 1 time Secretary, WUC Council