

Woodlawn United Church

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Meeting of Woodlawn United Council

October 18, 2017

7:00 pm – Room B

Call to Meeting

Opening Prayer Provided by Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte.

Present: Teri Giannou, Jerry Jackson, Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Shannon MacLean, Dennis Dean, Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte, Todd Ellis, Fred Evans, Brian Moors, Diane Avery.

Regrets: Helen Dixon, Cathy Kay, Ivan Richardson, Susan Cuthbertson, Lachlan Riehl, Jim Allen, Nancy Allen, Barry Zwicker, Ralph Sams.

Guests: Mary-Kate Evans, Beckett Mageau, Peter Woods, Scott Avery, Richard Avery, Grant Warwick, Art Theuerkauf.

Approval of Agenda

Is there a consensus to approve the October 18, 2017 agenda? Agreed.

Approval of Minutes

Is there a consensus to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes? Agreed.

Old Business and Business Arising

Visioning Process and Funding

Jerry recently presented the funding application to the Halifax Presbytery Executive and while it seems promising that we will receive funding, they have asked for a breakdown of activities and associated costs. Rev. Ross Bartlett prepared a proposal that can be used and has suggested that a 5 or 6 person committee be appointed to work with him on the visioning project. It will run from November 2017 to April 2018 and Jerry has agreed to be the key group leader.

Is there a consensus to tell Rev. Bartlett that we want to move ahead with his plan if we receive funding? Council reserves the right to reduce the scope of the Visioning project if the funding received is less than \$5,000. Agreed.

Action: Jerry will send a summary of the discussion to all council members and seek suggestions for committee members. Jerry will also write to the Halifax Presbytery Executive and seek approval for available grant funding.

A&M – How can people make credit card donations by phone?

Tabled to November.

JNAC

Will the JNAC be meeting with committees?

Tabled to November.

Status of Original Founding Letter

Is there a consensus to frame a copy of the founding letter and send the original to the archives for safe storage?

Agreed.

Remit 6

Tabled to November.

AST Appeal

Action: Diane will follow up with Cathy and Helen to verify that they asked AST for a letter and envelopes to be included in one of our weekly bulletins.

Resignation of Don Trider

Brian reported that Woodlawn United made a donation to the Community Justice Society in recognition of Don Trider's remarkable contribution to the church. There will be a collection taken at the November meeting to replace the church funds. **Action: On November 15, Diane will send everyone a reminder to bring cash for the donation.**

New Business

TGIT - TransAction

Participants from the 4-week TGIT series on welcoming transgender people presented a brief overview of the program and a plan of action for Woodlawn to become a place where transgender people feel welcome to worship, participate in the community and to share their gifts and graces.

Is there a consensus to allow the TransAction group to proceed with the action items listed in their proposal?

Agreed.

Scotiabank Stock Allocation Change

When the Tulloch family donated Scotiabank shares to Woodlawn United, the church also purchased 9 shares of their own; these have since grown to 408 shares. The Tulloch family bequest states that the dividends from their donated shares be allocated to M&S. While the church has historically allocated the dividends from their shares to M&S, the Trustees have decided to start accounting for the church's shares separately and will donate those dividends to M&S again this year; however, they will review the dividend usage annually to determine the best allocation.

Budget

A&M will release a preliminary budget at the November meeting and there will be a special budget meeting held in December. **Action: Shannon will discuss with Ivan the possibility of creating a separate line item for volunteer police record checks.**

AGM

Is there a consensus to hold the AGM on February 25, 2018? Agreed.

Reports

Stewardship

The 133rd pot luck anniversary celebration will be held on October 22. They are setting up for 120 people.

Legalization of Marijuana

Rental and space allocation policies will have to be updated when marijuana is legalized. The policies will have to specifically state that marijuana cannot be used on the premises.

Trustees

The outdoor chime system will be set up within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

M&P and Christian Development

Both committees require a chair.

Next Meeting Date November 15, 2017.

Closing Prayer Provided by Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte.

Adjourn