

Woodlawn United Church

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Meeting of Woodlawn United Council

February 15, 2017

7:00 pm – Room A

CALL TO MEETING

Opening Prayer Provided by Shannon MacLean.

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Helen Dixon, Cathy Kay, Shannon MacLean, Ivan Richardson, Ralph Sams, Brian Moors, Teri Giannou, Fred Evans, Allan Eddy, Phillip Kennedy, Todd Ellis.

Regrets: Don Trider, Dennis Dean, Nancy Allen, Jim Allen, Jerry Jackson, Susan Cuthbertson, Lachlan Riehl.

Approval of Agenda

Is there a consensus to approve the February 15, 2017 agenda? Agreed.

Approval of Minutes

Is there a consensus to approve the January 18, 2017 minutes as presented? Agreed.

Old Business and Business Arising

Naming the meeting rooms in the new addition

Council discussed forming a group to review the names of the rooms in the new addition and the possibility of taking recommendations from the congregation. However, it will be extremely difficult to single out individuals to honour and people are familiar with the temporary names, which are A, B, C and D.

Is there a consensus to permanently name the rooms A, B, C and D? Agreed.

Update re: security cameras

Teri and Dennis received a report from Peter Woods regarding his security review. **Action: Teri will email the report to council and will discuss the issue at next month's meeting.**

Dartmouth Community Concert Association (DCCA)

Church policy states that if an event is not part of the church or a fundraiser for the church, it will not be included on slides or in announcements on Sundays, nor on bulletins or the website. Although DCCA is covered under Woodlawn's insurance and has a symbiotic relationship with the church, it is not a member of the church. Therefore, concerts may only be announced on the electronic sign, as per the electronic sign guidelines.

Is there a consensus to leave the communication policy for non-member groups as is? Agreed.

Action: Helen will send an email to Don Hill, Steve Rigden and Peter Woods to let them know that DCCA cannot advertise events during announcements.

There are not enough cushions available for patrons of DCCA concerts. They would like to pay for additional cushions for the church and have discussed their wishes with the Worship Committee. There is a question as to the type of cushions to be made and how they will be stored. Council has agreed to pass the information to the Trustees, who will work with DCCA to move the project forward. **Action: Brian Moors will speak to Dennis Dean about the plan and ask him to contact Mona Ellis for more information.**

"Fishing Tips" con ed event

Don Trider, Jerry Jackson, Cathy Kay, Phillip Kennedy and Shannon MacLean will be attending.

New Business

Member Update

Jerry Jackson has resigned his position as Co-chair of worship.

Is there a consensus to regretfully accept Jerry's resignation and thank him for his hard work?
Agreed.

Remit 3

The third remit that was approved by the 42nd General Council in 2015 is to establish an Office of Vocation to oversee the training, education, support and discipline of members of the Order of Ministry. While this will reduce redundancy and promote national consistency, it will mean less timely response to issues as they arise and will provide less services overall. The question to be voted on asks whether the pastoral charge agrees that a denominational office of vocation be established and that the Basis of Union be amended to reflect the change.

Is there a consensus to vote yes on Remit #3? Agreed. (Brian Moors abstained from voting)

Request regarding the weekend of the turkey dinner

Faye Gunter sent a letter to M & P requesting that there be no events scheduled for the weekend of the turkey dinner, including funerals. While there is currently no written policy to that effect, it is understood that no events will be scheduled during that weekend. However, council

unanimously agrees that funerals are the essence of the service provided at Woodlawn and their paramountcy must be upheld. For this reason, they cannot be banned during the turkey dinner weekend or for any other event. Staff will continue to try to arrange funerals so they do not overlap pre-arranged events and bookings whenever possible. As well, the UCW should book all the spaces needed to ensure that no other activity will take place that weekend.

Action: Helen and Cathy will write a response to Faye on behalf of council to thank her for the extra efforts she and her workers put forth last year and explain that after careful consideration, council cannot prohibit funerals during the weekend of the turkey dinner.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Helen and Cathy are putting together an instructional booklet for incoming chairs of Council to help them plan and lead the annual meeting.

The minutes from last year have been compiled and will be added as an addendum to Sunday's bulletin. **Action: Helen will send a thank you Shelley for her outstanding work on the annual report.**

Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship recommended forming a new committee to plan and implement a stewardship campaign, based on information provided by national. With the change in staff and the upcoming JNAC, the campaign should be deferred to January to allow time to prepare for a fall campaign in 2018. At that time, council will decide if the campaign will be to raise funds or to reconnect with members and families. The Accessibility loan will be repaid by then, which may provide a perfect opportunity to redirect the givings that Accessibility is currently receiving.

Tabled until January, 2018.

CandaHelps

Is there a consensus to add a QR code to the bulletin to allow people to make donations online via CanadaHelps.org? Agreed.

Action: Diane will provide a QR code, which will be added to the weekly bulletin with instructions. Todd will introduce the system at the AGM on Sunday.

Next Meeting Date March 15, 2017.

Closing Prayer Provided by Brian Moors.

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