

Woodlawn United Church

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Meeting of Woodlawn United Council

February 20, 2019

7:00 pm – Room B

Call to Meeting

Opening Prayer Provided by Shannon MacLean.

Present: Cathy Kay, Diane Avery, Adelia Holloway, Brian Moors, Jim Allen, Shannon MacLean, Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte, Don Hill, Helen Dixon, Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Teri Giannou, Dennis Dean, Bev Lynch, Barry Zwicker, Keith Musselman, Kathy Dean.

Regrets: Susan Cuthbertson, Fred Evans, Beth Udby, Ralph Sams.

Approval of Agenda

Add Youth Room to Old business

Is there a consensus to approve the February 20, 2019 agenda as amended? Agreed.

Approval of Minutes

Under “Salaries”

Change the paragraph to say, “1.6% raise in the salaries for all staff. Contracts are to be renewed July 1 for ministerial staff. A four-month contract was approved for Shannon MacLean to allow her to fill in for Rev. Phillip Kennedy during his sabbatical and vacation.”

Is there a consensus to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes as amended? Agreed.

Old Business and Business Arising

Audit

Tabled. If necessary, the congregation can be reminded that Council agreed to have the financials independently audited every seven years. (Motion was carried January 17, 2018)

Action: Barry will contact MNP for an update.

Update from Short-term Sustainability Committee

The committee is currently reviewing and preparing answers to the questions they received with the campaign in November. They are working on a final draft and plan to send the answers to the congregation via email, with a small number of hard copies available at the Church. They have also shared the questions with the Sustainability Committee.

Update from Sustainability Committee

The committee intends to organize small discussion groups, starting with the congregants that responded during the campaign in November. They plan to begin the general “think-tank” discussions as early as the first week of March.

Action: Both the Short-term Sustainability Committee and the Sustainability Committee will be removed from Old Business and added to the Reports section of the agenda going forward.

Designated Funds

Tabled to next meeting.

Action: Diane will send the notes out to everyone via email.

Corresponding Members

As a Candidate Supply, Shannon MacLean is not entitled to vote at Council meetings but may be provided the privilege to speak at meetings as a Corresponding Member.

Motion: It was MOVED by Teri Giannou and SECONDED by Helen Dixon to allow Shannon to be a Corresponding member at this and all future Council Meetings. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: It was MOVED BY Teri Giannou and SECONDED by Helen Dixon to allow Kathy Dean, as incoming Council Co-Chair, to be a corresponding member at this meeting.

Youth Room

Is there a consensus to deem the bottom floor of the Heritage Centre as non-rentable space, half of which will be designated for youth? Agreed.

New Business

Update – Meeting with Regional Minister

David Hewitt, our Regional Minister, confirmed that Rev. Phillip did nothing wrong when he emailed the congregation on February 15. He has the right to communicate with the congregation at his discretion. **Action: Rev. Phillip will draft an email of a second letter to the congregation and forward to council for input before circulating to the congregation.**

Staff Contracts

Motion: It was MOVED by Helen Dixon and SECONDED by Teri Giannou to renew Shannon’s Youth Ministry contract of 35 hours/week from September 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

Action: M&P, along with Brian Moors, will meet with Rev. Mary Lynne to discuss the continuation of her contract with Woodlawn United. They will report back to Council at the March meeting.

Next Meeting Date March 20, 2019.

Closing Prayer Provided by Rev. Phillip Kennedy.

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