

Woodlawn United Church

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Meeting of Woodlawn United Council

February 21, 2018

7:00 pm – Room B

Call to Meeting

Opening Prayer Provided by Cathy Kay.

Present: Cathy Kay, Shannon MacLean, Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Barry Zwicker, Dennis Dean, Brian Moors, Fred Evans, Ivan Richardson, Jim Allen, Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte, Ralph Sams, Diane Avery.

Regrets: Teri Giannou, Susan Cuthbertson, Lachlan Riehl.

Approval of Agenda

Is there a consensus to approve the February 21, 2018 agenda? Agreed.

Approval of Minutes

Is there a consensus to approve the January 24, 2018 minutes? Agreed.

Old Business and Business Arising

Audit Update

Audited financials will not be available for the AGM on February 25; Ivan will present the unaudited statements and will let the Congregation know if there are significant differences once the audit is complete.

AGM & Budget

Barry will present the narrative budget with a \$50,000 deficit and will make a motion to move the deficit to revenue, under “Income from Envelope Offerings”.

Staff will leave the AGM during the question period after the presentation of the budget to facilitate open discussion around salary expenses.

Presbytery Funds

The Church Extension Board sent an email requesting that Woodlawn brainstorm our needs, challenges and opportunities and send our request to Henry Ellsworth, Presbytery Treasurer by March 31, 2018.

Action: Diane will send the email to all co-chairs to take back to their committees for a brainstorming session. Co-chairs will bring the committees' ideas/wish lists to the next Council meeting on March 21 for discussion.

Shelley recently worked on her own time to prepare and submit a grant application with Dennis Dean. **Action: Cathy will send her a thank you letter on behalf of Council for her outstanding work.**

Visioning Update

Rev. Ross Bartlett is scheduled to provide Rev. Phillip and Jerry Jackson with a preliminary report on March 20. He will present the final report at the April 18, 2018 Council meeting.

Stewardship Campaign

Tabled to March 21.

Security & Theft

Is there a consensus to approve the bulletin insert prepared by Shelley regarding security measures at Woodlawn? Agreed.

New Business

JNAC Update & Request

JNAC has agreed to wait for Rev. Bartlett's report before completing their final report. They have requested permission to ask Rev. Bartlett for his preliminary report, so they do not have to wait until the April Council meeting to move ahead with their work. Is there a consensus to approve their request? Agreed.

Action: Rev. Phillip will ask Rev. Bartlett if he will share his preliminary report with the JNAC.

Spring Workshop

Rev. Mary Lynne will be attending the "Beyond Snakes and Shamrocks" workshop presented by Halifax Presbytery on April 6 and 7, 2018. Woodlawn may send two lay people for free.

Action: Brian will send the information to Jane Cushing and Diane will find out if the info can be added to the March newsletter.

Volunteer Screening Policy

The policy has been reformatted to make it easier to read and it now calls for original Police Record checks and Child Abuse Registry checks.

Is there a consensus to approve the updated Volunteer Screening Policy? Agreed.

Member Petition Request

A member recently asked to announce in Church that they were collecting names for a petition. The Communication Policy does not specifically address this type of request and there was discussion as to whether

the policy should be updated. Council agreed that the policy does not need to be changed because these requests happen very rarely. Each request will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Ordination Update and Request

Is there a consensus to support Shannon's request to practice in areas in which she has limited experience such as officiating funerals and preparing and delivering sermons? Agreed.

Action: Cathy will send a letter of support to Shannon's Education and Students Committee on behalf of Council.

Presbytery Representative Report

Action: At the March Council meeting, discuss the issues regarding Presbytery and possibly prepare a letter to send to the Moderator to let her know that we are concerned about the direction of the changes being implemented.

Next Meeting Date March 21, 2018.

Closing Prayer Provided by Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte.

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