



Call to Meeting

Opening Prayer – Provided by Diane Avery

Present: Don Hill, Brian Moors, Ralph Sams, Ivan Richardson, Shannon MacLean, Dennis Dean, Teri Giannou, Fred Evans, Barry Zwicker, Phillip Kennedy, Helen Dixon, Diane Avery, Nancy Allen, Beth Udby

Regrets: Cathy Kay, Stephanie Dagnall, Mary-Lynne Whyte, Adelia Holloway, Jim Allen, Keith Musselman

Welcome & Introductions were made by Diane to New Members - Council Secretary – Beth Udby

Approval of Agenda:

Is there a consensus to approve the May 16, 2018 agenda? Agreed.

Approval of the minutes:

Is there a consensus to approve the April 18 minutes? Agreed.

Old Business & Business Arising

1. **Audit report:** There is no update at the time of this meeting. An email was sent by Barry and as of this date there has been no response to his email.
2. **UCC response to our letter regarding Presbytery restructuring:** It was suggested that we write back and state that we did not understand the response letter that was sent to us. Fred Evans and Barry Zwicker will take on this task. A copy of the letter will go to council for review. Once reviewed, this letter will be copied to General Council members.
3. **Suggestions for Champions of the Visioning Report** –It was suggested that this report be used as a resource for WUC to move forward. Phillip Kennedy has volunteered to form/head a sub committee to look at the report, summarize the values stated in the report, and to help articulate a vision(s) for WUC. Phillip will contact suggested people Vicky May, Kelly MacNeil, Jerry Jackson and Allen Eddy. Phillip will then report back to council.

New Business

1. **Motion to extend Mary Lynne's contract up to 12 months:**

Motion: Barry Zwicker

Seconded: Helen

Dixon Motion Carried

2. **Recommendation for use of Heritage Centre's Lower Level as Woodlawn United Retreat Centre.** There was much discussion on this report. Dennis Dean has concerns over the fact that the space is not accessible. Teri Giannou suggested that UCW use the space for expanding the Dun-Gen. Brian Moors suggested a Labyrinth. Barry Zwicker suggested a short-term rental for his business. Barry's proposal is in with WUC Rentals for review. If Barry's short-term rental works out, it will give Council the opportunity to determine a long-term solution. **Discussion of long term use of the space has been tabled to January.**



Reports

Program – Brian Moors stated that there will be a potluck on June 10th at 5:30. The neighbours across the street will be invited (they will not have to bring food). This is also the 93rd birthday of the United Church. Help would gladly be appreciated.

Trustees – Dennis Dean reported that WUC received a \$1900 grant for the shingling on the Heritage Centre. A letter was sent to Kevin (HRM) regarding the solar panels. Barry Zwicker is also working on some issues with the electrical panels with NS power. June 2nd is clean up day around the church.

Ministry Team – Shannon Maclean stated that WUC is sponsoring 9 children to go to Camp Kidston with the possibility of UCW and Couples Club also helping out with sponsorship.

A&M – Barry Zwicker stated that a template is being created on how designated funds will be used. Barry will bring back to council some examples. This template will also give direction on how to extinguish a “Designated Fund”.

At this time WUC is still falling into a deficit situation.

Accessibility – Ralph Sams stated that WUC would be hosting a concert for the North Street Singers on June 22nd at 7 pm. The chowder on May 11 had the largest turnout for any chowder ever.

Presbytery - Presbytery met at St. John's United Church, Fall River. Present from Woodlawn was Jane Twohig, Barry Zwicker, Helen Dixon, Shannon MacLean, Rev. Phillip Kennedy and Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte. Communal supper was from 5:30 to 6:30. Rev. Matthew Fillier led us in worship.

The usual work of the Presbytery took place with reports from committees for action and information required. Rev Diane McVicar led us in a worship break.

An election of 2 representatives, one ministry and one lay, took place for Regional Commission. Ballots were cast and the winners were Elaine Grey and Rev. Ross Bartlett.

Discussion was held regarding “Action on the Formation of an Association of Ministers Within the New Three Council Model. It was proposed by Halifax Presbytery through Maritime Conference, that the 43rd General Council:

1. reaffirm the importance of the Association of Ministers; and
2. direct the General Council Executive to immediately provide to all ministry personnel an update on the progress of this topic thus far; and
3. direct the General Council Executive to make this subject a priority for attention for the remainder of the current governance model and for the Denominational Council Executive and PC-MEPS (or its successor department).

A motion was made and seconded and carried.

The 2018 Circulation list for Admissions and Readmissions to the United Church was read.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Next Meeting Date:

June 20, 2018 at **5:30 pm** (this meeting will be to discuss the JNAC report, we will be having food – to be determined)

Closing Prayer: Diane Avery

Adjourn