

**Westworth United Church**  
**209<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 28, 2017**  
**7:30 pm in Parlour**

**Attendance:** Paul Chard, Cheryl McNabb Davis, Norm Snyder, Eunice Pratt, Alma Acheson, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Keith Love, Bruce Tefft

**Guests:** Dorcas and Kirk Windsor

**Agenda:**

- 1) **Call to Order:** at 7:36 pm
- 2) **Opening prayer:** a short devotional on apologies given by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd followed by a short prayer.
- 3) **Regrets:** none
- 4) **Invitations:** Welcome to Dorcas and Kirk Windsor who will be presenting the final remit.
- 5) **Approval of Agenda:**  
**Motion:** That the agenda be approved as distributed with the addition to new business of setting the date for the Annual General Meeting.  
**Moved by:** Bruce Tefft                      **Seconded by:** Cheryl McNabb Davis  
**CARRIED**
- 6) **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:**  
**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2017 be approved as distributed.  
**Moved by:** Cheryl McNabb Davis      **Seconded by:** Paul Chard  
Cheryl raised the question about the timing of the approval of the increase for staff salaries. This was clarified by Paul Chard.  
**CARRIED**
- 7) **Presbytery:**
  - Presentation of Remit #6 (One Order of Ministry) for consideration (to be voted on)  
Dorcas and Kirk Windsor facilitated discussion on Remit#6 which Presbytery requires all councils or boards to review on behalf of their congregations.  
  
Discussion of affiliated Presbytery and Conference issues ensued.  
  
**The Question:** Does the Presbytery/Pastoral charge agree that there should be one new order of Ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained

ministers, with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?

Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree to the above question that there now be one order of Ministry?

**Council of the Pastoral charge of Westworth United Church voted against the proposal.**

**8) Planning for Congregational Meeting:**

Norm Snyder presented what the planning team proposed for presentation at the congregational meeting to be held on December 3, 2017. The team felt it is important to separate the work of the church from the building it occupies, and to consider the building as one of the tools that the congregation can use in pursuing its vision. The presentation will include findings of the EDGE committee, status regarding the JNAC recommendations, the financial status of our church, and what the future possibilities are for Westworth and for the Vision of our church. It will also include future steps that are being investigated and currently tried out including youth programming, outreach initiatives, and contacts with other congregations. The message is that any steps taken will take time to accomplish but that we are in a strong position to consider and pursue various options. The meeting must be kept to a timetable.

**9) Worship:**

- **Motion:** That up to \$5500 be approved for a new hearing assist system, to be funded from the Memorial Fund.  
**Moved by:** Eunice Pratt      **Seconded by:** Paul Chard  
**CARRIED**
- **Motion:** That Logan James Chemin, son of Heather and Andrew Chemin be approved for baptism.  
**Moved by:** Bruce Tefft      **Seconded by:** Keith Love  
**CARRIED**
- **Motion:** That the Westworth Manual be amended (after consultation with the Fire Marshall (2013) and consultation with the Board in 2013) that candles be allowed to be burned during worship or other church sanctioned events.  
**Moved by:** Bruce Tefft      **Seconded by:** Keith Love  
**CARRIED**

**Motion:** That the Westworth Manual be amended to provide that funerals be allowed on Sundays.

**Moved by:** Eunice Pratt      **Seconded by:** Bruce Tefft  
**CARRIED**

**10) Christian Education**

- A budget proposal which included notes of explanation and a delineation of the needs of CE proper and VBS has been forwarded to Finance and M&P teams. Bruce Tefft has been in contact with Christian Education regarding programming. More information to come. Cheryl McNabb Davis and Paul Chard should discuss the budget with Christian Education Team Leader.

**11) Fellowship**

- Support for coming events was discussed.

**12) M&P**

- Loraine's sabbatical – update and planning has been ongoing. Discussion about staffing during Loraine's absence. The various options will be explored in the new year so that Loraine has plenty of time to plan for 2019.

**13) Property Committee**

- Rental proposal re: Manitoba Psychiatry Student fundraiser March 10, 2018:  
**Motion:** The Property Team asked Council to waive the rental fee for a second concert sponsored by the Westworth Winds who would be playing as they plan a Big Band Fundraiser in association with the Manitoba Psychiatry Students that would occur on March 10, 2018 at Westworth U C.

**Moved by:** Bruce Tefft      **Seconded by:** Eunice Pratt  
**CARRIED**

Ray McLelland to fill out forms for Finance and to be responsible for compliance with all Westworth Policies and rules.

- 14) Reports from other Council Members**, if any, for information purposes  
Presbytery: Dorcas and Kirk Windsor have agreed to continue as Presbytery Representatives for this final year of Presbytery.

- 15) Team Ministries** – updates from liaisons.  
None

- 16) Old business:** none

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**17) New Business:**

AGM: date decided for March 18, 2018. Service to start at 10:30 to be followed by meeting in gym.

**18) Next Meeting:** Jan 30, 2018

**19) Benediction:** by Loraine MacKenzieShepherd

**20) Adjournment:**

**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned at 10:38

**Moved by:** Keith Love

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Norm Snyder, Chair of the Council

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Alma Acheson, Secretary

