

Westworth United Church
210th Council Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2018
7:30 PM in the Parlor

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

Regrets: Bruce Tefft

1. **Call to Order:** at 7:42
2. **Opening prayer:** by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended
Moved by: Paul Chard **Seconded by:** Keith Love
CARRIED
4. **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:**
Motion: That the minutes of November 28, 2017 be approved as distributed.
Moved by: Eunice Pratt **Seconded by:** Cheryl McNabb Davis
CARRIED
5. **Finance:**
 - a) **Motion:** That the 2018 Budget be approved as presented and be presented at the AGM
Moved by: Cheryl McNabb Davis **Seconded by:** Eunice Pratt
CARRIED
 - b) **Motion:** That the transfer of Cuba Funds to Children's Fund be approved subject to approval from the Appropriate Team Leaders.
Moved by: Cheryl McNabb Davis **Seconded by:** Eunice Pratt
There was discussion about whether this fund should be moved to a different fund and if this is truly a fund. Secretary to send email to Archives, CE, and Outreach Team leaders and poll them to see if they have any objections to these monies being moved.
CARRIED
6. **Worship:**
 - a) **Motion:** That the Church be closed from July 19 through August 18, 2018, and that there be no service at Westworth on July 22, 29, Aug 5 and 12 (there would be a service here on August 19, 2018).
Moved by: Eunice Pratt **Seconded by:** Paul Chard

Eunice Pratt to check with Trustees regarding checking status of church for insurance purposes. Emergency Pastoral Care will be provided. Property team also needs to be approached regarding outside maintenance. Secretary to contact all teams informing them and get feedback regarding impact on their functioning.

CARRIED

Communion Servers for March 4: Alma Acheson, Keith and Anne Love, Cheryl McNabb Davis and Gerald Davis, Paul Chard, Nancy Pinnell, Bruce Tefft and Teresa Sztaba. Council members will ask their partners.

7. Fellowship/Membership/Pastoral Care:

Proposed merger of teams – Keith Love spoke on the proposed Community Care Team which would merge the Pastoral Care, Fellowship, and Membership Teams. This has been discussed with Governance and received their input. There will be another meeting to present the proposal to all three teams. This discussion expanded into Social Events and Fundraising Events and how this proposed team could function to vet these events to make sure that they have the supports necessary to run them successfully.

8. Property Committee:

- a) **Note of Appreciation:** Property would like Council to know how much they appreciate the extra things that Heather Lavery is doing with the changes to the custodial care of the church. Council shares their appreciation for Heather as well.
- b) **Urban Retreats Garden Tour** – This group would like to use our church as a starting point for the Urban Retreats Garden Tour on Saturday, June 22, 2019. This group is sponsored by the United Church (St. Matthews Maryland). Property would waive the rental fee but charge the custodial fee for the orientation before the tour, and the tea, and craft sale after. The group would have to find personnel to open and close the church and find the kitchen help. Eunice Pratt to see if she can find more information regarding clarifying what they expect of the helpers and help them find these helpers. Perhaps Outreach would be able to help.
- c) **Selection of projects to improve the church** - Property Team provided a suggested list of some projects. Council feels that we need more information as to whether these projects are coming from their budget and the projected costs of the projects.

9. Christian Education:

Communication concerns: There was discussion about the concerns raised by the Christian Education committee regarding communication between teams. For our new structure to work, communications among teams, outside of Council is very important. Council attempts to circulate its minutes and the reports it receives from all teams in a timely manner so that everyone is made aware of the activities proposed or happening. Council liaisons were asked to encourage team leaders to read the reports of other teams as soon as they are circulated, and to communicate directly with other team leaders if more information is required or if there are any concerns that relate to the initiatives or actions being taken by other teams.

10. Reports and updates from other Council Members, if any, for information purposes:

- a) **Alma Acheson** – worship team needs members and team leader needed. Loraine has passed some names on the Petra Thanisch for possible members of Worship Committee.
- b) **Eunice Pratt** – already addressed
- c) **Keith Love** – already addressed
- d) **Paul Chard** – nothing to report

11. Old business:

a) **Partnering plans** – update on discussions and plans for coming months. Keith Love, Eunice Pratt, Norm Snyder and Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd have met with Harrow representatives. Harrow reps were enthusiastic about their own ministries but seemed less interested in knowing what Westworth was doing. The general impression was that they were not working towards amalgamating with another church; they are doing important work within their community and want to stay within their community. They did express interest in publicizing events that each church was doing at the other church. Update to be presented at AGM. Future discussions to be held with other churches.

b) **U of M concert** – They have decided to cancel the planned concert for March.

12. New Business:

a) **Planning for AGM on March 18, 2018** – Discussion regarding the trial of the new governing structure arrived at a consensus that we need to continue on a trial basis for another year.

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All Teams and Council Liaisons need to be approaching existing members to see if they will be staying on and if there are potential new members. Also, Team Leaders need to either confirm if they will stay on or if there is a replacement for them. This information needs to be communicated in time for the Annual Report and the AGM.

- b) Spring meeting / retreat for team leaders** – Try for May 5, 2018. Location to be determined
- c) CCS meeting update** – Meeting was held with Centre for Christian Studies regarding the sharing circle of last year and changes they have made to address some of the issues expressed last year. Norm Snyder and Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd were positively impressed with the changes they have made. CCS will provide a summary to be distributed to those who attended the sharing circle.
- d) Proposal re: notice cards advertising Westworth activities** – Should be referred to Membership. Examine the brochure done previously.
- e) Regional Council Boundaries** – Loraine gave a summary of the new Regional Council Boundaries. Would come into place Jan 1, 2019.
- f) Loraine's sabbatical** – update and planning

13. Next Meeting: tentative for March 13, 2018. Eunice Pratt will not be here.
AGM to be bring your own bag lunch.
Reports to be in by February 11, 2018

14. Benediction: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd gave a closing prayer.

15. Adjournment:

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:52

Moved by: Keith Love.

Norm Snyder, Chair of the Council

Alma Acheson, Secretary

