

**Westworth United Church
212st Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018
7:30 PM in the Parlour**

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

Regrets:

1) **Call to Order:** 7:34

2) **Finance** – Because of prior commitments, Cheryl McNabb Davis has to leave early so this item was moved forward in the agenda.

Cheryl McNabb Davis presented a response to an email from a congregant regarding questions about the budget. There is nothing to prohibit presentation of a deficit budget but with the surplus from last year it presents as a balanced budget. There is no analysis as to why changes in pledges occurred.

MOTION: Transfer of Cuba Funds to Children's Fund – This motion was **carried** at the meeting of January 30, 2018 subject to approval of Team Leaders after feedback from the Team Leaders. Because the feedback from the Team Leaders indicated that this Fund should be kept, the motion is withdrawn.

3) **Opening prayer** – Poem read by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd in honour of St Patrick's day approaching.

4) **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: that the Agenda be approved as adjusted.

Moved by: Bruce Tefft **Seconded by:** Paul Chard

CARRIED

5) **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

MOTION: That the minutes of January 30, 2018 be approved as distributed.

Moved by: Keith Love **Seconded by:** Paul Chard

CARRIED

6) **Fellowship/Membership/Pastoral Care**

a) **Proposed merger of teams:**

After consultation with the teams involved and with the Governance Committee, and in the interests of increased opportunities for communication and for sharing and teaming of personnel, Keith Love presents the following motion:

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MOTION: That the Fellowship, Membership, and Pastoral Care Teams be combined to form a new Community Care Ministry Team with Jennifer Snyder acting as the initial Team Leader effective after the Annual General Meeting

Moved by: Keith Love **Seconded by:** Brue Tefft

CARRIED

b) Fundraising:

MOTION: That beer and wine sales be allowed at the upcoming church sponsored Johnny Cash event on May 12, 2018.

Moved by: Keith Love **Seconded by:** Bruce Tefft

CARRIED

7) Reports and updates from other Council Members – reports were not solicited for this meeting but if anyone has something to report please bring it forward. A congregant has requested updates on Focus Groups arising from the Congregational meeting, Faith and Future and Gym repair.

8) Old Business:

- a) **AGM on March 18, 2018** – Discussion has already taken place regarding the budget. Agenda for the AGM was reviewed and clarified.
- b) **Spring meeting / retreat for team leaders** – still planned for May 5, 2018 at offices of Norm Snyder's firm. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd has offered to provide refreshments for a post retreat reception.
- c) **Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd - sabbatical** – update and planning – Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd is soliciting names of congregants who would be willing to participate and help lead services. She would like to start working on this after the Easter. She is looking for at least 10 volunteers for this purpose. This would not include any Ministers who will cover for the first Sunday of each month when Communion is served.

9) Next Meeting: April 24, 2018

10) Benediction: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd closed with a prayer.

11) Adjournment:

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:11

Moved by: Keith Love

Norm Snyder, Chair of the Council

Alma Acheson, Secretary

