

Westworth United Church Council Meeting

218th Council Meeting

January 22, 2019

7:30 pm in the Parlour

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

Regrets: Bruce Tefft

Welcome: Ray McClelland, Marion McKay, Gerald Davis

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

2. **Opening Prayer:** Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd led us in prayer

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed with the addition of additional grant information.

Moved: Keith Love

Seconded: Norm Snyder

CARRIED

4. **Discussion of Safety Concerns and recent responses to said concerns:**

- Ray McClelland (Property) and Marion McKay were welcomed to the meeting.
- Marion McKay presented on the incidents and reports that have occurred and what has been reported to the police. Marion McKay, Allan McKay, Eunice Pratt and Loraine McKenzie Shepherd met with Community Support Unit of the police who offered recommendations. Marion McKay has offered to be contact person with the City of Winnipeg Police Community Support Unit.
- Ray McClelland reported on the discussions that have taken place at Property Committee regarding the installation of video surveillance cameras. These discussions have been going on since the theft of the snowblower in 2018. He discussed some of the camera options they are investigating. The consensus is for Property to proceed with installation of the cameras and with the development of a policy on video surveillance in association with legal assistance of Norm Snyder.
- **Additional presentation:** Marion McKay received a Talking Stick from Rev. Stan McKay at the Facilitators workshop to be presented to Westworth. Alma Acheson will send Rev. Stan McKay a Thank You on behalf of Westworth.

5. **Report of Faith and Future Review:**

Gerald Davis spoke on the Review of the Faith and Future Fund.

Gerald expressed thanks to Diane Riordan and Alma Acheson will send a Thank you card to her for compiling the history of the Faith and Future Fund. It was very helpful. The last review was in 2012. Wendy Moroz and Gerald Davis have conducted the Review and compiled a set of recommendations. After discussion, it was decided that the motion to dissolve the Faith and

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Future Fund and establish a new Fund should be presented to the board for approval prior to presentation to the congregation.

MOTION: That the Council move to accept the recommendation of the Faith and Future review committee (as amended) to dissolve the Faith and Future Fund and establish a new fund called the Westworth fund to accept undesignated bequests and donations.

Moved: Norm Snyder

Seconded: Keith Love.

CARRIED

6. Approval of November 27, 2018 minutes:

MOTION: That the minutes of November 27, 2018 be approved as distributed with one correction to item 10 which should read Committee Chair of Finance instead of Team Leader.

Moved: Cheryl McNabb Davis

Seconded: Paul Chard

CARRIED

7. Correspondence: None

8. Business Arising/Updates to November minutes.

- **Affirming Congregation Investigation Committee:** Rhea Yates has offered to lead the Affirming Congregation Education Committee. Petra Thanisch has offered to assist. They will be asked to be part of the Spring Retreat to offer our support and discuss plans to involve congregation.
- **Damage to Parking Lot:** No responses as yet from Construction Companies.
- **Communication between teams.** Eunice Pratt met with members of Christian Education, Worship and staff to discuss communication improvements around changes to Worship services and participation of children.
- **Grant Application for A-frame roof upgrades:**

MOTION: That the Westworth Church Council support the Grant Application to the Winnipeg Foundation for a grant providing funds to replace shingles and add insulation to the A-frame portion of the roof.

Moved: Keith Love

Seconded: Norm Snyder

CARRIED

- Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd has also received information on a grant available from the United Church Faithful Footprints Retrofit Grant that we may qualify for. It requires a Green Audit that may incur a cost. Ray McClelland stated that there was a previous Energy Audit done but the whereabouts of that report are unknown (Archives to be consulted). Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd is requesting assistance from someone on Property to assist on this. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd will attend the next meeting of Property.

- **Review of current practices around additions/removal of names from the Westworth Church Roll:** Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd and Eunice Pratt have talked to both Worship and Community Care. This is now the responsibility of Worship Team. Eunice Pratt will make the appropriate changes to the manual.

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- **Positions yet to fill on 2019 Council and in Leadership Teams:**

- Some contacts have been made for positions on M&P and additional suggestions were made.
- There are also suggestions for Worship, Finance, and for Vice Chair.
- There is a new person on Property.

9. Committee and Team Reports

- **JNAC Review:** On going, with the following motions presented at this time

MOTION: That the position formerly call Coordinator Children, Youth and Family Ministries be renamed as Family Ministry Coordinator (FMC).

This Motion was withdrawn by Keith Love and is to be dealt with by Ministry and Personnel.

MOTION: That the 3-year term position of the Coordinator Children, Youth and Family Ministries become a permanent position and be budgeted for accordingly.

Moved: Keith Love

Seconded: Paul Chard

CARRIED

- **Finance Committee: 2019 Budget**

- **Fund Raising application:** All monies that are received or disbursed should have this form filled out. This is critical to maintain the books properly. Notices will not be put in the bulletin until this form is completed. Should the form be renamed?
- No checks will be signed until purchases are verified.
- **2019 Budget:** Budget presented as distributed.

MOTION: That the budget as distributed be presented to the congregation at the Annual General meeting for approval.

Moved: Cheryl McNabb Davis

Seconded: Paul Chard

CARRIED

- **Communicatons:** Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd gave clarification on the report from Communications regarding Communication Strategy and supporting Faith page in Winnipeg Free Press.

- **Christian Education:** Alma Acheson will send a note of appreciation to Candace Maxymowich for all her work in creating attractive brochures and posters to help in advertising our Christian Education programmes and other events.

Presbytery Team: Alma Acheson will send a note of appreciation to Dorcas and Kirk Windsor for their dedicated service and commitment to the church over their many years of serving as Westworth Presbytery Representatives.

10. New Business: None

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11. Important Dates:

Annual Meeting: March 10, 2019. Worship service to start at 11 (DST starts that day).

Spring Council Retreat and orientation of new members: planned for a Sunday afternoon session beginning with a shared lunch. Survey done regarding date and decision for March 17.

Council Meeting Dates: Feb 26, 2019; April 30, 2019

Fall Retreat: no date yet

12. Next Meeting: Feb 26, 2019

13. Closing Prayer: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd gave a closing prayer.

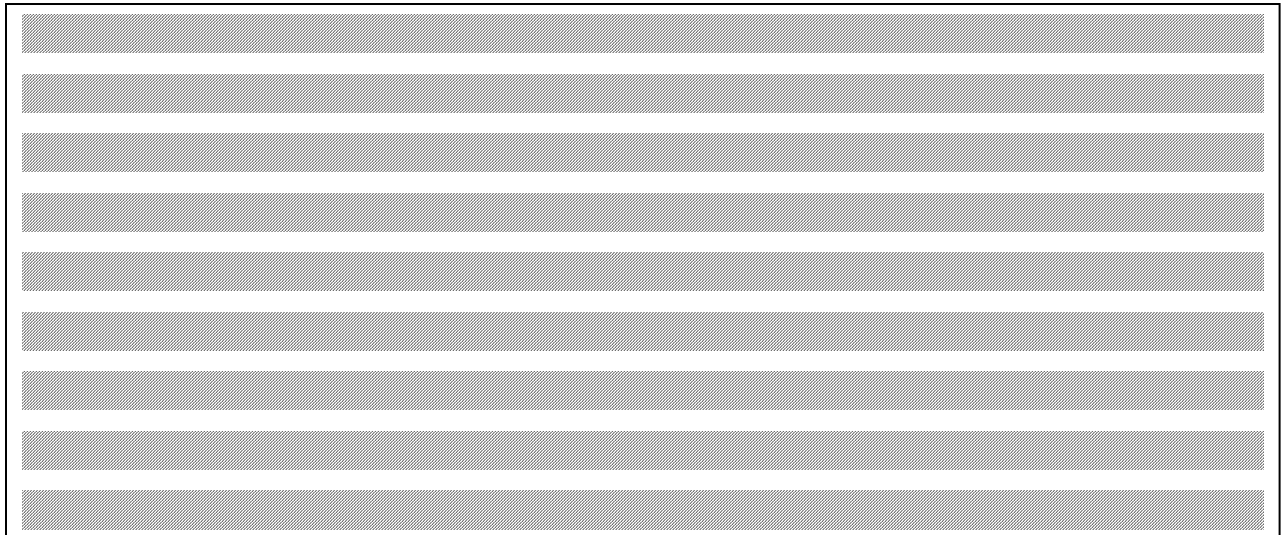
14. Adjournment:

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:11.

Moved: Keith Love

Eunice Pratt, Chair of the Board

Alma Acheson, Secretary



Addendum 1

The Faith and Future Fund Review - January 2019

Recommendations from the review committee, Gerald Davis and Wendy Moroz.

Motion: Dissolve the present Faith and Future Fund and its guidelines.

Rational -

- Congregants can donate to M + S giving them control and choice of the charitable donations
- Few donations to the Fund have taken place since its inception. There is a feeling by some within the congregation that they do not wish to give to the Faith and Future Fund and have their money leave the church
- There is presently a moratorium for donation to outside groups
- All funds should be under the management of the Finance Committee, as per United Church policy

The Westworth Fund

Motion: Whereas the Faith and Future Fund is dissolved, a new Fund, called The Westworth Fund be established to accept undesignated bequests and donations.

Purpose – to provide for the long-term financial stability and ministry of Westworth United church

Source of The Westworth Fund

- donations that are undesignated.
- Transfer of assets from the Faith and Future fund
- Donations designated to the fund

Finance Committee will manage The Westworth Fund

- Invest the fund
- designation of the interest
- receive funding applications from within WUC for special projects
- Consider matching grants for fund raising projects within WUC
- Give recommendations to Council for disbursement

Rational

- We continue to need a Fund to accept undesignated donations or bequests over \$5000.
- Congregants always have other options for their charitable donations beyond Westworth walls
- Fund use should reflect the mission and values of Westworth United Church

- May encourage more congregants to give back to Westworth as part of their wills and planned givings
- All Funds should be under the management of the Finance Committee

Donations

- Members of the W.U.C. congregation shall be made aware of opportunities to contribute to The Westworth Fund.
- Bequests to The Westworth Fund are registered as charitable gifts with Revenue Canada.
- As per WUC policy, the first \$5000 of an undesignated bequest will continue to be credited to the W.U.C. General fund. Any amount in excess of \$5000 in a single bequest shall be placed in The Westworth Fund. Donations shall be made known to the congregation at the discretion of the donor or the family.

Disbursements – to be approved by The Council upon recommendation from the Finance Committee.

The Finance committee shall consider grants to support:

- Special applications for projects or programmes initiated and organized by Westworth ministry teams
- Special applications for major WUC capital expenditures.