

Westworth United Church
220th Council Meeting
April 7, 2019
7:30 pm in the Parlour

Attendance: Eunice Pratt, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Paul Chard, Ron Bailey, Keith Love, Alma Acheson, Bruce Tefft

Regrets: Norm Snyder

1. **Call to order:** at 7:35
2. **Opening Prayer:** by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
MOTION: That the Agenda be approved as amended.
Moved by: Ron Bailey Seconded by: Keith Love
CARRIED
4. **Approval of February 26, 2019 Minutes:**
MOTION: That the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting be approved as distributed.
Moved by: Keith Love Seconded by: Paul Chard
CARRIED
5. **Approval of April 7, 2019 Minutes:**
MOTION: That the minutes of the April 7, 2019 meeting be approved as distributed.
Moved by: Paul Chard Seconded by: Ron Bailey
CARRIED
6. **Business Arising:**
Rack a Roof sent in a revised quote including the potential costs if they have to replace roof decking.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Jewish Federation of Winnipeg: Letter received from Jewish Federation of Winnipeg thanking Westworth for their support in the recent troubling events. Letter to be filed with minutes.
 - b. Larry Strachan re additions to Annual Meeting Minutes: Alma Acheson will up date the AGM minutes and repost.
8. **Committee and Team Reports:**
 - a. **Finance and Stewardship Committee:**
 - Ron Bailey reviewed the General Fund status of the first quarter

– **Photo Directory**

MOTION: That Westworth United Church purchase a total of 50 of the new photo directories, in addition to the 16 free directories, at a cost of \$750.00 (Seven hundred and fifty dollars) and that the additional production expenses also be covered with the funds coming from the Memorial Fund.

Moved by: Ron Bailey **Seconded by:** Paul Chard

CARRIED

- **VBS:** Ron Bailey presented a detailed list of the Revenues and Expenses for Vacation Bible School for 2018 for information purposes.

b. Ministry and Personnel:

- **MOTION:** That a one-time bonus of \$600 (six hundred dollars) be paid to Jenny Jeffers in recognition of the additional requirements and effort she has done over the past several months.

Moved by: Paul Chard **Seconded by:** Ron Bailey

CARRIED

- Alma Acheson to send note of thanks to Jenny Jeffers on behalf of Council and the congregation, and a card thanking Andrea Firth and give to Eunice Pratt.
- M & P to work on a procedural binder in case of temporary or permanent staff changes in the church office.

c. Minister's report

– **Updates latest information re grants:**

- Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd provided information on grants for church maintenance. She has had conversations with Stephen Collette regarding the United Church Faithful Footprints grant. He suggests that we consider some basic air-sealant projects in the sanctuary (windows and doors) and gym. The north side sanctuary windows are of concern. Jeff Kramer will contact Stephen for more information, and is getting quotes on the window repairs and/or replacement. Paul Chard will communicate with Property and Jeff Kramer as more information becomes available.
- Community Places has now become Building Sustainable Communities Program. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd has started filling out their new grant application and Frank Wynes will continue to follow up.
- Winnipeg Foundation Grant will probably not be able to give as much as we have asked for because of greater numbers of applications as usual but they hope to be able to provide at least some funding.
- **Roof repairs:** Question was raised as to when/what decision needs to be made regarding the roof repairs and other maintenance issues and giving Property direction regarding this. Eunice Pratt to call a special meeting with Karen Lumley attending once a response is received from Winnipeg Foundation.

MOTION: That we proceed with the re-shingling and insulation of the sanctuary roof as per the quote from Rack a roof.

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

CARRIED

Paul Chard to communicate this to Property and Frank Wynes.

- **Sabbatical plans:** Everything in place and Loraine MacKenzie Shephard will start her Sabbatical May 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019

d. Property

- **MOTION:** The west parking lot be repaired by Terrace Property Maintenance for \$32,885.43.

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

Motion tabled until the following questions are answered:

- Question regarding if the quote is still valid because of the dates. Considering the additional expenses in other parts of the church, and the fact that the west parking lot was able to be cleared this past winter, is the parking lot as high a priority.
- Ron Bailey suggested a capital fund raising campaign based on donations be brought forward to the congregation to raise funds for the Building Fund.

e. UCW

- Alma Acheson to send a letter of thanks to Westworth UCW Unit 7 for their long and faithful service to the congregation and mission of Westworth UC

f. Affirming Ministry Education Committee

- The Committee has requested a modest budget, or direction as to which Team might provide financial support allocated for items to include Rainbow Candle, Children's Books, Rainbow/pronoun buttons, and for speaker honorariums.

MOTION: That the Affirming Ministry Education Committee be given a budget not to exceed \$500 for items noted (Rainbow Candle, Children's Books, Rainbow/pronoun buttons, and for speaker honorariums).

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

CARRIED

g. Faith and Future Review Committee

- **MOTION:** That the Faith and Future Review Committee be thanked for their work reviewing the Faith and Future Fund and developing the parameters for the Westworth Fund as accepted by the congregation at the recent AGM and that said committee be dissolved.

Moved by: Keith Love **Seconded:** Ron Bailey

CARRIED

Alma Acheson to send note of thanks to Gerald Davis and Wendy Moroz for their work.

9. New Business

a. Prairie to Pine Region Faith Covenant with the UCC

- **MOTION:** That the Faith Covenant between Westworth and the new Prairie to Pine Region of the UCC be accepted and presented to be acknowledged in the liturgy of the upcoming Regional Meeting (Brandon, June 2019).

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

CARRIED

- Alma Acheson to send a note of thanks to be sent to Arlene Hinsta and Barb Magarell for the creation of this document. A copy of this Covenant along with contact information will be keep in the office, and with additional copies sent to the Prairie to Pine Region, and to our Regional Reps, Ruth and Dan Wiwchar.

b. Discussion Item:

- c. As we strive to *“be the hands and feet of Christ at Westworth and beyond”* we are called to provide support to the disadvantaged. Our advocacy comes in many forms, but whether it is in gifts of time, expertise, or financial support, our solidarity comes at a cost both within and outside our congregation. Should we have a set of guiding principles based on our mission and values that could help us make decisions when we are asked to provide support, especially when it is required quickly, and decisions must be made? Should we discuss the levels of risk we are willing to accept for our congregation and staff as we express our solidarity with victims of violence because of their group identity? What resources might be of assistance?

These are big questions with many implications. We will continue the conversation at the fall retreat and discuss ways to extend the conversation to our members and staff. These are big questions with many implications. May we start the conversation at this time? How should be proceed in involving others? What are the key questions? The Outreach Team, as well as many in our leadership group, have a wealth of experience and beliefs that could provide valuable support for this initiative. Perhaps we can start this conversation, have leaders take it back to their committees and teams, and continue the conversation at the fall retreat where we could discuss ways to extend the conversation to our members and staff.

10. Important Dates:

- Council meeting dates: September 17, October 15, November 19
- Retreat Sunday, Nov. 3 PM
- Fall kick off – Aug 29

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11. Next Meeting:

- May 28 with Karen Lumley as Pastoral Charge Supervisor

12. Closing Prayer: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd led us in prayer before she leaves on her Sabbatical.

13. Adjournment:

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:24

Moved: Keith Love

Eunice Pratt, Chair of the Board

Alma Acheson, Secretary

