

Westworth United Church
222nd Council Meeting
September 17, 2019
7:30 pm in the Church Parlour

Attendance: Paul Chard, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Eunice Pratt, Alma Acheson, Keith Love, Wendy Moroz, Norm Snyder

Regrets: Ron Bailey, Bruce Tefft

Welcome: Wendy Moroz as Finance Representative

1. **Call to order:** at 7:31 pm

2. **Opening Prayer:** led by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Keith Love

Seconded by: Norm Snyder

CARRIED

4. **Approval of May 28, 2019 Minutes:**

MOTION: That the minutes of May 28, 2019 be approved as distributed.

Moved by: Norm Snyder

Seconded by: Keith Love

CARRIED

5. **Correspondence:**

- Thank you note from St Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry for use of auditorium in Garden Tour
- Thank you note from Jenny Jeffers
- Winnipeg Foundation, confirmation of grant
- Royal Lepage, interest in buying church property

6. **Business Arising:**

- Ad Hoc Committee Review of progress towards achieving the goals as set out in the Joint Needs Assessment (Keith Love). Keith Love spoke on the report and the recommendations put forth in the report. There was discussion as to the progress of Teams on the Visioning Report. Funds available to pay for training for various courses. There was also discussion about the recommendations especially about a Nominating Committee. This will be raised at the Leadership Retreat.

MOTION: That the review of the JNAC report be accepted and that it will be presented at the Leadership retreat in November.

Moved by: Keith Love

Seconded by: Norm Snyder

- Further Renovations (North Sanctuary Windows) as related to U.C. Faithful Footprints Grant. Eunice Pratt reported on the status of the grants received. To receive the additional \$10,000

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(ten thousand dollars) grant, we need to spend additional funds of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars). Quotes on window upgrades were reviewed and best quote to renovate all the windows \$33,000 (thirty-three thousand dollars) plus tax.

MOTION: That the Council approve the expenditure of up to \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) for window renovations including the cost of upper windows that open.

Moved by: Norm Snyder **Seconded by:** Wendy Moroz

CARRIED

Recommendation: That Property pursue grant applications to assist with funding of the above project including Sustainable Communities and Winnipeg Foundation and United Church Faithful Footprints grants.

MOTION: That Property committee access the Building Fund to cover the cost of \$1500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) for installation of heaters in the front vestibule.

Moved by: Wendy Moroz **Seconded by:** Paul Chard

CARRIED

- Building Sustainable Communities Grant Proposal was declined. Option to reapply for this grant for other projects by December 19, 2019. Frank Wynes looking into meeting with them and reapplying.

7. Committee and Team Reports:

Property

Eunice Pratt updated us on grant status and renovation plans as above. Property has two other projects that will require large expenditures.

Finance: Wendy Moroz presented Finance reports for over the summer. At present, we are over budget. Finance committee will check on Rental income. We also received a \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollar) bequest of which \$5000 (five thousand dollars) will go into Operating Funds and \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) will go into the Westworth Fund. Finance has approved the lease of a new photocopier. Stewardship Sunday dates October 20th and 27th and letters will be asking for increase of 2% (two percent) over past giving's. Vocal Ascent would like to do their fundraising concert on November 17 of which they will make a minimum donation of \$1000 (one thousand dollars) in lieu of rent for practice space. Finance and Spare Change Sunday continue to have issues in the counting procedures that are being addressed. Finance raised the issue that a backup person needs to be trained in the office procedures of the church.

M&P: Heather Lavery will now be working 9 am to 3 pm daily. Paul Chard to discuss with Heather Lavery and Jenny Jeffers about Finance Procedures. M&P will be meeting next week.

Christian Education

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Recommendation that if an Open House BBQ be held in 2020 that it be spear-headed by the Council. Discussion at Council was that this should be a joint effort of several Teams but is not part of the Council mandate. There was also discussion that it be held at a later date. Planning needs to start earlier so that Teams have time to plan.

Worship

MOTION: That Council approve the cost of cleaning the choir gowns \$1081.39 (one thousand eighty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents) from the Memorial Fund.

Moved by: Paul Chard

Seconded by: Wendy Moroz

CARRIED:

- Suggestion that Worship committee should include this as a budget item in the future and Choral Director should keep track of when this is done, and it should be done every 5 years.
- Discussion regarding the use of technology in the church and during worship. Worship Team should talk to Communications Team regarding what the needs might be and ideas of how this might be accomplished.

8. New Business:

- Support for the Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA) 20th Anniversary Fundraising banquet
- MOTION:** That \$75.00 be sent to the ISSA for a ½ page ad in their program bringing greetings and congratulations from Westworth United Church.

Moved by: Paul Chard

Seconded by: Keith Love

CARRIED

- “Scent Free” policy review as per letter from Nancy Williamson. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd announced this problem during the worship on Sunday and will continue to announce it periodically and it will continue to be posted in the bulletin. There is really no way to police this.
- Open Council positions to be filled now and/or by March 2020, including Chair, Vice Chair, and Council Secretary. This will be brought up at the Leadership Retreat.

9. Discussion:

“Thriving Congregations” Report. Comments, questions and next steps and implications for those in Leadership Positions will be raised at the presentation on Sunday September 22. Loraine McKenzie Shepherd discussed what she would be focusing on in her sermon and in the presentation after church. She is hoping that the conversation will focus on bigger picture items including Spiritual Nurture, how we can be more welcoming to newcomers, viability of an interfaith centre for spirituality and advocacy. After her initial remarks the group will be broken up into table groups for discussion.

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10. Important Dates

- Next Council meeting October 29,2019; 7:30
- September 22 12:15-2:00 “Thriving Congregations” luncheon and workshop
- November 3, 12:30-6:00 Westworth Leaders Retreat and Reception at Westworth. Eunice Pratt will make main course and volunteers to make dessert and salads.

11. Closing Prayer: by Eunice Pratt

12. Meeting Adjourned:

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:56

Moved by: Keith Love

Eunice Pratt, Chair of the Board

Alma Acheson, Secretary

