

Westworth United Church

243 Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 25th, 2021 Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:05

2. Attendance: Pat Stephenson, Chair; Dianne Sjoberg, Vice-Chair; Keith Love; Bruce Tefft; Sharon Stanley; Ron Bailey; Loraine McKenzie Shepherd; Joyce Clouston, Council Secretary.

Guest: Paul Chard

3. Present: All Council Members

4. Opening prayer and check-in: Loraine and Pat

5. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: THAT the agenda be approved

Moved by: Keith Love

Seconded by: Bruce Tefft

6. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: THAT the minutes of April 19th be approved.

Moved by: Keith Love

Seconded by: Bruce Tefft

7. Business Arising from Minutes of April 19th:

A grant from Prairie to Pine region is promised. Westworth will need to raise 30,000.00 of our own funds to access the 30,000.00 offered by Prairie to Pine.

Discussion ensued: guest Paul Chard reported on the results of quotes for the video and recording equipment. Committee member Allan McKay is finding an AV student who could help us decide on what we need and train people to operate the system. Quotes are in hand; there were queries about details of the quote. Included in the grant proposals are provision to hire someone to guide us through acquisition of state-of-the-art system.

MOTIONS:

1. **THAT** understanding that virtual worship will be a necessity post-covid, and also that video broadcasting capability will offer the broader community a service not available consistently at this time, I move that Westworth formally pursue video broadcasting capability.

Moved by: Dianne Sjoberg

Seconded by: Bruce Tefft

Unanimously approved by Council

- THAT: Westworth establish a working group to manage the virtual broadcasting capability, step by step, to fruition, to include representation from Property, Worship, CE, M&P, Finance, Communications and other interested individuals.**

Moved: Dianne Sjoberg

Seconded: Bruce Tefft

Unanimously approved by Council

Suggested names for this committee include: Sharon (M & P); Allan McKay and/or Paul Chard (Property); (Brett to be invited by Sharon); Finance – (Ron to brief committee to invite participation); Worship (Loraine to invite Worship representative and speak to Peter Sim); CE (Bruce (council liaison) to contact and invite).

Points to consider: this committee needs to offer scope/ plan/ budget/ benefits to Council: it will be important to answer questions, including: why are we initiating this process?

Sharon Stanley to facilitate the first meeting.

A proposal on funding and how to inform congregants of the acquisition is to be developed within the guidelines of this committee.

- THAT: council designate \$30,000 from the Westworth Fund to honour our dollar-for-dollar commitment to the Prairie to Pine Region Church Development Inc grant.**

Moved by: Dianne Sjoberg

Seconded by: Bruce Tefft.

Unanimously approved by Council.

8. Correspondence:

1. Letters of correspondence from Heather Robbins – and have been forwarded May 25th.
Action: Include new letters in congregational e-mails (Loraine to review).
2. Letter from Crestview inviting participation for their June 6th Affirming Celebration.
Joyce to respond with warm congratulations on behalf of Westworth.

9. New Business: No other motions were submitted in the ministry team reports.

10. Committee and Ministry Team reports and specific requests within reports:

- a) Finance- report (attached)
 - i. UCW – will be undertaking a ‘Scones and Preservatives’ fundraising.
 - ii. Seeking clarification for name of Choir Fund, currently referred to as an Endowment Fund.
- b) Balance Sheet_General Fund_Receipts and Disbursements
- c) Safe Reopening Ad-Hoc Committee: Eunice Pratt - report (attached)
Work of this committee is working hard and presenting detailed reports to ensure safe re-opening, and Council is appreciative of this Committee to
- d) Ministry and Personnel: Sharon Stanley (co-chair) – report (attached)
Reports that Loraine is to be away for her mother’s service tentatively booked in September.
- e) Community Care: Shirley Watts (co-chair) - report (attached)
- f) Trustees: Kent Magarrell – report (attached)
- g) UCW: Nancy Doern-White - report (attached)
The UCW has not been able to do fund raising his year and the financial commitment will not be able to be met due to COVID restraints. There may be a year-end impact; council is noting this concern brought forward by UCW and has discussed.
- h) Archives: Diane Riordon: responded (no activity)
- i) Outreach Committee: (attached on May 24th).
Liaison (Bruce to forward a reminder to outreach that needs to go through Finance Committee for both co-ordination and approval of special project fundraising).
- j) Property Committee minutes have been forwarded May 25th.
- k) Visioning Committee established April 24th Leadership Team Meeting: Chair Bruce Tefft reported that members have been confirmed and first meeting is to be held soon.

Council affirms that apart from the regular fund-raising for core commitments, special fund-raising events are to be presented to Finance Committee for coordination. (Core Commitments: Special Appeals at Easter; Food Grains at Thanksgiving; West Broadway weekly appeals and Rossbrook House turkeys).

11. Minister’s Report: Loraine expressed appreciation for support of church in recent loss of her mother. She is also grateful for all of the work that the leaders in our congregation are doing to keep our ministry moving forward.

12. Important Dates: Next official regular council meeting is to be **September 28th, 2021.**

The Chair is to determine the date of a special council meeting to address needs arising prior to September meeting.

13. Closing Prayer by Loraine.

14. Meeting Adjourned at 9:27

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Clouston
Council Secretary,
May 27th, 2021

Pat Stephenson
Council Chairperson