

1. **Call to Order:**

- a) Present: Rhea Yates (Chair), Denise Jones (Finance), Sharon Stanley (M&P), Rev. Tricia Gerhard, Keith Love (Member at Large), Kathy McPhail (Member at Large), Dianne Sjoberg (Past Chair), Jan McIlroy (Secretary), Bruce Tefft (Visioning), Nancy Williamson
- b) Regrets: None

2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Rhea Yates

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Keith Love **Seconded by** Denise Jones
that the Agenda for November 26, 2024 be accepted with the following amendment:
at #5 add Discussion regarding grant opportunities (follow up to October 2024 meeting).
CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Jan McIlroy **Seconded by** Kathy McPhail
that the Minutes of the Council meeting of October 29, 2024 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED

5. **Business arising from the minutes:**

- a) Discussion re: grant opportunities:
The Sir Thomas Cropo Foundation grant looks like it might be a fit for Senior Programming. Matter referred to Visioning Committee.

6. **Correspondence:**

- a) November 7, 2024 email from MLA Mike Moroz noting a new online portal which simplifies the application process that allows access for the new \$25 million capital grant program aimed to develop 350 new social housing units in 2024/2025.
- b) November 13, 2024 email from Nick Kulyk, ADM, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, Department of Municipal and Northern Relations, Manitoba Government that the “From the Ground Up — Safe Healthy Communities for All” program did not approve Westworth’s application for grant funding to support redevelopment.

7. Ministry Team and Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

a) Affirming (Liaison Kathy McPhail):	No report
b) Archives (Liaison Kathy McPhail):	Nothing to report
c) Chair (Rhea Yates):	Report attached
d) Christian Education (Liaison Dianne Sjoberg):	Report attached
e) Communications (Liaison Jan McIlroy):	Report attached
f) Community Care (Liaison Keith Love):	Report attached
g) Finance (Denise Jones):	Report attached
h) Minister (Tricia Gerhard):	No report
i) Ministry and Personnel (Sharon Stanley):	Report attached
j) Outreach (Liaison Dianne Sjoberg):	Nothing to report
k) Property (Liaison Keith Love):	Nothing to report
l) Regional Reps (Liaison Jan McIlroy):	Nothing to report
m) Senior Choir Executive (Liaison Dianne Sjoberg)	Report attached
n) Trustees: Kent Magarrell (Liaison Kathy McPhail):	Report attached
o) UCW (Liaison Jan McIlroy):	Report attached
p) Visioning (Liaison Rhea Yates):	Report attached
q) Worship (Liaison Dianne Sjoberg):	Report attached
r) Past Chair (Dianne Sjoberg)	Report attached

Moved by Denise Jones

Seconded by Kathy McPhail

that the reports be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

8. Business arising from reports:

- a) Discuss recruitment strategy based on November Leadership Team workshop notes: Decided a short announcement from the pulpit would be appropriate, with the Team or Committee featured in the announcement also have a presence in the Narthex, an insert in the bulletin and the e-blast that week. Recruitment might also benefit from a mentorship with some students. A Sound System mentorship program will be discussed at Council in the new year, as the original grant application for the new A/V system included involvement of Rossbrook House.

- b) Recognizing volunteers based on feedback from the Leadership Team: Council decided to create a “Wall of Gratitude” throughout the Lenten period, featuring Westworth volunteers and starting March 9, 2025. This recognition of those giving their time and energy would form part of Westworth’s Lenten practice. Council decided to use the names and groups suggested by the Leadership Team as deserving of recognition to kickstart the project, inviting the Community of Faith to

add more paper or foam “hearts of gratitude” with the names of volunteers we wish to publicly acknowledge with gratitude.

c) Budgeting for organ maintenance, per Worship report:

The organ should be serviced approximately every two years. Because the Worship Committee budgets for this expense for the piano, they will be asked to include the organ maintenance in their budget in the future. For the current year, the expense will be charged to Worship, and while this team will show an overage this year, the dollars are available within our overall budget to cover the expense.

Action: Dianne Sjoberg will contact Teresa Sztaba, Worship Team Lead, with this information.

d) Draft Visioning mandate sent to Council for consideration, per Visioning report: Phases I & 2 of the document reflect the history of the committee. Phase III addresses the mandate going forward.

Discussion points:

- A separate eblast, starting this coming week, will enhance communication with the COF letting them know what Visioning is currently working on.
- Senior programming is up and running, and reports to Visioning.
- Visioning is working to develop the Hub which would include a Daycare, Community Nursing, housing, as well as Senior Programming and Westworth United Church.
- Visioning is working to understand the feasibility of redevelopment, and will convey what they learn to Council and the COF.
- A motion with the new mandate for Visioning will be presented to Council in January and ratified at the AGM in March, 2025.

9. **Old Business:**

a) *Vote held electronically November 1, 2024*

Moved by: Keith Love

Seconded by: Dianne Sjoberg

That Westworth Council enter into a Letter of Agreement with 5468796 Architecture Inc. (known as 546) to participate in the "Shared Ground" applied research initiative dedicated to developing more affordable housing on social purpose infrastructure in Winnipeg.

CARRIED

10. **New Business:**

a) Discussion about perhaps holding an Open House where the COF is invited to come and learn more about the work of the Visioning Committee, and anticipated timelines. This could take place in January or February and does not need to be on a Sunday. This would be a casual coffee and chat format.

11. Other: None

12. Important dates:

- a) Lessons and Carols on December 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.
- b) Council Meetings in 2025: Jan 28, Feb. 25, March 25 (crossover meeting of old/new Council)
- c) Westworth Annual General Meeting March 2, 2025
- d) Annual reports from Committees and Teams due in the office by Feb. 6, 2025.
- e) Special concert/fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 at 3:00pm entitled "P'Opera!" with Tracy Dahl

13. Closing Prayer: Led by Tricia Gerhard

14. Motion for adjournment: By Keith Love, at 8:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Jan McIlroy
Secretary of Council

Rhea Yates
Chair of Council

