

Westworth United Church

261 Council Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:03

2. Present: Dianne Sjoberg, Chair; Ron Bailey, Treasurer; Sharon Stanley, Ministry and Personnel; Pat Stephenson, Past Chairperson; Bruce Tefft, Member-at-Large; Keith Love, Member-at-Large; Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Minister; Joyce Clouston, Secretary.

3. Regrets: None

4. Opening prayer: Led by Dianne Sjoberg

5. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Keith Love Seconded by: Pat Stephenson
that the agenda be approved as circulated.
Carried

6. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by: Joyce Clouston Seconded by: Bruce Tefft
That the minutes of Council of October 25, 2022 be accepted as circulated.
Carried

7. Business arising from the minutes:

(Included below)

8. Correspondence:

Loraine reported a letter from Sensei Tanis Moore from the Manitoba Buddhist Temple offering to give our church a large mobile with 1,000 paper cranes (as per the story of Sedako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes) or a smaller mobile with half that many cranes. The Temple has been giving these mobiles to various places around Winnipeg in order to remind us of this story and promote peace. They have chosen Westworth as one of these places. Loraine has sent detailed info to the Christian Education Committee and Outreach. Tanis might be able to come one Sunday, tell the story and formally give us this a mobile. The CE Committee will be meeting Dec. 5 and will add this to their agenda.

9. Ministry Team and Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

a) Affirm (Liaison Dianne): Nothing to report

- d) Christian Education:**
- e) Communications (Liaison Joyce):**
- f) Community Care (Liaison Keith):**
- g) Community Profile Committee:**

Keith Love, Amanda Younka and Barb Magarrell have submitted three documents comprising the “Community Profile”: Westworth’s Living Faith Story, Westworth’s Current Financial Position and a Proposed Job Description, to the Prairie to Pine Region via Judy Hare.

Action: Council is asked to consider people to sit on the search team, and to submit names for the Search Team to Dianne, Keith, or Barb

- h) Finance:**
- i) Health Advisory:**
- j) Minister:**
- k) Ministry and Personnel:**

Moved by: Sharon Stanley Seconded by: Keith Love
that Council approve the term extension of Ruth Wiwchar as interim Director of Music to June, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Sharon Stanley Seconded by: Pat Stephenson
that Council approve the hiring of Ruth Denton as a part-time term Assistant Conductor (4 hours per week) for the period January 1 – May 31, 2023.

Carried

- l) Music:**
- m) Outreach (Liaison Bruce):**
- n) Property (Liaison Keith):**
- o) Regional Reps:**
- p) Trustees:** None
- q) UCW (Liaison Joyce):**
- r) Visioning (Liaison Dianne):**
- s) Worship (Liaison Bruce):**

10. Old Business:

- a) Music Team: Tabled
 - b) Nominating – No further information to report
- Action: Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd and Dianne Sjoberg will meet to determine a plan for consideration by council

11. New Business:

- a) Council Budget:

Action: Dianne Sjoberg to submit budget for discretionary amount for use by Council Chair to Jenny Jeffers.

b) Implementation of goals coming out of retreat:

Action: Council Liaisons are asked to determine which of the goals pertain to their committees or teams, and work with the chair or team leads to prioritize and implement the goals. Chairpersons; Council suggests there may be benefit to 'asking' what the priorities are for each Team/ Committee.

12. Other:

1. Mask Use at church events: Pat Stephenson, Health Advisor, will craft a congregational email to explain current health recommendations that include continuing to wear masks.

2. Visitation guidelines recommended by Pat Stephenson, Health Advisor: Those providing visitation on behalf of the church are advised to use surgical/ medical masks (rather than N-95 masks that are more challenging for others to 'hear' through). Current recommendations for visitors to vulnerable (and all) persons include:

- a. Wearing of masks;
- b. Extra care with hand hygiene;
- c. Maintaining distance (6 feet or as much as may be reasonable in the circumstance).

3. Finance highlights : Ron Bailey drew Council's attention to the fact that, to date, there are 26 fewer pledges to date compared to 2021, and reminded us that 16 of our contributing members have passed away during the year. . Ron will be making follow-up phone calls to members who have not pledged to date.

13. Important Dates:

a) **January 31st: Next Regular Council Meeting**

b) **Tentative Date in mid-December to consider Profile, once approved by the Region, and names for Search Committee.**

c) **January 10th Finance Committee Meeting** The Finance Team has asked Council to attend their meeting in January to consider their proposed budget.

14. Closing Prayer: Led by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

15. Meeting Adjournment at 8:15 pm: Moved by Keith Love

Respectfully submitted by

Approved by

Joyce Clouston
Council Secretary

Dianne Sjoberg
Council Chairperson