

**Windsor Park United Church
Board Minutes
October 18, 2016**

Present:

Laurie Ringaert (Board Chair), Dale Napper (Treasurer), Sue Turley (Board Secretary and M&P), Bill Belsham (Property), Patrick Woodbeck (Clergy), Bob Galston (Pastoral Charge Supervisor), Derek Read (Trustees), Peter Czehryn (Finance), Laura Steidl (CDC), Deanna Kernaghan (CICC), Gwen Polak (Outreach), Nancy Sulkers (Worship), Alana Davis (USC), Bill McOuat (AOTS)

Call to Order

Laurie Ringaert called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Devotion – Patrick Woodbeck

Patrick Woodbeck read from *Choosing Change: How to Motivate Churches to Face the Future* by Peter Coutts.

Approval of Minutes

The first sentence on Page 2 under Presbytery has been deleted.

MOTION:

To accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of April 19, 2016 as amended.

Moved by: Alana Davis

Seconded by: Bill Belsham

Motion carried

Business arising from the minutes

Patrick Woodbeck provided a brief explanation of what a Remit is and what constituted a yes/no vote. Sue Turley will submit the results of tonight's decisions to the United Church of Canada National Office.

The vote was yes for Remit #1: Three Council Model.

The vote was yes for Remit #2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement.

The vote was yes for Remit #3: Office of Vocation.

The vote was yes for Remit #4: Funding a New Model.

The vote was no for Remit #6: One Order of Ministry.



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Business arising from the minutes (continued)

Derek Read will take the matter of the constitutional review to the Trustees.

Laurie Ringaert will send an email to all of the Councils and Committees asking them to review their mandates as they appear in the Constitution. The deadline for replies will be January 31, 2017.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the High Steppers Seniors Club asking to use the kitchen on November 10, 2016 to prepare the lunch to be served at their annual Tea. Permission was granted.

A number of gift catalogues were received from 1JustCity. They will be left on the table in the Narthex.

Reports

Ministerial Update – Patrick Woodbeck

A Pride worship service was held at WPUC in June and then worshippers were invited to attend the Gay Pride Parade happening at noon that day in downtown Winnipeg. The Welcome Back Sunday occurred in September. There has been positive response to the different services conducted. There was an unbelievable response to the Big Bang Theory video clip that was presented as part of the sermon on World Wide Communion Sunday. There has been good experimentation with worship services and the congregation has been open to them. Advent is well on its way to being finalized. Planning for upcoming worship services is well underway. Patrick Woodbeck is slowly working through the congregational lists to identify who is who and getting to know the congregation. He is dealing with emergency pastoral care and pre-identified individuals.

Treasurer - Dale Napper

Dale Napper reported that our income as of September 30, 2016 is \$139,374.41 and our expenses are \$174,933.00. The operating income is currently (\$35,558.59). The biggest concern is envelopes and PAR. For the first eight months of the year the income was lower. September is the first time this year that envelopes and PAR were on budget. The expected loss for the year is projected at (\$16,856.13). Only \$10,000 of the pre-authorized \$20,000 borrowed from the Vision Fund has been used. There are \$17,000 worth of cheques not yet released. We must pay the Mission and Service monies but are able to wait on the Presbytery assessment monies.



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Reports (continued)

Treasurer (continued)

MOTION:

That the Finance Council be authorized to utilize up to \$30,000 of Restricted Funds as required to cover cash flow shortfall during 2016. Expected payback is prior to December 31, 2016.

Moved by: Dale Napper

Seconded by: Peter Czehryn

Motion carried

MOTION:

That the Finance Council be authorized to utilize up to \$10,000 of Restricted Funds as required to cover cash flow shortfall during 2017. Expected payback is prior to December 31, 2017.

Moved by: Dale Napper

Seconded by: Peter Czehryn

Motion carried

MOTION:

That the Finance Council be authorized to borrow \$10,000 from Restricted Funds from December 13, 2016 to December 21, 2016 to cover the December 16, 2016 payroll.

Moved by: Dale Napper

Seconded by: Nancy Sulkers

Motion carried

Property –Bill Belsham

The boiler is worked. New ovens have been installed with a five year warranty. Sue Turley will send a thank you note to the UCW for funding this project.

Presbytery – Patrick Woodbeck

Patrick Woodbeck noted that we still need Presbytery representatives. WPUC is entitled to have three representatives. April 23, 2017 will be a Presbytery wide worship service at the Centennial Concert Hall. This will be a communion service. Bob Galston explained what the role the Pastoral Charge Supervisor played.



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Trustees – Derek Read

Derek Read reported that the insurance coverage is in order. The Trustees are working on inventory to be placed in safe storage.

Finance – Peter Czehryn

Peter Czehryn reported that Dale Napper is reviewing the hard numbers. The Stewardship and PAR Campaign is ongoing. There have been five or six new PAR givers. Doug Waldon is working on the gift catalogue to who what goes on in the church.

M&PC – Patricia Todd (via email)

The Membership and Pastoral Care Council has had a busy year sending out cards to the congregation. Birthday cards are being sent to those 90 years of age and over. The Alzheimer Society has booked three Saturday mornings in the spring and they are able to pay for coffee and breakfast items.

A list of items requested for the “Thinking of You” baskets will be posted soon. There will also be a sign up sheet for deliveries.

Outreach – Gwen Polak

WPUC will be preparing 20 hampers for the Christmas Cheer Board. There are more singles (elderly, limited income). These will be delivered on December 17, 2016. White Gift Sunday is December 11, 2016. The ministry with West Broadway continues. The Lillian Aird monies are being used for West Broadway as needed.

Worship – Nancy Sulkers

Worship planning has been done into January 2017. Christmas Eve services have been reduced to two and a Christmas Day service.

CDC – Laurie Steidl

CDC will be hosting a Quizmasters event tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. They are looking at pursuing education opportunities based on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action after Christmas.



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Reports (continued)

CDC (continued)

A breakfast meeting for the Bible Adventures teachers and the co-ordinating committee was held on October 16, 2016 to offer support and help as needed as well as an opportunity for fellowship and the sharing of ideas. The children continue to study the Lord's Prayer with intentional connection to Children's Time upstairs when appropriate.

In September people were encouraged to sign up for congregational email and website and we had a very good response, doubling the number of people subscribing to our website (83). Craig Gibb will be helping out with Youth Group this year as a volunteer. Intergenerational events this year:

Corn Maze has been confirmed for October 21, 2016; Congregational caroling to be held on December 11, 2017 at the St. Boniface Hospital; and a New Year's Eve event is in the planning stages. Tot Time started on October 12, 2016. Bob Galston will be leading Bible for Dummies (8 sessions) from October 19, 2016 to December 7, 2016 on Wednesday evenings. The Thursday Morning Study Group has started.

CICC – Deanna Kernaghan

The Spring Dinner was held on April 24, 2016 and raised \$1,571.00. The Picnic on June 12, 2016 netted \$45.09. The Welcome Back Lunch was on September 11, 2016 and raised \$210.88. The Golf Tournament was held on September 18, 2016 and raised \$65.00. The Craft Sale held on October 1, 2016 netted \$673.00.

M&P – Sue Turley

There was nothing to report.

UCW – Alana Davis

Permission for the UCW to hold their Cookie Walk on November 26, 2016 was granted. Set up will be November 25, 2016. The World Day of Prayer will be held at WPUC on March 3, 2017. The topic is the Philippines. The UCW is collection cosmetic bags for the hampers.



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Reports (continued)

AOTS – Bill McQuat

The AOTS has twenty-one members and is taking on a more informal relationship to the national organization and revisiting their mission. Speakers are lined up for the next several meetings. Donations have been made to West Broadway Community Ministry and to Agape Table.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD – Laurie Ringaert

Laurie Ringaert reported that seven members of the congregation attended the Winnipeg Presbytery Church Re: ??? event held at Churchill Park United on October 15, 2016. It gave us a basis for thinking about change and visioning in the church.

New Business

On September 28, 2016, an information meeting facilitated by Laurie Ringaert, and attended by Bill McQuat, Alice Hastings, Flo Olsen, and Nancy Sulkers, was held to consider Windsor Park United Church becoming an Affirming Congregation.

The result of that meeting was a decision to submit a recommendation to the Official Board that WPUC proceed with the requirements set out by the United Church of Canada to declare Windsor Park United Church an Affirming Ministry.

MOTION:

That the Official Board of Windsor Park United Church consent to Windsor Park United Church beginning a process of reflection and study to consider becoming an Affirming Ministry and to form an Affirming Ministry Steering Group. The Group is to plan and lead a process of study, discernment, and reflection.

Moved by: Bill McQuat

Seconded by: Nancy Sulkers

Motion carried

Laurie Steidl reminded people to save the date of December 18, 2016 for the Biannual Christmas Concert.

Meetings

Executive Team Meeting – November 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – April 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Annual General Meeting – February 26 after worship



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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Sue Turley
Secretary

Laurie Ringaert
Chair

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