

**Windsor Park United Church**  
**Executive Team Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Doug Waldron, Chair  
Laurie Ringaert, Past-Chair  
Bill Belsham, Property Manager  
Peter Czehryn, Chair of Finance and Stewardship Council  
Patrick Woodbeck, Clergy  
Sue Turley, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Devotion:**

Patrick Woodbeck opened with a reading concerning ten church growth strategies that cost zero dollars. It was suggested that it be published in SouthWinds and posted in the Narthex.

**Minutes:**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the August 12, 2018 Executive meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Laurie Ringaert  
Seconded by: Bill Belsham

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence:**

Correspondence was received from the UCW regarding new outdoor signage for the church. They would prefer a digital sign. The organization has money earmarked for this project. Their concern is the completion cost. A number of options was discussed and it was decided to obtain three quotes per option.

The Breakfast Club (formerly Friends on the AOTS) will be meeting September 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. RSVP is to be by September 25, 2018.



**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

*Covenanting Service* – Laurie Ringaert, Chair of the Ministerial Hiring Committee will be in touch with Mary Best to convene a date for Patrick Woodbeck and Windsor Park United Church's Covenanting Service.

**Ministerial Report:**

Patrick Woodbeck noted that life at Windsor Park United Church has been very busy and shows no signs of slowing down. A number of individuals have been asking if the church is going to get a second ministerial position. This is a questions for the Board and for the Finance and Stewardship Council. Patrick commented that in the past few months, Winnipeg Presbytery approved Trinity United Church, the United Church in Meadowwood, and St. Andrew's-River Heights United Church to hire staffing to focus on one single entity (i.e., pastoral care, Christian education, youth). This is not a paid accountable ministry position. Laurie Ringaert suggested a workshop on pastoral care. Pastoral care will be a challenging issue moving forward. Overall our ministry here is healthy. There is a rising in energy in the new year. Hopefully we can tap into that and push some out of their comfort zone. Patrick Woodbeck noted that there are two television sets downstairs. He asked the Executive to consider mounting the second set in the narthex and having announcements and such flashed in a loop.

**Presbytery Report:**

Patrick Woodbeck reported that Presbytery met on September 11, 2018. The transition is well underway. Unsure of how much we will be really affected as a congregation. Partners in Mission will be meeting October 20, 2018. New ALF is meeting at Know United Church in Brandon. There are three more Presbytery meetings scheduled before the end of the year. Sharon McCarthy has been hired as the Executive Minister and Judy Hare for Pastoral Relations for Region 5. The office will currently stay in Winnipeg due to the existing lease agreement. The Inaugural meeting will be held June 13 to 16, 2019 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. This will include all ministerial staff and congregational representation. Patrick Woodbeck is organizing the final worship to take place in December 2018.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Peter Czehryn gave the Treasurer's report. Income as at August 31, 2018 was \$109,154.57 and expenses were \$117,480.08. He noted that another estate settlement was pending. The repair of the sidewalk and ramp has yet to be paid. He noted that June through August is usually the worst time period for givings.



**Finance and Stewardship Council Report:**

Peter Czehryn noted that there are many good ideas for stewardship and the way we can do things. A note regarding the church's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is being put into the givings-to-date letter. A Thanksgiving gift catalogue is being proposed with a cornucopia gift tag to be posted. Other activities that touch the heart of what we are about include: Won't You Be My Neighbour, running the Save Our Seine movie, Women's Heart Health, Alzheimer's Society workshops, Bear Clan, Mitten Tree, Christmas Cheer Board Hampers. The Won't You Be My Neighbour event could be a starting point for reaching out to the community. The Christian Development Council is looking at some activities. Patrick Woodbeck explained the Forced to Flee experience that he took part in at conference. Looking at Winnipeg Foundation grants for reconciliation. Placing framed pictures of the sacred teachings in the sanctuary. Asking for a definite pledge. Will you be able to increase your givings by five percent? Possibility of a bequests event with Katheryn Hofley.

**Property:**

Bill Belsham reported that the cement work outside the building has been completed. The finishing and seeding have been done. The roof repairs are completed. The recent leak was not related to the repairs. Lansard came and pointed out five key areas of concern. They did the re-sealing and filled the holes, etc. The LED lights for the cross have been replaced. Lansard did not charge for the bulb replacement. Thirty more chairs have been ordered for downstairs and about thirty damaged orange chairs have been replaced. A new carbon monoxide monitor has been installed.

**Internal Transformation Committee:**

Laurie Ringaert reported that they met on September 6, 2018. Laurie Ringaert and Patrick Woodbeck will be meeting about the grant applications. Ideas for the grant included the food bank, the roof, high school students using the kitchen, Art Club expansion with someone coming in to give lessons. Our structure needs to be examined before we look at a vision. Possibility of amalgamating some of the councils / pop up activities / structure needs to be more fluid. The structure needs to move as the spirit moves the congregation. Laurie Ringaert and Patrick Woodbeck will develop a plan for the next Board meeting. Council chairs will be asked to submit a written report prior to the next Board meeting which will be circulated with the minutes. The Board meeting will only cover the essentials and then move on to visioning.



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### **Chair Updates:**

Doug Waldron commented on the new Region 5 newsletter. There is a contest to name the new region. The notice of the Homecoming has been distributed to the congregation. He asked about guidelines for giving out items from the food bank. The pictorial directory information was sent to IPC on September 7, 2018. A draft is expected in early October and hopefully the directories will be available for Homecoming.

### **New Business:**

#### **Minutes:**

**MOTION:** That Windsor Park United Church enter into partnership with Save Our Seine for the screening of Call of the Forest. Windsor Park United Church will be responsible for the space and the advertising.

Moved by: Bill Belsham  
Seconded by: Peter Czehryn

**MOTION CARRIED**

There has not been a fire drill for seven years. This is something to consider.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next Official Board meeting will take place Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Executive Team meeting will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

The Annual General meeting will take place Sunday February 24, 2019 after worship.

#### **Meeting Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Sue Turley  
Secretary

Doug Waldron  
Chair

