

Windsor Park United Church
Executive Team Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019

PRESENT: Doug Waldron, Chair
Gloria Saindon, Vice-Chair
Dale Napper, Treasurer
Bill Belsham, Property Manager
Pat Todd, Prairie to Pine Representative
Patrick Woodbeck, Clergy (conference call)

Recording Secretary: Sue Turley

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

Devotion

Patrick Woodbeck gave a devotion based on Hebrews 10:22.

Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of the May 15, 2019 and May 30, 2019 Executive Team meetings be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Gloria Saindon
Seconded by: Bill Belsham

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence:

A letter was received from David Armour, Director of Philanthropy of the United Church of Canada presenting Windsor Park United Church with a Certificate of Thanksgiving for our givings to the Mission and Service Fund of \$19,970.

A letter was received from Erik Lo Forte, Grants Office with the United Church of Canada Foundation informing us that we do not receive a Seeds of Hope Grant. Doug Waldron will speak with Laurie Ringaert about applying for the next round of grants.

Business arising from the Minutes

Removal of the Pews - Bill Belsham noted that someone would be needed to conduct this work. It was suggested that he contact Al Kuffner. Worship Council and the Board of Trustees need to be informed of this decision. Gloria Saindon will look after this. Patrick Woodbeck will talk to Churchill Park United Church about selling us spare pew chairs.

Child Abuse Registry - Gloria Saindon is handling this. This involves Tot Time, Bible Adventures, and Choirs.

Exit Plan for the Memorial Garden – Patrick Woodbeck will speak to management at Glen Lawn Funeral Home about arranging a meeting with the cemetery manager.

Reports

Ministerial Report – Patrick Woodbeck reported that worship is planned up until Advent. November 2 and 3, 2019 is Homecoming Weekend. November 10, 2019 is Remembrance Sunday. World Wide Communion is October 6. Thanksgiving Sunday is October 13. Patrick will be away Sunday, September 29, 2019. There is lots of serious work to do in August. We are slowly losing families. An invitation for Bible Adventures is being sent to children with a follow-up letter to their parents. He has reservations about the Worship Council's decision to close during the month of August. We are collecting school supplies for September 8, 2019 and non-perishable food items for West Broadway Community Ministry on October 13, 2019.

Prairie to Pine – Pat Todd reported on the inaugural meeting of the Prairie to Pine region held in Brandon, MB June 13-16, 2019. There is one more meeting next year. Not a whole lot was accomplished. There were about 300 in attendance. The Worship service on the Sunday was wonderful. Ordination included one transfer from the Roman Catholic faith, two ordained, and one commissioned. Challenges being faced are those who were in power in Conference are exactly the same as those in power in the region. We need to encourage youth to attend. Trista Closen struggled because there was not much of a youth program. Feedback from her included needing more information about being Affirming and more about environmental issues. Patrick Woodbeck will be speaking with Melissa Davidson about Nolan Horbas attending future events. Rendezvous 2020 is being held in Calgary during the summer of 2020. General Council candidates must be elected a year in advance of General Council.

Treasurer's Report – Dale Napper reported that there was a \$2,600 loss less than budget. \$4,050 was received from the Country Blend Concert and \$1,000 from the

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UCW. More in July for PAR and envelopes. We were \$3,000 higher than budget. The residual monies from the roof grant must be returned to the Winnipeg Foundation.

Finance and Stewardship Council Report – No report.

Property Report – Bill Belsham reported that Wayne Baldwin took the remaining dividers to the Brady Landfill. The Bear Clan still wants the desk and office furniture. The bulletin boards are still to go. Gloria Saindon will talk to Tot Time about the brown cupboards. She will also look at replacing the carpet squares. Laurie Ringaert and Bill Belsham are completing the Winnipeg Foundation Grant Report. The problem with the leaking roof was the re-use of flashing. Dale Napper raised the issue of an alarm system. We would get a reduction on our insurance bill if we had one. Bill Belsham will look at options for air conditioning.

Internal Transformation Committee Report – A visioning session has been scheduled for October 6 with a lunch. A survey will be conducted in six months. We need to make some decisions and act on them. Our current model of governance is not working well. Patrick Woodbeck passed out examples of other governance models. A Power Point presentation is available. We need to create a new constitution to be brought to the congregation.

New Business

Request from Tabernacle of New Covenant – We received a request for rental from Tabernacle of new Covenant to rent the facilities for worship on Sunday afternoons plus evening time for a prayer service and a music practice. The University of Manitoba has restricted their usage and they are looking for a new worship space. They would be happy with using the balcony for storage space. They will be bringing their own sound system, keyboard, but would like to use our drum kit. It is a young community. Their Pastor is very aware of United Church Theology.

Questions/items that need to be addressed:

How long do they intend to use the space each time?

People must remove their shoes each time.

Will they be eating each Sunday?

How will this impact Gina's cleaning?

This needs to go to Worship Council and to the Board of Trustees for their thoughts/concerns/approval.

There needs to be an intentional conversation with the Music Director.

Dale Napper suggested \$600.00 per month rental. This would take into account more cleaning being necessary.

Ministry and Personnel Committee will talk to Gina about more hours.

Conflict resolution should be built into the rental agreement including Christian understanding, listening, etc.

Do they require signage?

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Atlantic School of Theology Intern – Patrick Woodbeck received a text message from an AST student seeking volunteer practicum hours for the period September 2019 to April 2020. This would require supervision time from Patrick as well as four to seven individuals to serve on a Lay Supervision Team. This would be a minimum of an hour a week of Patrick's time. Patrick is looking for more information about our commitment.

Reflection – Patrick Woodbeck struggled with the request for help from Abiola. Who are we called to be? / What are we called to be? There is \$5,000 in the Welfare Fund. Where are the records of the Welfare Fund? What are the Parameters of the Welfare Fund?

Next Meeting:

The next Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 12:00 noon.

The next Official Board meeting will take place Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The 2019 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Doug Waldron
Chair