

Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting
Minutes
April 19, 2022

Present: Ellen MacDonald, Ian MacDonald, Bev Brazier, Linda Talbot, Richard Price, Shannon Meekins, Ruth Stebbing, Harris Cox, Rod Snow

Call to Order and Opening Words: Called to order at 7:05 pm

Opening Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C (Linda, Richard) to approve the agenda as distributed with the addition that the "WUC in the world" report was received.

Approval of the Minutes from Mar 22, 2022: M/S/C (Rod, Ellen) that the minutes of Mar 22, 2022 be approved as distributed with several typographical errors corrected and specify that the website will be included in the Finance and Administration budget.

Business arising from Previous Meeting:

- COVID Protocols – There is nothing new to report so we will continue to recommend wearing masks and maintaining distancing.
- Website Updating – Ruth reported on progress. we are awaiting the contract from Alison Taylor.
- Nomination /Search Committee – The committees were asked for a description of their function. Most have been received but the team are awaiting for the remainder. The reports go to Joan Stanton.

New Business:

- Constitution Changes/Specials Gifts – Rod reported on progress so far. Special Gifts Committee is elected by the congregation at the AGM. The Irma Gordon fund was set up separately with people appointed by the Special Gifts Committee. These funds (Irma Gordon and Jack Cable) and the Special Gifts Committee should be included in the Constitution and the funds at the bank need to be changed to properly reflect the use. There was consensus that all (unrestricted gifts) be part of the Special Gifts Fund which is administered by the Special Gifts Committee. Council needs to invite these committees to submit reports. Other questions arose that we need to look at the Constitution and the Trustees and ensure that they follow UC polity.
 - M/S/C (Ellen, Harris) that we rescind the motion passed at the January 25, 2022 Council meeting (concerning the need for Council to make the decisions on the Irma Gordon Fund disbursements). Having received more information about the set up of the Terms of Reference, it was determined that this motion was out of order. A note will be added to the Jan minutes to reflect this motion.
 - M/S/C (Rod, Ruth) Council support the set up of the Special Gifts fund which includes Irma Gordon, Jack Cable and any future received unrestricted gifts.

- Reconciliation Fund - Looking at a decision about who makes the decision on the use of the fund. This will be an on-going discussion and some further consultation is required.
- Energy Upgrades – John Maissan has submitted the forms to Faithful Footprints and CDF funds.
- Chair of Council – Ian is giving his notice as a chair. Bev will have the nomination committee do a search for more Council members and the new Council will determine a new Chair.
- Wahl Fund recommends to Council that we invite Steve Bell to Whitehorse for a workshop.
 - M/S/C (Rod, Richard) that we bring Steve Bell to the Yukon for a weekend in August.

Committee Reports

- Finance committee – Jan is preparing a message for the congregation that she is putting in the newsletter. She shared some special envelopes to be used by people on PAR. These will be passed to the Stewardship Committee.
- Special Gifts Committee – report received.
- Worship Committee – report received.
- WUC in the World – report received – Baby shower for refugee family. Robin Fairburn is coordinating a gift.
- Ministry and Personnel – no report.
- Visioning Committee – report received. Richard added some details that Visioning will present info at the AGM then allow discussion through the summer and will be looking for a decision meeting in the fall.
- Property Committee – report received.
- Christian Growth – no report.
- Fundraising Committee – Talent auction – June 2, Trunk Sale - June 4th.

Minister's Report - received.

Pastoral Care Concerns – Angie Richardson – her husband is having skin cancer surgery. Keep them in our prayers.

Membership Role Changes – no changes.

Correspondence – no correspondence received.

Closing Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned – M/C (Harris) to adjourn at 8:55 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday May 17, 2022. 7 pm – in person.

Chair of Council - Ian MacDonald

Secretary – Ruth Stebbing