

Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting
Minutes
Dec 14 2021, Held via Zoom

Present: Ellen MacDonald, Ian MacDonald, Bev Brazier, Linda Talbot, Richard Price, Shannon Meekins, Ruth Stebbing, Harris Cox joined at 8 pm.

Regrets: Rod Snow

Call to Order and Opening Words: Called to order at 7:07 pm

Opening Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C (Richard, Ellen) to approve the agenda with the addition of Youth and Family Minister.

Approval of the Minutes from Nov. 16 2021: M/S/C (Ruth, Linda) that the minutes of Nov. 16, 2021, be approved as distributed.

Business arising from Previous Meeting:

- COVID Protocols – Currently we have 50 people in the congregation allowed. There is a sign up sheet for the Christmas services.
- Website Updating – we now have access to the passwords - it was suggested that we get someone who knows “church” to help us with this update.
- Nomination Committee – the priority is to find people to be on the “search committee”. They have written instructions on what is involved with the job and are now contacting people.
- Youth and Family Minister - concerns arose about financials and whether we could afford this or not and the timing with the work of the search committee. We will put this on the next agenda for our next meeting.

New Business:

- Irma Gordon Fund Committee
 - Dec 2/21 minutes – these were shared with Council.
 - Principles – these are laid out on the application form and the committee can make the decisions. The 3 people represent – Council, Special Gifts and Finance
- ADP Contacts
 - email from Jan Mann – Nov 28 – ADP Designate
 - M/S/C (Richard, Linda) that the positions be authorized for contact with ADP regarding payroll matters: Chair/Co-chair of M&P, Treasurer, Chair – Finance Committee (as alternate for the first two listed positions listed) and the Church administrator (for forms processing).
 - M/S/C (Ruth, Ellen) that the Chair of M&P be the “payroll administrator” for the purpose of UCC Pay and Benefits management for Whitehorse United Church.
- Joint Finance/Council Meeting – After Church Sunday Jan 16th – in person in sanctuary.
 - a Joint agenda was circulated. Finance has removed item 6 from the agenda as they are taking care of it.
 - Agenda items from Council – no items are added.
 - Good discussion ensued on the Item 4 “Bequest Management”. Ian will bring forward some of the concerns to the Irma Gordon Fund meeting.

- Richard's email re: decision making – he is looking at how to work these proposals through the governance of this Congregation. The Visioning committee would make reports to Council and then it would be taken to the congregation.

Committee Reports

- Finance committee – report received – one question for clarification around the WUC in the world request. Should this budget item be put in the 2022 budget or wait for the 2023 budget?
- Worship Committee – report received
- Property Committee – report received
- Visioning Committee – report received
- Minister's Report – report received

Pastoral Care Concerns -

Membership Role Changes –

Correspondence – Angela Anderson has asked that her membership be removed from the congregation. Bev will follow up with Region on how we remove her from the roll. Council will reply to the letter.

Closing Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned – M/S (Ruth, Richard) adjourned

Next Regular Council Meeting – Sun Jan 16/22 – Joint meeting with Finance

- Tues Jan 25/22 - Regular meeting (moved to 4th Tues so that Bev will be in attendance)

Chair of Council - Ian MacDonald

Secretary – Ruth Stebbing