

**Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting
Minutes**

February 15, 2022

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

Regrets: Ruth Stebbing

Call to Order and Opening Words: Called to order at 7:29PM

Opening Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C (Rod/Ellen) to approve the agenda as distributed.

Approval of the Minutes from December 14, 2022: M/S/C (Rod/) that the minutes of Dec. 14. 2022 be approved as distributed.

Business arising from Previous Meeting:

- COVID Protocols – status quo still 25 people in the sanctuary.

- Website Updating – Ian’s been in contact with Alison Taylor who built the Pacific Mountain Region website.
 - Should all information needed by congregation and others
 - Donate button
 - Maintained by church secretary
 - Listing of church activities ie. Sunday school, etc
 - Determine website hosting options
 - Check in with Hank, Stu or Kevin about current arrangements

- Nomination Committee – Update
 - new process to choose new minister UCC.
 - Committee – Council – Congregation
 - Vicki Andrew’s will guide the process
 - ChurchHUB website – matching ministers to congregations
 - Discussion about pros/cons to cross over of ministers

- Youth and Family Minister - Ian will discuss with Victoria about how this could work out. Ian will also discuss with the Wahl Fund on how it could possibly fund this position.

- Special Gifts Ctte/Fund –
 - Ian/Ron have reviewed terms of reference and other church documents. Need to clarify process, reporting, etc.
 - Further research required, bring back to March council meeting
 - Policies/Practices aren’t consistent
 - Examine roles of finance committee, council. Trustees and congregation and how these connect to UCC

New Business:

- Constitutional changes recommended
 - Circulate constitution to council members
 - Need to circulate recommended changes, and track changes in the document to keep track of what was it being changed.

- Sheila Maisson taking lead on this project
- Membership removal - AD
 - M/S/C (Rod/Ellen)
 - Approved (with regret Bev)
 - Membership roll to be updated on February 20th to reflect removal
- Terms of Reference for Reconciliation fund
 - Deferred to March council meeting
- Vigil/Protest conversation
 - Discussion. No decision
- Affirming Committee & Updated Marriage Policy
 - M/S/C (Shannon/Harris) updating WUC marriage policy
 - Passed unanimously
- Manse Fund
 - Funds borrowed to be repaid
 - Funds renamed through years?
 - Deferred until Linda can look into further.
 - Report back in March council meeting

Committee Reports received

Finance

- **Monthly reports will provide break down of various WUC funds**

Minister's Report –

- Valentine's Fundraiser – 112 in total

Pastoral Care Concerns –.

Membership Role Changes –

- See above re: withdrawl

Correspondence – none

Closing Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned – adjourned

Next Regular Council Meeting – March 22, 2022

Chair of Council - Ian MacDonald

Secretary – Ellen MacDonald