

Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting

Tues. Jan 17, 2023 7 pm at Whitehorse United Church

In Attendance: Sheila Maissan, Ruth Stebbing, Ian MacDonald, Ellen MacDonald, Harris Cox, Linda Talbot, Rev. Bev Brazier,

Guests: Lynne Morris & Diane Emond (Christian Growth), Ralph Shopland (M&P)

Regrets: Derek Yap, Rachel Grantham

Welcome: Sheila opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Opening Prayer: Bev opened with prayer.

Camp Spirit – Aug 14-18 – Lynne and Diane presented a review of the details of the summer day camp. Staffing and programming are provided by Pacific Mountain Region. Christian Growth committee will be putting in an application to the Wahl Fund.

M/S/C (Linda, Ellen) that we support this proposal for the Camp Spirit Aug 14-18, 2023, and that we support the Wahl Fund application.

Volunteer Coordinator – Christian Growth are looking for a volunteer coordinator for the Junior Church and Joyful noise programs, starting in the fall. They will be responsible for personnel and programming/curriculum. They will be paid by the hour. Lynne and Diane will put together a proposal for the AFM.

Braeburn Camp – We would like to book the camp for the United Church July 30 – Aug 6th.

M&P – Ralph presented the Retirement Covenant – discussion ensued about the “1 year” disengagement. The Region usually recommends a 2-year disengagement. Bev plans to stay distant for at least another year to honour the 2 years. The council is asked to review the document and finalize by the end of March 2023. Ralph will send this electronically to Sheila.

Information item – WUC in the World – refugee family arriving soon – fundraising poster is available.

Approval of Minutes

Special gifts meeting Tues Nov 22/22 held at Sheila’s house.

Sunday Nov 27 and Dec 4 – Zoom meetings concerning input on the search profiles.

Sunday Jan 15-23 – joint Council – Finance Meeting - correction 4b – the surplus is \$24,400.

M/S/C (Ellen, Ian) that we adopt the published minutes from these 4 meetings.

Confirm email vote to approve Heather Jones as full member – Dec 22

M/S/C (Linda, Harris) that we confirm the email vote approving Heather Jones as a full member.

Correspondence

Bev sent Catholic Church condolences – death of Pope Benedict.

Bev welcomed new Anglican minister from Zimbabwe and met potential new Lutheran minister.

Yukon General Hospital reply re: chapel – now used for storage.

Reports

Property Report – received.

Minister's Report – received.

M&P Report – minutes from the meeting.

Finance – Linda reported. They are planning a follow up meeting with the Special Gifts committee to determine the minimum amount that separates a Special gift and a donation which would go in the operating fund. Discussed the book of recognition and the need to bring it up to date. Special gifts envelopes – it was suggested that Finance discuss this item with the Worship committee.

Information – update on sanctuary renovations funding - tabled.

Wahl fund and special gifts organization – actions meeting - tabled.

Web site – plan to have it online this week.

Updating membership roll – Ian and Ellen are updated.

Request from Finance Committee for Council to make a policy on volunteer honoraria – tabled.

The piano was moved downstairs. The downstairs piano has been moved to Normandy Living – assisted living. A card will be sent to the Rumscheidt - McKee family to tell them the disposition of the piano which was a gift from them.

Feedback

Closing prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Next Meeting Date – Feb 21/23 – 7:00 pm in Upper Room.

Adjournment – Harris moved adjournment.