

Whitehorse United Church Council Minutes

July 19, 2022, 7 pm by Zoom

Present: Bev Brasier, Rachel Grantham, Ian MacDonald, Ellen MacDonald, Linda Talbot, Harris Cox, Ruth Stebbing

Regrets: Derek Yap

Council members are now: Ellen MacDonald (2021), Ian MacDonald (2021), Harris Cox (2020), Sheila Maissan (2022), Rachel Grantham (2022), Ruth Stebbing (by virtue of being Regional Rep), Derek Yap (by virtue of being Regional Rep), Bev Brazier (by virtue of being our minister).

Linda Talbot- representative from the Finance committee

Call to Order – at 7:06 pm

Opening Prayer - Bev opened with prayer

Approval of Agenda:

M/S/C (Rachel, Harris) that we adopt the agenda as distributed.

Approval of the Minutes from June 28, 2022

M/S/C (Ellen, Linda) that the minutes be approved as distributed.

Business arising from Previous Meeting

- Ratify decisions of June 28 (no quorum), in particular:
 - Confirm Chair of council – Sheila
 - Confirm Secretary of Council – Ruth nominated

M/S/C (Ruth, Ellen) that we ratify the decisions from June 28th meeting concerning the Chair and Secretary of Council.

WUC in the World has not forwarded the letter that they were proposing to be sent to YG concerning TRC, so no decision made.

Linda Marcotte and Ari Snyder visit

The arrangements are made. They will arrive on July 20th.

The Concert for Ukraine will be Thursday Aug 4 at 7 pm and may include a potential call from family in Ukraine which has connections with Whitehorse UC. Rachel will handle the advertising.

Steve Bell Event

This is planned for the weekend of Aug 28. Everyone, especially Council is encouraged to attend the sessions. This is an event to help evaluate our future.

Bev and Stu have been coordinating this event. Guided conversation on church future – Fri night 7 – 9 and Sat. potluck dinner and 7-9 session.

Welcome to the Neighbours hot dog BBQ Aug 21

An event to welcome Challenge building residents and other neighbours. Bev has coordinated with the Challenge coordinator and BBQ's and groceries have been arranged. People in the condos will also be invited. Expect that Council and church members be present.

New Council Team Building

Half Day event is envisioned and get to know each other more deeply and to dream together about our church. Potentially do a Myers Briggs exercise. Looking to a potluck lunch in someone's home.

Sacred Places videos

Link sent previously.

We are looking at an audience that is wider than the congregation. Suggest that the word search for the videos on You Tube should be extensive. Looking to provide “worship moments” other than the regular service. Post them on Facebook and You Tube. Put a link so they run after the service for our online audience. Sheila will consult with the AV people over the possibilities.

FYI Topics coming soon

- New /second hand piano suggested for the sanctuary - Rachel and Barry are coordinating this proposal.
- Regional Council Executive to meet at WUC in late October – Bev will follow up on the details.
- Special gifts committees reorganisation, regularisation meeting in October - Rod Snow will help lead a discussion on these items.

- WUC website revamp - goal to have it up and running by September – Ruth is contact point.
- Record Keeping – how we got to where we are? Council needs to look at this topic and how to access past records.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee - no report received – Did not meet in June or July – will meet in August.
- Worship Committee - no report
- Property Committee - no report
- Ministry and Personnel – no report
- Visioning Committee – no report
- WUC in the World – no report
- Minister's Report - received

Council Meetings

- Next meeting – no meeting in August so next meeting Sept 20, 2022
- Regular date and time and format for the winter – 3rd Tues of the month at 7 pm. In person, Zoom is always an option.

Pastoral Care Concerns – none

Membership Roll – Ellen and Ian will continue to update the roll.

Correspondence – none to report

Closing Prayer - Bev led us in prayer.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm M/C (Harris) to adjourn the meeting.

Chair – Sheila Maissan

Secretary – Ruth Stebbing