

**Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**March 22, 2022**

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

**Regrets:** Rod Snow

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

**Opening Prayer:** Bev read the text for next Sunday and led us in prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C ( Richard, Linda) to approve the agenda as distributed.

**Approval of the Minutes from Feb. 15, 2022:** M/S/C (Linda, Ellen) that the minutes of Feb 15, 2022 be approved as distributed.

**Business arising from Previous Meeting:**

- COVID Protocols – as of last Friday many restrictions have been relaxed. We acknowledge that masks and distancing is still appropriate – MOH is still strongly recommending the use of masks. Bev will arrange for signs to be put up “recommending that people wear masks”. Bev will also email this information to the congregation.
- Website Updating – Alison Taylor is waiting for us to determine what we want in the web site. Finance is questioning how much this is going to cost – Ian is looking at \$5800.00 for building this, plus a yearly upkeep. This would be part of the Finance and Administration budget. Ruth and Ian will follow up with Allison and look to arranging the funding. (*Note: after the meeting we determined the cost for building the site is in the \$1800 range.*)
- Constitution Changes/Specials Gifts – We will defer this item. Ian and Rod are pursuing this and will bring something forward to Council next month.
- Affirming Committee & Updated Marriage Policy – final copy was distributed for the record.
- Reconciliation fund – terms for expenditures. Various documents were shared amongst the Council. This is an ongoing discussion.
- Trustee’s Fund Backgrounder – Council will look at pulling together a dedicated meeting with Trustees, Special Gifts, Wahl Fund and Finance to work shop the issues and coordination of all these funds and look for a vision on how we use our financial resources.

**New Business:**

- Lay Minister renewal - M/S/C (Richard, Harris) that Council endorse Jennifer Moorlag’s application for her Licensed Lay Leadership in Ontario.
- Food/fellowship – Sheila Maissan – Maundy Thurs simple supper and Easter sunrise breakfast; both are usually about 20 – 25 people. Council is okay to go ahead with these with as much caution as we can. We suggest that coffee after church could possibly wait until Sept and that it be moved downstairs.
- Talent Auction – Fundraising Committee responsibility – Bev will contact them to see if this is planned.

## Committee Reports

- Finance committee – report received. Nominations are still looking for people for a Stewardship Committee.
- Worship Committee – report received – Shannon, Diane Emond and Stephanie have done 2 Wild Church experiences. They plan to do this 4 times per year - once for each season.
- Property Committee – report received – John may have proposals and needs Council to decide quickly – probably on email.
- Affirm Committee – no report – PIE event – went well and was supported. Made over \$400 which will probably be spent on books. Books will be highlighted in the newsletter.
- Visioning Committee – Powerpoint reports that Joan Stanton prepared. Community Development Fund turned down the request for having an architect look at the arrangements. Still looking towards presenting an overall plan for the AGM.

**Minister's Report** – concerns about Bev's holiday plan may not go as originally planned. Need to continue to focus on how best to focus Bev's talents between now and her retirement.

**Pastoral Care Concerns** – Several people were mentioned to be held in prayer. KDCC is having a sacred fire starting on Thurs 12:30 so we are asked to hold them in prayer.

**Membership Role Changes** – no changes

**Correspondence** – no changes

**Closing Prayer:** Bev led us in prayer.

**Meeting Adjourned** – adjourned at 8:55 pm

**Next Regular Council Meeting** – Tuesday April 19, 2022.

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Chair of Council - Ian MacDonald

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Secretary – Ruth Stebbing