

Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting
Minutes
May 17, 2022

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

Call to Order and Opening Words: Called to order at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer:

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C (Linda, Ellen) to approve the agenda as distributed with the addition of the Affirming Mission Statement and Stewardship

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting : M/S/C (Rod, Ruth) that the minutes of April 19, 2022 meeting be approved as distributed. A typo under nominating committee will be corrected.

Business arising from Previous Meeting:

- COVID Protocols – no changes have been issued from the Ministry of Health.
- Website Updating – the contract has been signed.
- Special Gifts research/recommendation – Report outlines the current set up. Some of the issues found - Special gifts committee is not identified in the Constitution, and clarity is needed concerning who can invest the money. Rod offered to help facilitate a discussion with the interested parties; representatives from Trustees, Special Gifts, Finance, Wahl Fund, and Council. This will probably be in the early Fall.
 - M/S/C (Rod, Ruth) that Council receive the report and will circulate it amongst interested parties.
- Reconciliation Fund - There is \$10K in the fund. This comes from the Reconciliation Call to Action 61 .
 - M/S/C (Ellen, Rod) that proposals for use of the Reconciliation Fund come to Council for a decision upon consultation with WUC in the World and appropriate bodies. The assumption is that First Nations have been or will be involved in the proposal. Two people voted against this motion.
- Energy Upgrades – We have received the funding from “Faithful Footprints”. Many thanks goes to John Maissan for the amount of work pulling together the application.
- Nomination /Search Committee – The Council will be small. Nominations can still be made from the floor.

- Stewardship – still pulling a team together.

New Business:

- Confirmation of Rowan Lang and Sofia Lang
- Baptism and Confirmation of Tomas Organ
- Profession of Faith – Brook Hill
 - M/S/C (Harris, Richard) that we accept Rowan and Sofia Lang by Confirmation; Tomas Organ by baptism and confirmation; and Brook Hill by Profession of Faith.
- WUC AGM – June 5, 2022 – concern was expressed that it is “in-person” only.
- Constitution Housekeeping
 - M/S/C (Rod, Richard) that we add the housekeeping items and the inclusion of the new Vision Statement into the Constitution.
- Affirming Statement – This has been sent to the Affirm Coordinator. This will be presented at the AGM.
 - M/S/C (Shannon, Harris) that Council accept this affirming statement.
- Friendless Church article – discussion on ways to be more friendly and welcoming.

Committee Reports

- Finance committee – Report received.
- Worship Committee – Report received.
- Visioning Committee – Report received. Richard added that Joan Stanton gave her final report. The presentation at the AGM will focus on the “why” they are doing the sanctuary rearrangements. Looking at Sept to have a meeting to vote on this project.
- Property Committee – Report received.

Minister’s Report - received.

Pastoral Care Concerns – Several people were mentioned.

Membership Role Changes – Check whether Elsie Howie was a member on the roll.

Correspondence – nothing received.

Closing Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned – Adjourned by consensus at 8:55 pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday June 28, 2022. 7 pm – in person. This is a change in the meeting day due to the 21st being a holiday.

Chair of Council - Ian MacDonald

Secretary – Ruth Stebbing