

**Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**September 19, 2021**  
**Held via Zoom**

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

**Regrets:** Ruth Stebbing

**Call to Order and Opening Words:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Rod Snow and Seconded by Linda Talbot. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes from July 20, 2021:** Moved by Richard Price seconded by Linda Talbot. All in favor, motion carried.

**Business arising from Previous Meeting –**

**Affirming church process** – Going to put a notice in the newsletter and have Bev announce from the pulpit that this is something we are looking to do. Looking for people who are interested in sitting on a committee to contact Shannon Meekins, Bev Brazier, or the church office.

**WUC Constitution & Societies Act** – Rod Snow will check with YTG to see if we are registered under the Societies Act and if not, do we need to be.

**Website Update** – Bev Brazier will contact the Region to see who can help us with an update to the Website.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Worship & Covid** – Ian MacDonald and Bev Brazier will put together a Survey Monkey to see what people's feelings are around continuing the online worship services. What does Christmas services look like. Does budget line for online and website need to be added to annual budget report.

**Vision Committee** - Put out an ask in the newsletter to see if there are more people interested in sitting on the Vision Committee

**Decisions on Marriages** – Moved by Richard Price and Seconded by Ron Snow that Rev. Bev Brazier can make decisions on her own whom as to whom can and can not be married in the church. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Richard Price and seconded by Rod Snow that Rev. Bev Brazier can accept monetary gifts for performing marriages. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Note: amendment from Oct 19, 2021, meeting "Bev Brazier can accept gifts on her own behalf or on behalf of the church." amendment from Nov. 16, 2021, meeting "Bev stated at the meeting that she will not accept gifts for performing marriages because she sees this as part of her job"*

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance committee** – Jan will write a note in the newsletter to explain the new policy about in-kind contributions.

Moved by Rod Snow and seconded by Ellen MacDonald that \$20,000 be moved to the Relocation Fund to top this fund to a total of \$40,000. If less that \$20000 needs to be moved, then only move that amount. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Minister's Report:** Rev. Bev Brazier has announced that her retirement date will be June 2023.

**Pastoral Care Concerns:**

**Membership Role Changes:** Ian and Ellen MacDonald will ensure that whatever changes need to be made to the membership roles are done.

**Correspondence:**

Thanks to Sheila Maissan for all the work done in regard to defining the roles of the various church committees and what is needed for congregational meetings.

Ian MacDonald has answered the letter from Chya.

We received a letter from the lawyers in regard to the bequeathment from Jack Cable.

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

**Meeting adjourned:** Richard Price moved adjournment of meeting.

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** October 19, 2021

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Chair of Council - Ian Macdonald

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A/Secretary – Ellen MacDonald