

Whitehorse United Church Council Meeting
Minutes
September 20, 2022

Present: *Ian Macdonald, Ellen Macdonald, Linda Talbot, Rachel Grantham, Derek Yap, Bev Brazier*

Regrets: *Ruth Stebbing, Sheila Maissan, Harris Cox*

Call to Order and Opening Words: Ian called to order at 7pm

Opening Prayer: Bev led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: as corrected. Moved: Ellen Seconded: Linda. Approved

Approval of the Minutes from July 19th, 2022 (via Zoom) Moved: Rachel Seconded: Linda. Approved.

Business arising from Previous Meeting:

1. Wahl fund recommendations – Pigages – **agree to support recommendation**
2. Regional Council meeting – Oct 13-15,2022
 - a. Meeting at Lewes Hall
 - b. 12 attending
 - c. Linda to investigate gift packages
 - d. Sign up chart for Saturday activities
3. Steve Bell Concert – August 27/28th – **no uptake week 1 or 2**
 - a. **Will continue conversations and contest**
4. Council Team building event – **set for Oct 8, 2022 from 9am-2pm meet Sheila's house**
5. WUC in the World – **send letter on Residential School Monument – Moved: Rachel Seconded: Ellen**
 - a. Will send letter to follow up on 2015 letter calling on territorial government to complete Action 82
6. Special gifts – **Doodle poll for November?**

New Business:

- Mini Council meeting
 - Ratifying decisions - discussed
- Residential care / hospital chaplains
 - Pastoral leaders at hospital and Sacred Space being turned in a storage room
 - Rep from hospital always says “working on it”
 - Obstacles to not collecting or sharing patient pastoral preferences
 - Draft another letter following mtg tomorrow of pastoral leaders
 - Get copy of intake form to make additions / insist on collecting info for pastoral care team
- Feedback
 - Steve Bell event – as discussed in business arising
 - Linda Marcotte / Ari Snyder concert – fantastic, introductions were good, balanced performance
 - Welcome to Neighbours BBQ – nice number of ppl (25-30) , came ate and chatted and left naturally, congregation mixed in with guests, want to continue every year

Committee Reports:

- **Finance Committee – report received**
 - Liked Finance letter to congregation, with revisions
 - Discussion special envelopes in pews and a slide at end of Facebook services
- **Worship Committee – report received**

- **Property Committee – report not received yet**
- **Visioning – report received**
 - Details of Phase 1 – stage expansion, new piano, new lights and screen – CDF and Wahl funding being considered
 - **Motion to have Special Congregational Meeting on October 30, 2022 after service – Moved Ellen Seconded Derek - approved**

Minister’s Report: - report received

Worship leadership requests – there is a new back of people for training, around 6
 Many wedding requests – look at together for Council
 9 months to end of term – anything being done?
 May and June had 2 burials a week
 Files for wishes – discussion about how to handle after Bev term ended
 Ask Search committee for update for October

Pastoral Care Concerns: Lots. Many folks are sick right now

Membership Role Changes: list update from confirmations

Correspondence: None

Closing Prayer: Thanks Bev

Meeting adjourned: 8:44pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: October 18, 2022

 Chair of Council - Ian Macdonald

_____ for Ruth, Derek Yap _____
 Secretary – Ruth Stebbing