

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MINUTES
June 12, 2019
Jane Wedlock's home

PRESENT: Carolyn Balant, D.J. McCreedy, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock, David Leyton-Brown,

REGRETS: June Blanchette, Brandon Moore

The secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum. Jane Wedlock presiding and Carolyn Balant recording, the meeting began at 7:30 pm. in accordance with the monthly schedule.

DEVOTION – A Covenant for Richmond Hill United Church

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated and amended.

M/S David LB /DJ McCreedy

Carried

2. **Minutes of May 8, 2018**

The Minutes of May 8, 2019 were accepted as circulated

M/S James Ravenscroft /DJ McCreedy

Carried

3. **Matters Arising**

Safety deposit box is no longer required.

4. **Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Anne Leyton-Brown, June 11, 2019 suggesting a number of ideas related to improved communications, new governance structure and opportunities for expanded membership.

Action: Jane Wedlock to respond.

5. **Operations Team Update**

There is need to clarify role of new Operations Team vs existing committees.

It will be helpful to have a policy regarding when quotes are needed over and above a specific amount.

Action: DJ McCreedy and Bill Warwick to draft a policy and take it to Operations. Most recent tenants have vacated the manse. Some cleanup will take place over the summer. There have been a number of expressions of interest related to renting the manse. Need to determine criteria for potential renters.

Sharon McNutt has expressed interest in coordinating volunteers for a number of projects over the summer.

6. Committee Updates

a. Finance

A number of issues were raised related to property expenditures. Property will be asked for a budget update.

b. M and P

Meeting on 21st June, 2019.

c. Worship Committee/Clusters

James will coordinate a working group related to Sundays when he is not leading worship.

The first Worship Music and Spiritual Formation Cluster was held on May 22, 2019. 23 people attended. A second meeting is planned for later in the summer.

Reminder to committee chairs to submit minutes to the Board

7. MAP Pilot Team

Integrated Facilities Condition Assessment RFP is out

- 15 attended the site visit
- Responses are due June 20
- Interviews on June 25 if necessary
- IFCA to start July 2, expected to take 2 weeks for the site visit, 5 weeks to write the report

Jane Ridout has completed a rental assessment of RHUC space

There is a small group working on ideas for a concert series

The ongoing work related to facilities assessment and the MAP process will feed into Generous Spirit Stewardship initiative in the fall

Nancy Hart and Don Thomson have expressed a willingness to continue in a

leadership role for Generous Spirit.

8. Minister's Report

James attended a Continuing Education conference on Forest Church. RHUC received a \$3000 Embracing the Spirit Grant that will be available to support local/intercultural musical artists as part of a concert series.

9. Shining Waters Regional Update

3 RHUC members are in governance roles – James Ravenscroft David Leyton-Brown and Harry Ramsaran.

Budget has been re-assessed and now all regions across the country receive the same.

David LB to attend MP Majid Jowhari's meeting on how to apply for federal funding, on Friday

10. New Business

There was discussion about a request for a congregational/information meeting related to a proposed Geothermal Project and to pursue grant opportunities.

It was recommended that the timing for a meeting was challenging due to overall issues being addressed related to our facilities and approaching summer months.

James recommended a letter with directions for a later meeting – with reassurance that RHUC is serious about Climate change, and affirming the work already done and involvement in Climate Change Action Plan and Greening Sacred Spaces.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be on September 11 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parlour



Jane Wedlock, Chair



Carolyn Balant, Secretary