

## Minutes

RHUC council meeting

November 14, 2018

Present: Joan Verner, June Blanchette, Donna Byers , Don Thomson, Donna Harrison, Jane Ridout, Peter DeVita, Nancy Hart, Brandon Moore, James Ravenscroft, DJ McCready, Jane Wedlock, Harry Ramsaran

Regrets: David Leyton-Brown, Kathleen Crosbie, Joanne Scoffield, Carolyn Ballant, Donna McErlain, Lynn Townsend, Lyn May

Devotion: June Blanchette

1. Approval of the Agenda
  - Motion made by June Blanchette
  - Seconded Jane Ridout
  - All approved – Motion Passed
  
2. Approval of the Minutes
  - October 10, 2018 –
  - Motion made to approve the minutes – Nancy Hart
  - Seconded – DJ McCready
  - All approved – Motion passed
  
3. Matters Arising
  - a) The Manse – discussion regarding previous understanding that the repairs to manse would address health and safety issues - there are concerns regarding relationship with tenant and there was a meeting to explore issues – Waseem ??? will inspect the manse and report back
  
4. Correspondence – Brandon Moore
  - a) A topographic survey is being done by the Town of the downtown village district, and the church will be notified regarding timing

- b) Current owners of a property (hoping to build townhouses) on Church St. east side are contesting that the town has not yet made a decision - Don Thomson will try to attend the local planning hearing on our behalf to be kept informed

5. Committees/working groups

a) UCW – June B.

-On Saturday Dec 1 Christmas tea and bake sale at 1 pm – donations of sandwiches, cookies, scones etc would be appreciated – please let June or Donna Smith know - \$10 tickets for the tea

-Joanne Scofield has received the Toronto Conference United Church Women 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award - Bravo Joanne!!

b) Outreach – Donna Harrison

- Regarding the Outreach report: Clarification made that the Net Zero team would create a plan rather than council
- Joan Verner and Lyn May visited one of the 3 homes of the Yezidi families – Peter May is reviewing their lease – small committee is being assembled – children’s ages range from 4 – 7 years, and a 21 year old – living in a home at Bayview and Elgin Mills

c) Draft of October 2018 report – down in givings in all 3 categories (PAR, envelopes, loose offering) ‘Budget 2018’ is prorated – up on space rentals – bequests this and last year have allowed us to do necessary work around the church

6. Minister’s report – James Ravenscroft

James has finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of ministry supervision course and is being recommended to be ministry supervisor – national church is focused on matching the supervisor and the candidate with the education site so not likely that the candidate would be on same site as the supervisor -

There have been several young newcomer drop-ins seeking new community of faith

Faith Exploration sessions are taking place

James is focusing a lot on worship and prepping for advent –

Pastoral care needs continue to require time

Time is also being used on MAP

November 13 was the last meeting of Living Waters Presbytery - we are moving from presbytery and conference into region – it will be important to connect with clusters of congregations nearby – James meets with south York church leaders already

\*\*Council wants to be sure to thank to all those who have offered their leadership in the Living Waters Presbytery in many different ways over the years. Brandon will write a thank you for RHUC online to thank these folks, and James will add a piece about what is coming forward now with respect to the Region

Other: Idea to ensure that in reviewing our governance there is an intentional structure

## 7. New Business

### a) MAP Priorities update – Jane Wedlock

Jane has recently shared an update at congregation gathering – sharing info with Christine about state of building and advisory committee - meeting Nov 23 to review list of round table folks and a pilot meeting upcoming – a lot of community engagement interviews are generating a lot of enthusiasm within community – Kendra feels we are in a good place to be doing what we hope to do – temporary new sign going up out front of church on Saturday

### b) Provisional 2019 budget – Jane Ridout

- final budget usually presented in Feb, and goes to congregation at AGM - provisional budget is conservative –congregational givings are down - looking at who has moved away as this will also reduce givings - trend of givers is looked at as well – re: rentals - if current tenants stay on we will be in good shape moving forward – discussion as to whether Outreach budget be in the committees list, \$1000 has been transferred to Outreach Fund in provisional budget – when 2019 pledges come in then perhaps have a discussion with congregation of the budget and the funds available – UCW will provide their annual \$5000!! – Outreach activities often have a cost for the congregation – M&S has separate line – Building Fund , will likely have \$50k left - likely pledges to Building Fund will decrease for 2019 - – use of Bequest Fund discussed, and Special Gifts Fund – may do Lunch and Learn on the budget

Jane R made motion to pass Provisional- budget

DJ seconded motion

Clarification: no modifications to Provisional budget until review in Feb when pledges have come in

Motion passed

-If funds for committees/teams are not spent they are not carried over to next year, it is returned to the General Fund

-In the future, perhaps look at finances another way – discussed if we should look at the amortization of building repair costs

- c) New region name – we are Region 10 – region is soliciting suggestion of names by November 28 and doing an online vote (Region 10 includes City of Toronto (not GTA) to Muskoka area – Parry Sound) – each region is approx. 200 communities of faith
- d) Council Meeting December 12: Christmas potluck meeting to be hosted by James – 19 Church Street South  
Arrive for 6 pm, Dinner at 6:30, meeting to follow
- e) There is a team looking at a restructuring/reorganization of governance, and they will share their findings early in the new year. The Pilot Team will discuss the governance restructure and communication

## 8. Adjournment

Good news! \$10,000 grant received from Living Waters Presbytery for an arts-based interfaith social justice project, under the MAP vision!!!! Well done Pilot Team!!!!