

RHUC BOARD MEETING
May 12th, 2021 7:30 – 9:30 pm on Zoom

Minutes

In attendance were: Jane Wedlock (Chair), Kathleen Crosbie (Recording Secretary), Harry Ramsaran, June Blanchette, David Leyton-Brown, DJ McCready, Tracy Wixon, James Ravenscroft, Dianne McLeod, Jane Ridout, Doug Loweth

1. Jane W welcomed everyone to the Board of 2021-22.
2. Land Acknowledgement was shared by David Leyton-Brown
3. DJ 's devotion related the story of the impromptu outdoor concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City after a power outage. It will be remembered for the unique opportunity provided to reach out to the community with music.
4. The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of item 9 – MABP update
5. Minutes
The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 14th were corrected:
 - Larry Little is the Treasurer
 - The Board will be tasked with revisiting whether to proceed with phase 2 of the AV project.**Minutes were then approved by consensus.**

The minutes of the special Board Meeting of April 30th were presented.

Minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Matters Arising from the Annual General Meeting:

- i Grant writing team –Tracy Wixon and Esther Collier offered to help with applications for grants. Dante Ferrari had previously volunteered. It was suggested that to enable that group to prepare timely applications we should know, exactly, what projects we want financial help with in advance. Also, a reference indicating potential revenue sources, prepared by Carolyn You, can provide valuable information for this group.
- ii Art exhibition – James R will connect with Arezoo to flesh out what her thoughts were for an Art Exhibit/Fundraiser to potentially support the AV campaign
- iii Boosting Our Signal – More donations are needed to repay the building fund that was used to pay for Phase 2 of the AV project. A call for others to support the project will be included in 'Reflections' and in the Sunday service.

7. Correspondence:

The Church Has Left the Building: how will we combine online and in-person church?

Upcoming learning opportunity (May 25, June 1, June 8, 7:00pm) – UCC in partnership with TUCC - \$30.00/person Strategy sessions.

<https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/397-the-church-has-left-the-building> This is an interesting opportunity for the worship committee and others on the transition team.

Please let Jane know if interested in attending.

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8. Operations Team Update:

- in future the minutes of Operations Team meetings will be sent to all board members
- Door security is on hold
- Problems with securing materials for repairs with current lockdown -- no new big projects being planned
- in the future would like to list projects and then recruit for skilled volunteers or plan training
- French camp cancelled until summer 2022
- Wifi cable is installed in the Village Commons building
- June 5, 2021 is date set for online auction 'pick up' of items from the 3rd floor – being organized by Sharon Creasor and Dan Plourde

9. MABP team update:

- James R, Jane W have been meeting with SHS consulting EVERY 2 weeks. Recently Jane Ridout has joined these meetings to ensure continuity with James leaving. Some meetings have involved members of the board as well as remaining members of the Mission Action Business Plan (MABP) Team when needed. Membership of the MABP team has been reduced for various reasons. A desire to have better representation from the congregation was raised.
- Agreed that the board should be involved with decisions going forward. Others having showed interest from the circle process could be approached to participate. In the future members with additional expertise will be needed when a formal relationship with United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) is established.
- The congregation will be kept informed quarterly, or more often if needed, through 'Reflections' and/or congregational updates

10. Minister's Report:

- James expressed his gratitude for the congregation's kindness following his father's death
- Pending projects include:
 - Directory policy
 - Governance review
 - Website update

Plans are in the works for finding new leadership to continue various ministries that James has initiated (e.g. pub theology, forest church, meditation) and community/external relationships (e.g. Right Relations)

Members to be welcomed by transfer: Dave Hinsburger, Joe Jobes, Kate Willey, Lisa Seidman
M/S James Ravenscroft and DJ McCready

Medrik Forooghi will be accepted as a member by baptism
Larry Little be accepted as a member by reaffirmation of faith.
Motion approved by consensus.

11. Shining Waters Regional update:

- many challenges being dealt with at the present time.

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12. New Business:

a) Pastoral Relations Transition Plan

- the Board must create a Position Description for the Short Term Supply needed
- Board members are asked to submit, in writing, what that description should include (e.g. what do we need vs what would we like).
- at next meeting (May 26th 4:00 pm) description is to be finalized
- resources will be distributed by David L-B to assist Board members with this task

b) Search Process (email vote for motion passed on Friday May 14th)

M/S David Leyton-Brown / DJ McCready

That the following people be appointed to the Search Team responsible for helping RHUC discern and find a new pastoral relationship to support and enable our ministry.

Howe Foo

Nancy Hart

Anne Leyton-Brown

Sandra Loughton

Doug Loweth

DJ McCready

Sharon McNutt

Sara Mollaei

Sara Perez

Ruth Perratt

c) Celebrating our pastoral relationship with James

- last day July 11th
- Suggestions from Board and congregation (requested through 'Reflections') are welcome

Joanne Scofield

-Joanne will be ordained in Vancouver this July.

d) Leadership Retreat

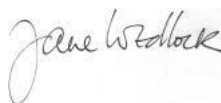
- Saturday June 19th 2021, suggested timing 9:00 – 2:00 on Zoom
- Facilitator Kim Uyede-Kai (Minister of Community of Faith Support and Right Relations, Shining Waters Regional Council)

Motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2021 7.30pm (Zoom)



Kathleen Crosbie



Jane Wedlock