

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MINUTES

April 15, 2020 7.30pm
Zoom meeting

PRESENT: Carolyn Balant, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock, June Blanchette, D.J. McCready and David Leyton-Brown

REGRETS: none

Jane Wedlock presiding and Carolyn Balant recording.

- 1. Land Acknowledgement – David Leyton-Brown**
- 2. Devotion - June Blanchette ‘God’s Gift of Being Scared’**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Approved by consensus
- 4. Minutes**
 - a. Board – February 12, 2020
 - b. Draft AGM Minutes March 1, 2020 (to be approved at next AGM)
 - c. Joint Board/MABP Meeting – March 11, 2020

M/S DJ McCready /June Blanchette

Carried

- 5. Matters Arising**
 - a. Update space rental policy
 - Waiting for update from commercial Real Estate Agent
 - b. Governance – unfilled positions
 - Treasurer - Will Ball is interested and will shadow DJ McCready for 2 months.
There is a lot of work related to ADP and need to set up CRA on line
 - DJ McCready will set up a meeting next week including James to consider additional volunteer recruitment. Susan Green and Anne Dunn to also be invited. Chair of Finance is a priority.
- 6. Correspondence - none**
- 7. Operations Team**

- a) Joint Board/Operations Meeting (Zoom) – March 20, 2020
- b) Operations Meeting (Zoom) – April 2, 2020
 - Reminder too James that a contract for the Manse rental (Home on the Hill) is still needed
 - It is understood that Home on the Hill is willing to undertake the roof repair once the capital grant is received.

8. Committee Updates

a. Finance

- Churches don't qualify for the \$40,000 federal bank loan contrary to initial understanding
- Investments coming due – finance is reviewing and planning for provision of additional cash availability. Jane Ridout to be asked for recommendations

b. M and P

No report.

9. MAP Update

- Concert on hold for now - Likely shifted to the Fall

10. Minister's Report

- James is working from home. Very busy with Pastoral Care, more work than before
- Easter services were very much appreciated
- Development of phone tree is underway,

Online worship services

- Younger generation is also logging in, they are more accustomed to being online
- Plan for the future – continue with online services/events
 - James will pull together a small group with representatives from communications, pastoral care, finance
 - Pull together data and lessons learned
 - Will begin soon but it will take time to assess
 - Aim to implement in the fall
- Considering a board retreat once remaining positions are filled

11. Shining Waters Regional Update – no update

12. New Business

- a. COVID-19 Response – Financial support/groceries
 - o A congregational initiative is underway to provide some support in the event that members of the congregation are unable to afford groceries in these difficult times.
 - o Ask those buying a gift card if they would also donate one
 - o Form is online – suggest mentioning in RHUC Reflections

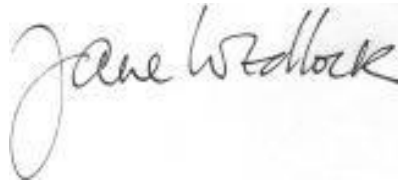
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn – by unanimous consent

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

Next Meeting: 7:30pm May 13, 2020 - ZOOM



Jane Wedlock, Chair



Carolyn Balant, Secretary