

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2020 at 7:30 pm
Zoom meeting

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

REGRETS: none

Jane Wedlock presiding and Carolyn Balant recording.

1. **Land Acknowledgement – Jane Wedlock**
2. **Devotion – Jane Wedlock (Joy and Sorrow)**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved by consensus
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes as amended**
 - a. Board Meeting – Nov 11, 2020

M/S Carolyn Balant /David Leyton-Brown

Carried

5. **Matters Arising**
 - a. Governance – Volunteer Animation Update
 - i. Phone tree leaders were asked to inquire of members of the congregation about areas of interest and potential involvement. There was limited up-take by the leaders
 - ii. DJ will reach out to Worship and Outreach forum chairs re joining board meetings
 - iii. James to re-convene the governance committee in January to review current status. Governance is also a suggested topic at the proposed Town Hall for members of the congregation to provide feedback re current model. It was agreed at the last AGM that the model would continue with a review at the end of the year
 - b. Generous Spirit – Update
 - i. 43 responses, 22 PAR, 21 envelopes. Jane Ridout to review and will be working on 2021 budget
 - ii. DJ to write content for RHUC ***Reflections*** about end of year contributions
 - c. Living Waters Grant
 - i. Jane sent copy of application to the board. Discussion deferred to next meeting

Possible Christmas Eve Carol singing, in front of the church in addition to online services.

b. Innovative Ministry Course

- i. James, DJ and Howe are participating. The idea was for participants to bring a project to work on. The project was how to bring full MAP (Mission Action Plan) back to the table? Not all of 9 intentions are being worked on.
- ii. There will be a presentation on the Polarity Management Tool at the January Board meeting. Howe Foo to join.

c. Julia Ye's Report (Intern)

- i. Discouraged by lack of volunteering – questioning whether this is the appropriate way to approach engagement. Need to encourage people that they can/should participate
- ii. Anti-Racism working group in development– some people in mind, 7-8 individuals, start in New Year.
- iii. Considering small intercultural groups where individual experiences are shared to encourage others to share and learn

11. Shining Waters Regional Update

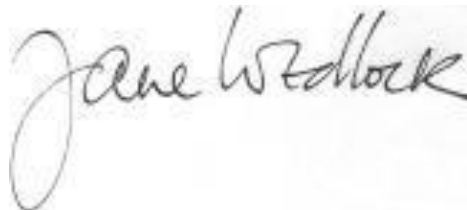
- a. When a congregation closes, the property is sold and money contributed to the wider church
- b. Instead of selling, looking at developing for continuous revenue

12. New Business

- i. Village Core BIA AGM - Jane W. attended on behalf of RHUC.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn, David Leyton-Brown
Adjourned 9:50 pm



Jane Wedlock, Chair



Carolyn Balant, Secretary