

RHUC BOARD MEETING  
February 9, 2022 7.30 – 9:15pm (Zoom)

Attendees: Jane Wedlock (Chair), Kathleen Crosbie, June Blanchette, DJ McCready, Dianne McLeod, Ian Wilgus, Rev. Ruth Noble, Harry Ramsaran, Jane Ridout, Howe Foo  
Regrets: Doug Loweth, Tracy Wixon

1. Jane welcomed the Board members and Howe Foo (representing the Communication Group) to the Zoom call.
2. David L-B delivered the Land Acknowledgement
3. Rev. Ruth Noble read the devotion from Richard Wagamese's book *Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations*.
4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**M/S DJ McCready and Ian Wilgus  
Carried**

5. Minutes
  - a. Board Meeting minutes of January 12, 2022 were approved by consensus.
  - b. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held January 20, 2022 were approved by consensus
  - c. Operations meeting minutes were reviewed
    - i. ADP – despite letters being written and discussion with General Council staff the problems are ongoing. They are aware of the problems and are doing their best to fix them.
    - ii. Custodial duties – progress is being made in securing Sunday custodial help for the eventual reopening of the church for worship.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Howe Foo from the Communications Group presented 4 logo designs for RHUC that he created and their group had selected. Feedback from the Board will be taken back to the Communications Group.
7. **Matters Arising**
  - a. Vision Keepers Response to Racism Awareness Working Group. DJ McCready reminded all that the Affirming Ministry Vision Statement is very inclusive. Resources to support congregations with Anti-racism and Equity initiatives are available from both Shining Waters Regional Council (Kim Uyede-Kai) and General Council (Adele Halliday).
  - b. Transition Team is planning for safe re-opening at a later date.
  - c. Communications – **Action:** 'Life at the Church' announcement each week will be planned and co-ordinated with Rev Karen Dale once she is settled.
  - d. Annual Meeting (Postponed to April 3, 2022)
    - a. 2021 Year end financials (draft) were shared
    - b. Nominations reported that engagement of the congregation is good. Also, a second seat at Shining Waters Regional Council may now be filled.
    - c. **Action:** Meeting of Trustees will be scheduled before the AGM and after Rev Karen Dale arrives.

**8. Correspondence**

- a. A formal confirmation confirming Shining Waters approval of the call for Rev Kaen Dale was received from Todd Macdonald January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in an email.
- b. *UCC Fresh Start* provides congregations with support with new pastoral relations. Four modules were highlighted but discussion with Rev Karen Dale will take place before proceeding.
- c. Communication from the family of Dorothy Houlden thanking the church for the service for Dorothy and requesting that any donations in memoriam be directed to the 'Boost the Signal' campaign was received.

**9. Minister's Report**

Ruth is wrapping up an orientation guide for Karen Dale and is looking forward to the two week overlap when working together with Karen.

**10. Re-Development Update**

Progress is ongoing. Current priorities related to governance and management and extent of community interest are moving ahead.

**Action:** A presentation to the congregation from all stakeholders before the AGM will be scheduled.

**11. New Business**

- a. Faithful Footprints Grant <https://www.faithfulfootprints.org/faithful-footprints-grants>  
A \$30,000.00 grant for geothermal is being held for RHUC.

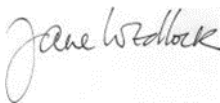
Motion to seek documentation from Faithful footprints to clarify our position in relation to the grant.

**M/S David Leyton-Brown / Jane Ridout  
Carried**

**11. Shining Waters Region Update**

Community Ministry funding for both Jane/Finch and Davenport/Perth will continue for another 3 years.

**Thank you Ruth!**



Jane Wedlock  
Chair



Kathleen Crosbie  
Secretary