

**RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 14, 2020 at 7:45 pm**  
**Zoom meeting**

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Balant, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock, D.J. McCreedy (late), June Blanchette, David Leyton-Brown and Julia Ye

**REGRETS:** none

Jane Wedlock presiding and Carolyn Balant recording.

1. **Land Acknowledgement – David Leyton-Brown**
2. **Devotion – Jane Wedlock, from Embers about Persistence**
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Approved by consensus
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes as amended**
  - a. Board Meeting – Sept 9, 2020

***M/S David Leyton-Brown /June Blanchette***

***Carried***

5. **Matters Arising**
  - a. Health and Safety Policy
    - i. Many details to be reviewed
    - ii. To review with Operations committee
  - b. Manse Insurance; DJ – not mentioned in the insurance, Jane Rideout to look into
  - c. Audit – Marj Andre sent a name, DJ to follow up
  - d. Governance – nominations process
    - i. Volunteer Animation Team met. Intention was clarified – to animate people's gifts, make connections between people's passions to opportunities
    - ii. Revised survey being put together To be administered using the phone tree, aiming for completion by mid-November. Information gathered will help inform nomination process.
  - e. Generous Spirit
    - i. Still working on finalizing members of adhoc team
    - ii. In addition to requesting pledge for 2021, we will be requesting additional special gifts to support the urgently needed purchase of AV equipment to support online and in-person worship services. The small group, including James, will determine the timing of Generous Spirit activities.

- f. Draft policy re church data base/directory/roll
    - i. Deferred
  - g. Retreat – leave to end of Jan or beginning of Feb
    - i. Feb 20 – after family day, to include incoming and outgoing positions
- 6. Correspondence**
- a. None
- 7. Operations Team – October 1, 2020 (Zoom)**
- a. Minutes included (information)
- 8. Committee Updates**
- a. Finance
    - i. National Church’s Assessment – along with many other congregations, RHUC had requested a lower rate for the first 2 years. We are expecting a significant increase in 2021. There is overall concern re rising costs.
    - ii. New sound system \$40-\$50K – to be clarified
- 9. MABP Update**
- a. Conversation with Jody Maltby, Staff Lead – Regional and Congregational Support – from Shining Waters Regional Council with SHS Consulting.  
The purpose of the call was to provide an update about our proposed plans in relation to re-development of the CD Building and work undertaken so far. It was a productive meeting and RHUC committed to keeping Regional Council updated re any proposed decision before they are made. We will be seeking additional support from Toronto United Church Council (TUCC).
- 10. Minister’s Report**
- a. Julia Ye started in her new role, James is her supervisor
  - b. New faith exploration group starting this Sunday
  - c. Previous group to continue in some form – considering how we continue to nurture new members and opportunity to expand group to include others
  - d. Anti-racism working group to start
  - e. **Julia’s report**
    - i. Talking to people, getting to know them
    - ii. Working with phone list from Deb
    - iii. Follow up with newly baptized members
    - iv. So many groups, not inter-generational or inter-cultural
  - f. Transition team – decision on when to open for in-person
    - i. Delayed in-person, given 2<sup>nd</sup> wave. Aiming for November 15<sup>th</sup>. Beginning of an extended Advent season. Will continue to monitor. Christmas season considerations are being discussed by Worship Committee
- 11. Shining Waters Regional Update**
- a. Meeting this Saturday. Proposal to create an inter-cultural commission

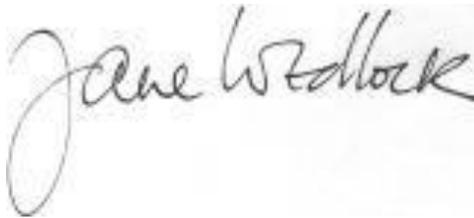
- b. General council meeting after – will receive a motion that the United Church of Canada is committed to being an Anti-Racist Church.

**12. New Business**

- a. Climate Action Resource centre application
  - i. Approached by *Neighbours for the Planet* to help apply for a federal grant that would have RHUC as a centre for climate action activities
  - ii. Needed a lead applicant who is not for profit
  - iii. Discuss with the Shining Water's Region lawyer
  - iv. 2 tiers of funding, 5 yr and 18 months
  - v. Decided on 18 month seed funding to get started, RHUC is a junior partner. Neighbours for the Planet incorporated and are the lead applicant
  - vi. We supply support letter, and subsidized rental space
  
- b. Art in the chapel
  - i. Artist would like to donate art piece if we would pay for the supplies \$750
  - ii. If not that amount, how much is possible?
  - iii. Is there a special fund? DJ to check into

**Next Meeting: Nov 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm**

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



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Jane Wedlock, Chair



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Carolyn Balant, Secretary