

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MINUTES
January 8, 2020 7.30pm
Parlour

PRESENT: Carolyn Balant, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock, Brandon Moore, June Blanchette, and David Leyton-Brown

REGRETS: Lyn May, D.J. McCready

The secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum. Jane Wedlock presiding and Carolyn Balant recording.

1. **Land Acknowledgement** – David Leyton-Brown
2. **Devotion** – Brandon Moore, from the play *Wise Man* by David J Loehr
3. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated and amended by consensus.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

a. **Board Minutes of December 11, 2019**

The Minutes of December 11, 2019 were accepted by consensus.

b. **Operations Team Jan 2, 2020 received.**

5. **Matters Arising**

a. **Update space rental policy**

James has yet to connect with Carolyn Finlayson (Real Estate Agent) regarding current Market Assessment that will help us with drafting a new rental policy.

b. **Nominations/governance review**

Governance review meeting is tomorrow. A change in governance structure takes time to live into. Likely some will suggest reverting back.

Nominations will be part of the discussion. Open positions:

Chair of Finance, Treasurer, Board Vice-chair, Chair of Christian

Development/Family Ministry, Facilitators for Worship, Music and Spiritual Formation Forum and Leadership and Congregational Development Forum

c. Leadership Forum meeting on Jan 15, 2020

Reminder to be announced on during worship. Discussion re format, possible issues and publicity of the forum. Email blast recommended. There will be refreshments

6. Correspondence

A letter was received from Affirming United regarding membership fees based on net revenue. This fee is under the Vision Keepers' budget.

7. Operations Team Update

Met on Jan 2, 2020. The roof of the CD building continues to leak and we continue to troubleshoot cause/solutions.

8. Committee Updates

a. Generous Spirit

Jane Ridout compiling pledge results, near 50. Best result ever was approximately 90.

b. Finance Committee

DJ's report was given. The 2020 Budget will be ready in February. A pre-AGM meeting for Jan 26 is scheduled after worship to discuss finances/stewardship.

c. M and P

More than two-dozen members of the congregation provided written feedback as part of staff performance reviews.

9. MAP Pilot Team – Update

a) Mission Action Business Plan

Members of the congregation were invited to attend a session on Dec 12 to review options resulting from Integrated Facilities Assessment was attended by 25 people. SHS Consulting will report at the beginning of January. One of our biggest partners is New Life Korean Church. James met with the senior pastors and they are committed to remaining as a partner into the future.

There was discussion about a potential different format for the Annual Report – including more images/less narrative – linked to MAP

- Use of narrative budget
 - Pre-AGM sessions after church to introduce the topics that will be discussed at the AGM
 - January 26
 - Partnership Development-Concert Series
 - Stewardship/Finance tools
 - Feb 9th
 - Governance renewal
 - Building for ministry (facilities) – including Climate Action Plan
- b) Communications
- i. The new name for RHUC Online is RHUC Reflections.
 - ii. Re-branding the CD building name – consultation continues
- c) Concert Series
- i. Minute during the service highlighting information about the series was well received. Several people have stepped forward to assist. Rod Caldwell agreed to be treasurer.
- d) Calendar review of 2020
- i. Exploring possibility of a retreat in April
 - ii. Plans for the AGM will be included in the February board meeting.

10. Minister's Report

Two study projects on the go; 1) Innovative Ministries Beta Project with TUCC. This Friday at 7:00, Manor Road – an informal meeting to kick off the project. James asked Jane and Brandon, but unable to attend.

2) Intentional Leadership course. “Why statement” taken from congregational history. James will be interviewing long time members of RHUC.

11. Shining Waters Regional Update

Notice of conversation on Community Ministries - Saturday Jan 25 9:30 – 10:30am – on line Zoom meeting, Jane and James will sign up.

There were 2 national online events. David also organized two meetings – one business, the other casual to encourage local networking. It was noted that people are nostalgic for the old presbytery meetings that facilitated contact between local congregations.

12. New Business

- a. Annual Report – will include reference to new governance structure, living into our MAP nine intentions.

- b. AGM preparation – James and Jane will plan the AGM
Brandon will organize the annual Trustee’s meeting.

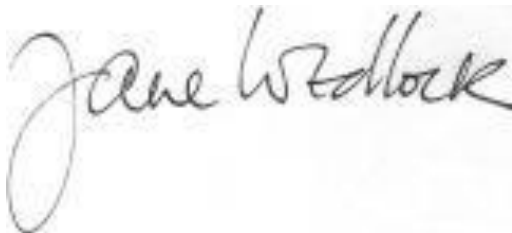
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn – by unanimous consent

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be on February 12, 2020 at 7.30 pm. Refreshments by June.



Jane Wedlock, Chair



Carolyn Balant, Secretary