

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
BOARD MINUTES
February 12, 2020 7.30pm
Parlour

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

REGRETS: Lyn May

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

1. **Land Acknowledgement** – Jane Wedlock: strawberry, the story of the Three Sisters
2. **Devotion** – Jane Wedlock; Mystery Stories Re-awaken
3. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated and amended by consensus.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

a. **Board Minutes of January 8, 2020**

The Minutes of January 8, 2020 were accepted by consensus. DLB, JB

MS David Leyton-Brown /June Blanchette *Carried*

5. **Matters Arising**

a. **Update space rental policy**

James has connected with Carolyn Finlayson, connected with commercial real estate agent. Brought mold expert who recommended remediation once the roof is fixed. Asked for more information, to do detailed assessment. Deb is working on the answers. The plan is to have the Chapel as dedicated space for RHUC use.

b. **Nominations Process/Governance Review**

Going well, contacting people, waiting for results. Re-peopling various committees. Volunteer animation has been successful in recruiting volunteers.

Governance review. Asked for written feedback, received none. Concern was expressed at the Feb 9 feedback re lack of communications. Overall, the move to forums as a way to broaden engagement and surface new ideas is being accepted.

6. Correspondence

none

7. Operations Team Update

The summer student application is due Feb 24, 2020. Aim it to assist with key document archiving.

Receive for information that the Operations Team recommends offering to Home on the Hill a three-year lease with a mutual agreed option to extend for an additional two years.

8. Committee Updates

a. Finance

The 2019 report is final and overall results were positive, \$26k surplus. Donation pledges are down, no reason stands out. New members often contribute less than longer-term members.

Jane Wedlock will edit MAP budget details to simplify for AGM.

New congregational assessment will reflect national church administrative costs that were previously included within M and S. M and S funds will go exclusively to M and S.

Initially the budget had included a part time book-keeper position. Jane Ridout has offered to do the books.

Funds Motion

Move that the board transfer unencumbered funds received as bequests or in memory of members of the congregation, initially recorded in the General Fund, to the Bequest and Memorial Funds, with \$6,894 transferred from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund and \$2,657 transferred from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund.

MS DJ McCready /Brandon Moore

Carried

2019 Financial Statements Motion

Move that the Board receive the financial statements for Richmond Hill United Church, as presented, for the year ended December 31, 2019 and that they be presented and recommended to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on March 1, 2020 for approval.

MS DJ McCready /David Leyton Brown

Carried

Budget Motion

Move that the Board receive the budget for the Richmond Hill United Church, as presented, for the year ending 2020 and that it be presented and recommended to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on March 1, 2020 for approval.

MS DJ McCready /Brandon Moore

Carried

c. M and P

M and P prepared a job posting for the night-time custodian, have short listed 5 and this week interviewed. Are within days of making an offer.

d. Forums

Leadership Form was held on Jan 15, 2020

Sue Baker offered to take a leadership role in organizing a friendship dinner in April inviting organizations that share space at RHUC.

9. MAP Pilot Team – Update

a. Pilot Team - Final Meeting Feb 4, 2020 - Next steps

i. Board retreat proposed in the Spring

ii. Thanks for all the hard work offered for members of the Pilot Team

b. Concert Series

Cultural grant from City of Richmond Hill has been cancelled but Councillor has asked for details on the project and may assist. UCC grant is for 4 concerts. Plan is to continue with 3 concerts due to reduced funding

10. Minister's Report

Intentional Leadership course slide deck sent out.

11. Shining Waters Regional Update

Not terribly active over the Lenten season

12. New Business

a. AGM preparation

AGM Agenda was reviewed

Climate change plan – will speak to the decision not to move forward with the geothermal proposal for sanctuary while we are reviewing overall plan for facilities.

Review of Governance – will be recommending another year to live into the new model.

Receive and approve resignation of Lyn Townsend from the Trustees

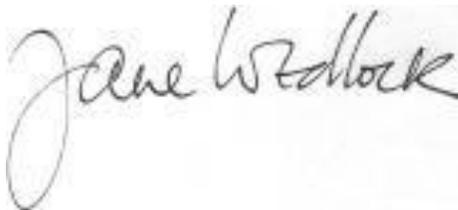
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn – by unanimous consent

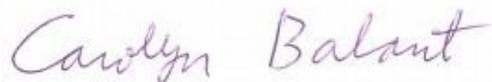
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be on March 11, 2020 at 7.30 pm. (Joint Board/MABP Meeting)



Jane Wedlock, Chair



Carolyn Balant, Secretary