

**RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 12, 2017**  
**RHUC Parlour**

**PRESENT:** Brandon Moore, Nancy Hart, Kathleen Crosbie, Donna DeVita, Joan Verner, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Donna Byres, Donna McErlain, Gillian Gibbons, Lyn May, Donna Smith, Sue Baker, Joanne Scofield, Jane Wedlock, Terry Davies, David Leyton-Brown, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft.

**REGRETS:** D.J. McCreedy, Don Thomson, Sandra Loughton, Harry Ramsaran.

The secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum. Brandon Moore presiding and Donna DeVita recording, the meeting began at 7:30 pm. in accordance with the monthly schedule.

**DEVOTION**

Sue Baker read an Easter Prayer by Rev. M Youngson of the U.K. Methodist Church.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**M/S** Nancy Hart/ David Leighton-Brown that the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

**2. Minutes of March 8, 2017**

**M/S** Donna DeVita/ Donna Smith that the minutes of March 8, 2017, be approved. **Carried**

**3. Matters Arising from Minutes**

**a) Missional Circles**

Terry Davies presented an outline from Rev. Karen Hilfman Millson (attached). Approximately 15 hosts are needed and 8 have volunteered so far. We still need two co-ordinators and two more recorders. Nancy Hart has volunteered as one. Terry also had some copies of the book Fishing Tips which he offered to anyone interested.

**b) Outreach/Private Refugee Sponsorship Update.**

Lyn May reported that she had advised the group to make contact with a United Church in the area where the refugees have settled.

**c) Worship Committee/ Guest Speaker Working Group.** David Leighton-Brown reported that the committee is functioning and a speaker is lined up for April. They will look forward to May and June.

#### **4. Correspondence**

No Correspondence

#### **5. Committees and Working Groups Updates**

##### a) Treasurer/ Finance

Jane Ridout submitted a report (attached) outlining bequests which we are about to receive and their application to Special Funds borrowing. There is reference to "The Special Gifts Committee" which has become defunct. This committee may need to be revived. There was discussion of the need to give recognition to donors.

##### b) Property

Nancy Hart reported on an 'ad hoc' property meeting which took place with our custodian, Dan Plourde. Another meeting is to take place on Good Friday after Worship. Sue Baker reported that Mark Baker is concerned about the safety of the stairs. Brandon Moore reported that a quote has been received for work on parts of the roof on the CD building in an attempt to address the problems with leaks.

**M/S** Donna Smith/ Terry Davies that Council approve the expenditure of \$21,865.00 from the Building Fund to proceed with the proposal from Chinouard Bros. with Harry Ramsaran as project manager.

**Carried**

##### c) CD

Joan Verner expressed concerns about volunteers for children and youth programs in September.

#### **6. Minister's Report**

Rev. Ravenscroft reported that Holy Week is very busy with two funerals added to the special services. He will be taking some time after for prayer and study. His open houses have been going well. He has attended some web groups and made some pastoral visits. The care homes services are being taken up again and four candidates are studying for Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. The Communications Team is working and Ian Wilgus is chair. There was discussion about the use of the "Listening Post".

#### **7. New Business**

a) Minute for Council. Brandon Moore spoke to the importance of the Minute for Council monthly presentations and wants to work on a new rotation.

b) Church Calendar. Rev. Ravenscroft spoke to the importance of a global calendar with a division of what is public and what is private. There are ways to restrict access to some parts of the on-line calendar. He requested ideas from committees.

c) Security Camera. An estimate has been made for a security camera at the parking lot door to deter individuals who leave this door open. There is general agreement that we should to investigate this option further.

d) Appointment of Members of the Ministry & Personnel Committee. Gillian Gibbons was appointed as Chair of the M & P Committee at the AGM.

**M/S** Nancy Hart/ Joan Verner that June Blanchette, David Leighton-Brown, George Moon and Ruth Perratt be confirmed as members of Ministry and Personnel for 2017. **Carried**

e) June Council Meeting Host. Brandon Moore asked for a volunteer to host the June Council meeting.

f) UCW Spring Luncheon. June Blanchette reported that the Spring Luncheon will take place on April 22.

### **AJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

### **Next Meeting of Council:**

The council will meeting will be May 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Devotion: Donna Smith

Refreshments: June Blanchette/ Sandra Loughton

Minute for Council: Worship

cc: Circle Outline

Finance Report

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Brandon Moore, Chair

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Donna DeVita, Secretary