

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 11, 2017
RHUC Parlour

PRESENT: Brandon Moore, Nancy Hart, Donna DeVita, D.J. McCready, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Donna Byres, Donna McErlain, Gillian Gibbons, Lyn May, Peter DeVita, Don Thomson, Donna Smith, Sue Baker, Joanne Scofield, Jane Wedlock, Harry Ramsaran, Terry Davies, David Leyton-Brown, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft.

REGRETS: Kathleen Crosbie, Joan Verner, Sandra Loughton.

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

Jane Wedlock offered a reflection on 'listening' with readings from 'Embers' and 'The Faithful Gardener'.

1. Approval of Agenda

M/S David Leighton-Brown/ D.J. McCready that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Carried**

2. Minutes of June 14 and October 11, 2017

M/S Donna DeVita/Lyn May that the Minutes of June 14, 2017, be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

M/S Donna DeVita/Jane Wedlock that the Minutes of October 11, 2017, be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

The necessary paperwork recommending that Joanne Scofield be assessed for suitability as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry have been submitted to Living Waters Presbytery.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence

5. Committees and Working Groups Updates

a) Treasurer/ Finance

Jane Ridout reported that the phone and voicemail systems are working. She also reviewed insurance coverage for volunteers which is under the larger United Church coverage. There is some allowance for personal injury but it is not clear.

b) Worship

Nancy Hart reported that more guest preachers are needed. If anyone has possible speakers please contact the chair of Worship. The committee set up to assist with this has not yet met.

6. Minister's Report

Rev. Ravenscroft told us about Ron Eyto who is the social justice minister employed by Presbytery and about a Territorial Acknowledgement Workshop on Saturday with teachings from Jake Taylor. James is a facilitator for the diaconal studies of Krianne Swan through Living Waters. He has also applied for a Ministry Sponsorship course.

7. New Business

- a) Conversation Circles. Nancy Hart thanked Lynn Townsend and Fellowship for taking responsibility for refreshments for the Conversation Circles on October 15 at the Legion. There will be seven topics for discussion.
- b) Remit 6. Rev. James Ravenscroft lead a background seminar for Remit 6. This remit relates to education, identity and equity. There will be a 'lunch and learn' on this topic in November and we will vote at the February Council meeting.
- c) Living Waters Presbytery gathering will take place on November 25. Tell Terry Davies if you are able to go.
- d) Minute for Council. Brandon Moore requested input on Ministry for Council. November is traditionally Generous Spirit and UCW always wants April. Please offer if you want time.
- e) A-V Working Group

M/S Peter DeVita/Lyn May that an A-V Working Group be created with members from Property, Worship, Sound Crew and Communications to evaluate and recommend new equipment. **Carried**

f) Generous Spirit Breakfast will take place on November 12.

g) Korean Church has graciously donated \$1,500 for the CD roof.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The council meeting will be November 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm. in the Parlour.

Devotion: D.J. McCready

Refreshments: Sue Baker

Minute for Council: Generous Spirit

Brandon Moore, Chair

Donna DeVita, Secretary