

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 8, 2017
RHUC Parlour

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Kathleen Crosbie, Donna DeVita, D.J. McCready, Joan Verner, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Donna Byres, Donna McErlain, Lyn May, Peter DeVita, Don Thomson, Donna Smith, Sandra Loughton, Sue Baker, Joanne Scofield, Jane Wedlock, Terry Davies, David Leyton-Brown, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft.

REGRETS: Brandon Moore, Gillian Gibbons, Harry Ramsaran.

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

DEVOTION

D.J. McCready read a poem about Love and from Galatians 5:23 about the gifts of the spirit.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Minutes of October 11, 2017

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

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

The Lunch and Learn for Remit 6 will take place on November 26. Rev. James Ravenscroft will be the presenter.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence

5. Committees and Working Groups Updates

- a) Discernment Circles Planning Team: Jane Wedlock reported that the committee has met and begun evaluation of the responses for values and goals. They are working toward the 'Menu of Options'. They are also reviewing historical documents on visioning and planning. They may have a report for the December Council meeting.
- b) Treasurer/ Finance
Jane Ridout reported that we are on budget overall. We have had a fall off of casual renters. The water bill is down due to the repair of faulty toilets. There are no major changes in the funds and no update on M & S is available. We have received a letter advising us that we will receive a bequest of \$24,000.00 from the estate of Jean Thompson.
- c) Generous Spirit
Don Thomson reported that plans for the pancake breakfast are going well. This will take place on November 12.
- d) Property Report. Peter DeVita circulated a report on recent work. The owner of the house on the southwest corner of Church and Centre has advised that he will have trespassers towed. The AV working group has met and is comprised of Wendy Thomson, Sandra Loughton, David Mountain, Linda Clark and George Moon.

6. Minister's Report

Rev. Ravenscroft told us about the Lessons and Preaching Festival he attended at Yorkminster Baptist Church. It was interdenominational and excellent. His meeting with Jake Charles has been rescheduled. His mentoring of Bri-anne Swan is very thought provoking. He is busy with Christmas preparations and pastoral care.

7. New Business

- a) Krasman Emergency Location: Krasman Centre has asked us to be an emergency refuge if their facility is not operational in an emergency. They would use their own staff and phones.

M/S Donna Smith/ D.J. McCready that the Council agree to provide a backup location to the Krasman Centre in an emergency. **Carried**

As suitable letter of understanding will be drafted.

b) Office Hours: Deb Fratin has asked to have Tuesdays off in lieu of her two half days due to her increased travel time. Notice of new hours should be circulated.

c) UCW: June Blanchette announced the UCW Tea on December 3.

d) Presbytery Cluster Gathering: Terry Davies reported that 14 people are planning to attend the workshop on November 25. Other workshops have already inspired networking.

e) Next meeting will be a pot-luch supper at 2 O'Connor Cres. at 6:30 pm.

f) Property: Peter DeVita advised Council that he had obtained a quote of \$6,000 to do stop gap repairs to the Sanctuary foundations.

M/S Peter DeVita/Lyn May that Council approve the expenditure of \$6,000 for urgent repair to the Sanctuary foundations with funds from the Building Fund. **Carried.**

g) Leona Boyd Concert: Organization is going well. Everyone should be selling tickets. Advertising has gone out to Presbytery.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The council meeting will be December 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm. at 2 O'Connor Cres.

Devotion: Donna Smith

Refreshments: Pot Luck

Minute for Council:

att: Property Report.

Nancy Hart, Vice-Chair

Donna DeVita, Secretary