

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 10, 2018
Common Room

PRESENT: Brandon Moore, Kathleen Crosbie, Donna DeVita, D.J. McCready, Joan Verner, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Gillian Gibbons, Peter DeVita, Don Thomson, Donna Smith, Joanne Scofield, Jane Wedlock, Harry Ramsaran, Terry Davies, David Leyton-Brown, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft.

REGRETS: Nancy Hart, Donna Byres, Donna McErlain, Lyn May, Sandra Loughton, Sue Baker,

The secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum. Brandon Moore presiding and Donna DeVita recording, the meeting began at 7:35 pm. in accordance with the monthly schedule.

DEVOTION

Terry Davies gave a reading from the internet about Epiphany and the Three Magi

1. Approval of Agenda

M/S D.J. McCready/Jane Wedlock that the agenda be accepted as presented . **Carried**

2. Minutes of December 13, 2017

It was noted one member of the Discernment team will be appointed by Ian Wilgus and two by Council. The team has not yet met.

M/S Donna DeVita/Donna Smith that the Minutes of December 13, 2017, be accepted with this correction.. **Carried**

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

a) Remit 6: After discussion it was agreed to call the question and to vote by paper ballot.

Moved that the Council of Richmond Hill United Church agrees that there should be one new order of ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers, *with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and*

pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?

M/S Donna DeVita/ Jane Wedlock **Carried**

M/S Terry Davies/Donna Smith that the ballots be destroyed. **Carried**

b) Discernment Team for Ian Wilgus:

M/S Terry Davies/Jane Ridout That David Leighton-Brown, appointed by Ian Wilgus, and D.J. McCready and Sandra Loughton, appointed by Council, be the Discernment Team for Ian Wilgus. **Carried**

4. Correspondence

No Correspondence

5. Committees and Working Groups Updates

a) Property Committee: Peter DeVita gave an update of the work of the Property Committee with a list of projects which he had described in an email. There is a need for several volunteers to do small jobs.

6. Minister's Report

Rev. Ravenscroft commended several individuals for their work on the Christmas Services: the choir, Donna DeVita, Nicole Moore, Karen Bernard, the members of the Church School, and George Moon. He also praised the work to raise money for First Nations initiatives and the Circle Steering Committee. He noted that we have several members in hospital at this time. Also he has been appointed to the Editorial Board for "Gathering".

7. New Business

a) Boundaries: Brandon Moore reported that Richmond Hill United Church will be in Region 11. There are 17 regions.

b) Discernment Circles: Jane Wedlock reported that there will be an opportunity to fill out the survey this Sunday in the Garden Room and the gym. This will help to test reactions to various ideas leading to long term goals and congregational values. It is hoped to present the results at the AGM.

d) Annual Meeting: Brandon Moore suggested that the AGM take place March 4.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next council meeting will be February 14, 2018 in the Parlour.

Devotion: Volunteer needed

Refreshments: June Blanchette/Sandra Loughton

Minute for Council:

Brandon Moore, Chair

Donna DeVita, Secretary