

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES

May 9, 2018

Parlor

PRESENT: Brandon Moore, Nancy Hart, Kathleen Crosbie, Carolyn Balant, D.J. McCready, Joan Verner, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Donna Byres, Don Thomson, Jane Wedlock, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Donna McErlain, Terry Davies, David Leyton-Brown, Joanne Scofield, Gillian Gibbons, Lyn May

REGRETS: Harry Ramsaran, Peter DeVita, Sandra Loughton

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

DEVOTION

David Leyton-Brown

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated. M/S DJ/Joan **Carried**

2. **Minutes of Apr 11, 2018**

Deferred approval as not everyone received the minutes.

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

a) Rental policy amendment

Previously had discussed the policy on rentals with respect to the Church of Christ, who had inquired about renting space. Discussion included amendments to the rental policy to reflect RHUC affirming values and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Suggestion was to add a hyperlink in the policy to the OHRC.

Proposed to amend the rental policy to add after “consistent with our Christian values and traditions” the phrase “and our Affirming Ministry statement.”

M/S Terry/Lyn **Carried**

4. **Correspondence**

Recycling Rewards

Recycling Rewards has proposed to put a donation bin at RHUC for a payment of \$1,000 per year. Discussion ensued. This company is a for-profit organization. RHUC has always supported Treasures, a not-for-profit organization that supports the community. It was decided to decline the proposal from Recycling Rewards.

York Region Police business survey

RHUC has been randomly selected by the York Region Police to participate in survey of local businesses. The question put to the council is what do we wish to express? Suggestions include

- RHUC will be organizing community round tables, would the York Region Police wish to join in?
- Communicating what our services and partners are such as 360 Kids, Krassman Centre, Treasures, etc
- Communicate any issues with vandalism such as removal of the rainbow stickers from the door or the break in a few years ago

5. **Committees and Working Groups Updates**

- a) Outreach Committee Report by Lyn May
 - a. Letter of understanding to Krassman Centre if they need a place, see attached letter.
 - b. Outreach forum to take place on May 23
 - Housing initiative, etc
 - Refugee sponsorship – helping Lifeline Syria, an aid organization looking for guidance
- b) Presbytery Report by Terry Davies
 - a. RHUC will fall into a new region #10, that includes Toronto
 - transitional Regional council to be setup until June 2019,
 - David LB to be a councillor, Brianne Swan also a councillor
 - b. General Council meeting to held in Oshawa
 - Suggest going there on the opening Sunday, July 22
 - c. Celebration of 9 years of Living Waters Presbytery
 - Taking place at Camp Big Canoe in the fall, Sept 22
 - There will be tents/booth/food trucks
 - RHUC is invited to have a booth there
 - UCW will be there
- c) CD by Joan Verner
 - a. Looking for new coordinators for Youth and Discovery Time for Sept

6. Minister's Report

Rev. Ravenscroft

- Father is transitional housing, will move in with James
- Good week at Five Oaks (Linda Butler was there)
- Winding down, consensus circle is coming to fruition
- June 3 joint service with New Life Korean church and potluck at noon
- Next week is 5 years as an Affirming church
- Following week Pride parade – happy to have more volunteers
- Youth musical coming up
- Pray for Linda Clark, also for Harry

7. New Business

Priority Projects update

- 1) Community Partners (Rev James) – meeting with partners not set yet
- 2) Stewardship/Finance (Terry D) – meeting not setup
- 3) Facilities (Jane W) – meeting May 14 @ 7 pm, will report on May 27

Coordinating team

- Looking for 4-5 new people to help out, need fresh eyes

Council retreat

- Sat June 2, location L'Arche Daybreak
- Potluck lunch
- Issues of governance and volunteerism
- Need to fill vacancy, Karen to help
- Regrets Jane W, June B,

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be September 12

Brandon Moore, Chair

Carolyn Balant, Secretary