

**RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Sep 12, 2018**  
**Parlor**

**PRESENT:** Brandon Moore, Nancy Hart, Kathleen Crosbie, Carolyn Balant, D.J. McCready, Joan Verner, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Donna Byres, Don Thomson, Harry Ramsaran, Peter DeVita, Sandra Loughton, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Anne Leyton-Brown, David Leyton-Brown late, Gillian Gibbons, Lyn May

**REGRETS:** Jane Wedlock, Joanne Scofield, Donna McErlain

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**

June Blanchette – metaphor of the kaleidoscope

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated. M/S Nancy/Lyn May **Carried**

2. **Minutes of May 9, 2018**

M/S Carolyn/Lyn May accept the Minutes of May 9, 2018 **Carried**

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

a. Report on Exercise of Summer Authority

1. We received the resignation of Sandra Loughton as Chair of Worship.
2. We received notification that Terry Davies will no longer be continuing as a Presbytery Representative (or whatever the new title will be at the end of 2018), and will no longer be attending Council meetings in his ex-officio capacity.
3. We received a request from the Mission Action Plan Steering Committee to approve a \$2800 expenditure from the Special Gifts Fund to engage Regeneration Works: Places of Faith to establish an Advisory Group, Conducting a Community Consultation/Design Charest in order to move forward with Project 2B in our Mission Plan in a timely fashion.

#### **4. Correspondence**

Vision committee received a certification from MP Majid Jowhari recognizing RHUC Anniversary.

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

- a) Finance Committee Report by Jane Ridout
  - General Fund contributions are on budget.
  - Property rentals are slightly ahead of budget
  - A film company booked space for \$3,000
  - Academy renting space for \$2,000 per month as well as MyPop Choir
  - Projected rental income \$90,000 for the year
  
- b) Outreach Report by
  - Syrian refugee decided not to come to Canada
  - Looking for another refugee to sponsor
  - Might use the Blended Visa Office-Referred Program, matches UN refugees with private sponsors
  
- c) Property Report by Peter DeVita
  - Very busy summer, highlights
  - Lower Centennial Hall Reno – painted, carpets, HRV added for air quality
  - Bell tower spiral stairs progressing, almost done
  - Security camera added to the parking lot door, now operational
  - Moved the PA to the main office
  - Grab bar installed on the Centre Street door, railings to be installed
  - Dan working with insurance company to cover cost to fix water damage
  - 2 main water leaks – CD windows and roof over office wall
  - Fire alarm panel replaced by maintenance company
  - Manse tenant has list of minor repairs quoted at \$6,300, budget only \$2K
  - Quote will be sent to Council member for review
  - Sanctuary roof damaged during wind storm, not covered by insurance since it was an act of god, \$7,000 was spent to fix

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

Rev. Ravenscroft

- Had a busy summer
- Commissioner with Terry Davies and David Leyton-Brown, take away was to listen better to marginalized communities
- Attended the Skylight Festival in Paris, Ontario, recommend it for others at RHUC next year
- August was busy with funerals

- Season of Creation, have decided to have 4 Ember days (Sep 22, Nov 25, Mar 3 and June 2)
- Sep 22 meeting at Camp Big Canoe

## 7. New Business

### Mission Action Plan (MAP)

#### Community Engagement Team

- received approval to hire a consultant Kendra Fry \$2,800

#### Property & Finance Team

- looking to hire consultant SHS Consulting to evaluate options for \$5,830
- Heated discussion ensued
- At issue is whether we need another consults report
- Documentation was just issued, there hasn't been time to review
- SHS are urban planners, their expertise would be very helpful
- There is urgency to make progress and we lack sufficient volunteers

Motion: to request a budget of \$20,000 from the Special Gifts Fund to begin implementation of the Mission Action Plan. Funds to be administered by the Map Pilot Team.

M/S DJ/ Jane Ridout      **Carried**

Project 9A – Governance, 3 vacancy on Council to be filled

## **AJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 10 at 7:30 pm

Devotion: D.J. McCready

Refreshments: Lynn Townsend & Jane Ridout

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Brandon Moore, Chair

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Carolyn Balant, Secretary