

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
December 12, 2018
James' house

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

REGRETS: Donna McErlain, Harry Ramsaran

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

Jane Wedlock – from Radical Hospitality on listening

1. **Approval of Agenda**

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

2. **Minutes of Nov 14, 2018**

M/S Nancy/Joan accept the Minutes of Nov 14, 2018 **Carried**

3. **Correspondence**

Artemis – appreciated dinner.

4. **Committees and Working Groups Updates**

- a) Finance Committee Report by Jane Ridout
 - Pledges mostly in, some left, some increased
 - Enid Mann named RHUC in an insurance policy \$5k

- b) Presbytry Report by David
 - Short list of names for our region voted on
 - Winning name 'Shinning Waters Region'
 - Against direction to not use waters

- c) CD by Lyn May

- Chairs term coming to an end and not choosing to continue
- Craft dinner was very successful, but chaotic

5. Minister's Report

Rev. James Ravenscroft

- Advent - all about worship
- Faith exploration – some seeking baptism
- Supporting grieving families, 'Grief is love not knowing where to go'

6. New Business

Mission Action Plan (MAP)

INTENTION #1: “BE A CULTURE OF WELCOME, RESPECT AND SAFETY WHERE WE HONOUR ONE ANOTHER AND RESPECT DIVERSITY”

PROJECT #1A: “STRENGTHEN A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN THE CONGREGATION”

PROJECT #1B: “CREATE A CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY”

INTENTION #2: “ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD”

PROJECT #2A: “ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST IN PARTNERING TOGETHER IN OUR BUILDING”

- Round table Jan 24, 6:30 pm, need volunteers for various things
- Suggest wine and canapes
- Kendra – from interviews, possible uses

PROJECT #2B: “ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS TO DISCERN NEEDS AND DETERMINE POSSIBLE RESPONSES”

PROJECT #2C: “DISCERN WAYS WE CAN BE MORE WELCOMING TO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY”

INTENTION #3: “ENSURE OUR FACILITIES ALIGN WITH OUR VALUES,

PROJECT #3A: “PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING FACILITIES”

PROJECT #3B: “SPACE USAGE IN THE MIDST OF TRANSITION”

PROJECT #3C: “EXPLORE COMMUNITY INTEREST IN A ‘CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY’ RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MEETING, OFFICE AND PERFORMANCE SPACE”

PROJECT # 3D: “CREATE CLEAR INTERNAL SIGNAGE TO ALLOW FOR EASY ROUTING IN BUILDING”

PROJECT # 3E: “CREATE AN UPDATED/WELCOMING PARKING STRATEGY”

INTENTION #4: “DEVELOP INTENTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, NOURISH SPIRITUAL WELLNESS AND ENGAGE IN JUSTICE”

PROJECT #4A: SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: SAFE CONVERSATIONS AND LAY LED PROGRAMMING

PROJECT #4B: “DEVELOP INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE PROJECTS TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY”

INTENTION #5: “CREATE DYNAMIC, ENGAGING AND MEANINGFUL WORSHIP”

PROJECT #5A: “CREATE WORSHIP EXPERIENCES THAT ENGAGE ALL AGES AND CULTURES”

PROJECT # 5B: “PROVIDE WORSHIP/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT TIMES OTHER THAN SUNDAY AM”

PROJECT # 5C: “CREATE MEDITATIVE SPACE AND OPPORTUNITIES”

INTENTION #6: “REACH OUT WITH CARE TO PEOPLE AT ALL STAGES OF LIFE”

PROJECT # 6A: “EVALUATE AND STRENGTHEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS”

PROJECT #6B: “EXPLORE PROGRAM/INTERESTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS”

PROJECT # 6C: “CREATION OF PROGRAMS FOR THE INCREASING POPULATION OF SENIORS”

PROJECT #6D: “PASTORAL CARE INITIATIVES”

INTENTION #7: “COMMUNICATE OUR STORY BOTH WITHIN AND BEYOND THE CONGREGATION”

- Thinking about how to communicate to congregation
- Suggest notes in the pews

PROJECT # 7A: “CREATE AND ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF STRONG COMMUNICATION TOOLS”

PROJECT #7B: “RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE RHUC THROUGH STORYTELLING”

INTENTION #8: “BE GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCES AND OUR FACILITIES”

PROJECT # 8A: “DEVELOP WAYS FOR PEOPLE IN AND BEYOND THE CHURCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO FINANCES BEYOND SUNDAY OFFERING AND PAR”

PROJECT # 8B: “IDENTIFY EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES”

– grants Joanne and Carolyn Wu

INTENTION #9: “FOSTER AND VALUE LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS”

- Governance meeting Dec 13

PROJECT # 9A: “REVIEW GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE”

PROJECT # 9B: “DEVELOP VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT PROCESS”

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 9 at 7:30 pm

Devotion:

Refreshments: Donna Byres & Donna McErlain

Brandon Moore, Chair

Carolyn Balant, Secretary