

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
Jan 9, 2019
Garden Room

PRESENT: Brandon Moore, Carolyn Balant, D.J. McCready, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Donna Byres, Bill Warrick, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock, Donna McErlain, David Leyton-Brown, Joanne Scofield, Lyn May, Joan Verner, Nancy Hart, Joanne Scofield

REGRETS:, Kathleen Crosbie, Peter DeVita, Don Thomson, 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 – DJ McCready

- Things that hurt – should be rooted in sand/winds of forgiveness
- Things that are good – should be engraved in stone

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated. M/S Nancy/Jane Ridout **Carried**

Reminder that the AGM is Sunday Mar 3rd

2. **Minutes of Dec 12, 2018**

M/S DJ/ Lyn May accept the Minutes of Dec 12, 2018 **Carried**

3. **Correspondence**

Thank you letter from 360Kids for our advent giving donation. Posted on the Outreach board.

4. **Committees / Working Groups Reports**

1. Finance / Property

Jane Ridout led a discussion based on the memo (Dated Dec 9th, included) that she had circulated at the December Council Meeting, regarding the Property Budget. She reiterated that prior to the AGM, Finance felt that it was important that Council confirms:

1. Our position regarding the building and how ongoing maintenance of the building relates to MAP.
 Council agreed that the Mission Action Plan (MAP) is the overall context for collective efforts at RHUC
2. Clear understanding with the Property Committee that they have not been granted a lump sum for 2019 which they can spend as they see fit, but only on approved projects, and up to limits set by congregation on unscheduled projects. (Clarification – this refers to projects outside the Operating Fund maintenance budget). Bill Warwick agreed that this should be the understanding.
3. There is clear understanding with Property Committee that funds approved for unscheduled projects are there to deal with emergencies, or urgent safety concerns.
4. Property and Finance Committees share a common understanding of what constitutes an emergency or an urgent or safety concern.
5. There is a clear understanding with the Property Committee that if there is an emergency that cannot be dealt with within the approved budget they must ask the Executive Committee, or if timing allows it, Council, to review the situation and approve any spending from the Harry Sayers Fund. 3. 4. And 5 – It was agreed that Jane Ridout, Peter Devita and Jane Wedlock would meet to discuss these items and come to an agreement.

It was also agreed that it was essential for all committees to track spending carefully. Bill agreed to assist Peter DeVita with this including tracking Purchase Orders/Budget.

Council agreed that it was essential at this point in the life of the congregation as we are going through a major transition, that we all be pulling in the same direction.

2. Minister's Report

- Who's plate is this? Looking for the owner of an abandoned plate from the Dec potluck.
- Christmas was delightful, wonderful, beautiful, etc. Both services were very well attended including wider community.
- Working on Spiritual Entrepreneurship – online course that's almost done
- MAP main initiative

3. Mission Action Plan Priorities Updates

- Community engagement, hiring Kendra, round table event Jan 24, 6:30 - 9 pm, last count 50 external people. Event to include food such as wine and canape's, introductions, tour, etc
- Governance review – working group 1 pager on mission team model, smaller, more acceptable to change, current structure lacks vision, how outreach is currently operating
- Facilities – Kristine make a plan

- Welcome project
 - a. Canada Summer Jobs Program – property looking for 1 or 2 students, need to have supervision
 - b. Manse – spoke with tenants, discussed possibility of moving out for new refugees, they will start looking in spring, will affect budget,
 - c. Each committee to submit their budgets, will present budget in February for presentation to the congregation at AGM, took in great donations in Dec

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be Wednesday Feb 13 at 7:30 pm

Devotion:

Refreshments:

Brandon Moore, Chair

Carolyn Balant, Secretary