

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
Feb 13, 2019
Garden Room

PRESENT: Brandon Moore, Carolyn Balant, D.J. McCready, Lynn Townsend, Jane Ridout, Bill Warrick, June Blanchette, Rev. James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock, David Leyton-Brown, Joanne Scofield, Lyn May, Joan Verner, Nancy Hart, Joanne Scofield, Kathleen Crosbie, Don Thomson, Harry Ramsaran

REGRETS: Donna McErlain, Peter DeVita,

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 – Rev James Ravenscroft – what to teach your children

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated. M/S David/Carolyn **Carried**

Reminder that the AGM is Sunday Mar 3rd

2. **Minutes of Jan 9, 2019**

M/S Carolyn/Lyn May accept the Minutes of Jan 9, 2019 **Carried**

3. **Matters Arising**

1. Emergency Projects

Jane Ridout, Peter Devita, Bill Warrick and Jane Wedlock met to discuss property budget issues and tried to come to an agreement but no consensus was achieved.

The Chair of Property believes the property committee is free to spend their budget at their discretion within the capital budget envelope rather than adhering to projects approved by the congregation at the AGM

Finance/Council have agreed that the emergency fund should be used only for emergencies. Otherwise need council approval. This had been previously affirmed as outlined in the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting.

- Bill to support Peter to work within the budget and keep track of expenses

- Harry Sayers fund can be used for building emergencies – but only with Council approval and agreement/plan to replenish the fund.
- The intention is to contain expenses while we wait for direction from the MAP process.

4. **Correspondence**

We received a donation from the Scouts for their event on Jan 12.

5. **Committees / Working Groups Reports**

1. Mission Action Plan

Intention 9: Governance – shift to Mission Team model

- Presence of UCW on official Board, admin
- Finance removed from Board to be part of operations – need strategic thinking
- Lunch and learn with the congregation to be held on new structure to provide feedback
- James suggests suspending the current constitution for 1 yr and live with the new model
- After 1 year, rewrite constitution, after the kinks have been worked out
- Accountability vs permission giving

MAP Roundtable

- Consisted of over 50 people from the wider community
- Many ideas generated
- Kendra Fry issued final report

Facilities and Finance Meeting

- SHS Consulting is working with RHUC to assist in assessment of options
- Need process to evaluate options Test for viability, desirability and feasibility
- Feb 23 2019 – SHS will facilitate a daylong meeting to solidify our vision
- Need to look at the long term

We were successful in our application to Living Waters Presbytery Inter-Commission Funding Task Group - \$10,000 cheque arrived for the project “Exploring potential for inter-faith intergenerational collaboration for justice through the arts.”

2. Finance Committee

- Jane Ridout presented 2018 Results
- Adopt Results for the Presentation M/S Jane Ridout /DJ McReady
- Motion to Adopt Budget Presentation at the AGM M/S Jane Ridout/DJ McReady
 - o Approved as amended

3. Trustees

- Annual meeting held, all in good order

4. Minister's Report
 - MAP main initiative

AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Next Meeting of Council:

The next meeting will be AGM on Mar 3, from 12 noon

Brandon Moore, Chair

Carolyn Balant, Secretary