

RHUC COUNCIL minutes
February 11, 2017

Present ;

Lynn Townsend, Brandon Moore, Joan Verner, Nancy Hart, David Leyton-Brown, Terry Davies, Donna Byers, Donna Smith, Joanne Scofield, Harry Ramsaran, June Blanchette, Sandra Loughton, James Ravenscroft, Jane Wedlock

Regrets:

DJ McCready
Sue Baker
Lyn May
Kathleen Crosbie
Gillian Gibbons
Don Thomson
Donna Devita
-Larry Windsor

Devotion:

Joan Verner - Prayer by Greta Vosper

Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2107

Motion to approve: Donna Smith

Seconded: Donna Beyers

Unanimous consent

Amendments: January 11 - Lynn Townsend was present

Motion to approve minutes as amended: Lynn Townsend

Seconded: Terry Davies

Unanimous consent

MATTERS ARISING:

Missional consultation:

-James has been talking with Karen H...W.....regarding missional consulting - this would cost more than ReVision process through EDGE - this process would include Listening Circles (12 to 15 gatherings of 10-12 people each, where conversations are facilitated, looking for common themes,) Strategy Circle... Consensus Circle....

- Karen would also be using information gathered previously by congregation to help us bring out our aspirations, name our own strategies, etc

- Karen is know to have expertise in facilitating - she is very highly thought of within presbytery- there have been very significant positive results as result of her leadership in other churches eg Orillia

- Total cost is about \$7500 plus travel - RHUC to pay \$2500 plus travel, and presbytery pays the remainder \$5000

- Karen requires a secretary for the series of listening circles - she could provide one but it would cost us more

Motion - That RHUC council spend \$2500 plus \$1000 for travel expenses to engage Karen HW as missional consultant

Motion for approval: Jane Wedlock

Seconded: Terry Davies

Consent - unanimous

Champing: James

- James contacted the organization after our January council meeting - he didn't hear back and we aren't listed on the website- James will continue communication attempts

Correspondence:

- "We Can Change the world Day' - offered 8 tickets for our youth - Sunday Feb. 11 - Joanne Scoffield will organize this

Committees and working groups updates:

Treasurer /Finance - results of 2016

- see handout from Jane Ridout - attachment below

Financial Position discussion:

A Memorial gift or bequest with no specific direction given goes into non restricted funds

-internally restricted funds show \$71000, but already spent - only on paper

-if bequest is not earmarked, can't we use those funds to help with General fund deficit? Yes

- in 2017 will be getting \$15000 bequest for General Fund
- told we will be getting a \$28000 bequest as well - hope to receive in 2017
- Can Special Gifts be used for something like Karen HW? - yes
- we need to celebrate that people have responded to the need as indicated by pledges for 2017

Motion:

No motion made regarding moving Bequest and Memorial contributions from General funds to internally restricted funds

Motion:

That RHUC council approve financial statement of year end 2016 as amended (see attachment)

Motion for approval:Jane Ridout

Seconded: Sandra Loughton

Consent: unanimous

Adding to note #21

Amount for Missional consultation initiative to be from Special Gifts fund: \$3500

Adding to note #8

Add 'and honorariums"

Note#18 Mission and Service fund

Drop 15% in pledges - due to funds being moved to General Fund in pledges received

Motion:

That RHUC council approve the 2017 Budget as presented.

Motion for approval- Jane Ridout

Seconded: Donna Smith

Approved: unanimous

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Support for Worship Committee

- M and P makes this recommendation for action: because a change from 2 to 1 minister resulted in increased work needed to cover James' non-preaching Sundays (1 per month) and vacation time, the recommendation was made that council strike a working committee to identify suitable speakers/ministers for these Sundays, and provide the list to Worship Committee

Motion: That council put in place a working group to create a list of suitable speakers/preachers for Sundays when James is not preaching: 3 to 5 people would take ownership of this task, one of whom is then a member of Worship Committee

Comment [1]:

Motion for approval: Joan Verner

Seconded: Terry Davies

Approved: unanimous

- Brandon will make a call out to the congregation through RHUC on-line etc

Minister's report

- James has been making further community connections over the past month - has joined the York Region Interfaith Advisory Council
- He will be meeting with Marge Andre - a community connector - who will help facilitate meetings with community leaders/members
- re Pastoral care - travel time to make some visits is quite lengthy

New Business

A - General Council 42: Remit 4 - Funding a new model

- Terry highlighted some areas of the Remit 4 document sent out previously to council members
- There will be a Presentation at the AGM, with breakout groups to provide feedback to council
- Council will be voting based on feedback from congregation - at March meeting, or at a later council meeting if Lunch and Learn is needed to help clarify remits for congregation
- Suggestion made that one council member be at each table group to take notes and answer questions....
- One week prior to AGM there will be a note in RHUC online for congregation to see summary and link to General Council information

B - AGM preparations

Sunday Feb. 26

- tables will be set up from Sock Hop night before
- Lynn Townsend - cookies and squares - sign up list

C - Town council /Village core

- Revised plan going to town council Feb 21
- Jane Wedlock may do deputation or write a communication with others - responding to what the town hopes to see and what future opportunity may be seen
- If interested in participating in this, please let Jane Wedlock know

D - Covernotes has changed hands - Donna Smith would like an acknowledgement from council, thanking previous owner for her contributions to RHUC

- Donna Devita will be asked to do this

Adjournment
9:25 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Hart (replaced Donna Devita for this meeting)