



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Call to Order: Chair, Christy Manuel, opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the opening prayer and the Board recited together the Living Waters Presbytery Covenant.

Present: John Boer, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Christy Manuel, Monica McArthur, Larry Murray, Lianne Patterson, Dorothy Ramsay, Anne Snell and Brian Young.

Regrets: Jean Cooke, Gord Emerson, Joyce Moore, Rob Murdoch

Corresponding Members: Sharon Crossley

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

At 8:15 pm – quorum was achieved.

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Brian Young, seconded by Larry Murray, that the agenda be approved.
Carried

Correspondence:

a) None

Consideration/Approval of Minutes – Official Board dated September 25, 2018:

Motion: Moved by Lianne Patterson, seconded by Anne Snell, that the minutes of the Official Board meeting of September 25, 2018, be approved. ***Carried***

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

For Decision

a) Finance Committee – Monica McArthur
Financial Reports and dated 2018 09 30

A Finance Committee Report was received from Monica McArthur (attached as Appendix A).

Motion: Moved by Monica McArthur, seconded by Larry Murray, that the Finance Committee Report and the Financial Reports as of September 30, 2018 (Income of \$298,247.24 and Expenditures of \$378,866.00) be accepted as presented. ***Carried***

2019 Proposed Budget and Guidelines

There was a full conversation on the draft 2019 budget, which includes a positive outcome. The proposed income will be \$475,100 and expenses \$459,975. We heard that the Finance Committee will be sending out the third quarter statements and a financial support card for 2019, which will be returned on November 18 during worship. The sermons in November will be on Stewardship. The Board agreed to the guidelines in principle and also tabled the 2019 budget until the November meeting, to give members more time to continue the fruitful conversation.

Budget to be tabled to November 2018 meeting.

b) Vision, Mission Statements and Core Values – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

We began this conversation at the Retreat. In April we looked at the Retreat Dream – checking in now, can we still live with this? The dream is where we're hoping to go. This will become a big part of us – what are we hoping.

Our dream is to be a community with open hearts, open minds and open will as we become:

- ❖ stronger through various styles of worship;
- ❖ deeper through discipleship;
- ❖ warmer through unconditional welcome, fellowship
- ❖ richer through radical inclusion;
- ❖ broader through ministry to all ages and stages of life; and
- ❖ larger through intentionally inviting others on this journey of faith.

Mission Statement – Collier – CENTRED – with God, in Barrie, on you.

A Mission Statement will often tell what you do – Board members are asked to think about the Mission Statement.

Core Values:

Connection – Community – Creativity – Inclusion – Love – Transformation – Hope

Motion: Moved by Lianne Patterson, seconded by John Boer, that the board recommends the Vision, Mission and Core Values to the congregation for approval. **Carried**

c) Mission Priorities for 2019 – Ways of Worship & Small Groups & Connecting – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

For 2019, Hewitt recommends we name 2 of the 4 as priorities – Worship and Small Groups & Connecting. The Board agrees in principle that these priorities be in place for 2019.

d) Church Renewal and Growth Plan of Action 2019/2020 – *Ways of Worship, Fellowship (Small Groups/Young Families) and Ministry: Community and Outreach* – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Rev. Hewitt Holmes invited board members to consider what different thing we can do to get a different result – In Worship and in Fellowship. The board broke into 2 smaller teams and brainstormed these areas:

Worship

- Projection screen will reduce paper but also makes it easier and is an update
- Follow-up with groups who use our space regularly – i.e. Scouts and Guides – we could liaise with cub leaders and bring them in more routinely for events in the church
- Follow-up with baptism families – expectation to have them as part of our church and for the congregation to support them
- Success of junior choir – children singing in worship
- Increase rental space – ball hockey – Christian Hockey League – reach out to leaders and advise of our space available to rent – have them using our gym during the off-season
- Stewardship Sunday – have 4 or 5 different conversations presented other than only from the minister

Fellowship

- Coffee hour before worship
- Coffee during worship
- Coffee provided by teams – let each team decide what to serve
- More potlucks
- More time/formal introduction of new members
- Personal note responding to newcomers
- More training on welcoming of people – ushers, others
- Announce birthdays (month/day) and anniversaries during worship
- Cooking/baking classes

How could we bring new families into our church?

- Follow-up after the baptism
- Birthday party – invite all of the children who had been baptized – one year from date of baptism
- Discussion groups about marriage, mental health, how to make a better family – more connected to each other
- Picnics in the summer – instead of having worship in our regular space – go to a park
- Camp Day – come to church as though you were heading to camp

e) SWOT Analysis from Committees – Christy Manuel

Thanks was extended to the three committees who submitted their SWOT analysis. There is a need to redefine what the chair and the committees are expected to do. There's a brief definition in the constitution with minimal detail provided. A one-page summary of each committee and their role and what it is going to look like going forward is to be prepared for discussion. Session will review those committees represented by Session. The board will spend intentional time exploring the five ministry purpose areas. There are additional resources available as groundwork for this. These additional materials could be an Appendix to the Collier Constitution. We will continue this discussion at November meeting by reviewing what is working, what can be improved and how it works within the missional priorities.

f) Church Calendar – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

The church calendar was shared; feedback is requested including identifying significant dates to be added.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Murray at 9:45 p.m.

Closing Blessing – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom

Chair, Christy Manuel

Secretary, Lianne Patterson