



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH  
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Call to Order:** The Board had a fellowship dinner before the meeting, as this group was having its last meeting as a Church Board. Chair Lianne Patterson opened the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Lianne led the Board through the acknowledgment of Indigenous Lands.

Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the centering prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

**Present:** Sharon Crossley, Laurie Crosson, Sandra Dowds, Debbie Guyader, Steve Harding, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Marg Valad and Rob Murdock.

**Regrets:** Terry Tizzard & Donald Carty.

**Corresponding Members:** None

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None

**Consideration/Approval of Agenda:**

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus that the agenda be approved for our meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Correspondence:** None

**Correspondence Follow-up:** None

**Consideration/Approval of Minutes**

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus that the draft minutes from the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Church Board meeting, be approved.

Electronic vote issued January 31, 2024

**DECISION:** That the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting held January 28, 2024, on Re-Imagining Collier Street United Church Building and Property be accepted. **CARRIED.**

**Business Arising from Minutes and Reports**

**For Discussion and Decision**

a) **Re-Imagining Update**

~What next after the congregation "Yes" vote?

The board held an open discussion around the congregational meeting on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, where the congregation voted yes to moving forward with the next phase of the Re-Imagining project.

Overall, board members felt the meeting went well. Very little resistance from the congregation at large. Most of the questions were answered at the small group meetings held for a few months prior to the vote. Communication was very clear on the day of the meeting.

The TCF Proposal was circulated, presented, and discussed. The next phase in this project is titled “Art of the Possible.” Clarification was provided around the cost of the next phase, coming in at \$35,000.00. We will need the review and support of the Shining Waters Regional Council to move forward with the next phase.

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus to accept TCF's proposal for “Art of the Possible” with a cost of \$35,000 to be resourced by the Board of Trustees and recommends this proposal to the Shining Waters Regional Council.

## b) Team Updates

### Worship Connecting and Community

Anne Snell spoke about having joint services with St Andrew’s Presbyterian and Collier Street United on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Rev. Hewitt noted that St Andrew’s showed interest in joint services with Collier. Hewitt also mentioned that the St Andrew’s Session agreed they wanted their own Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus to have joint services with St Andrew’s on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Sharon Crossley announced that the following people would become Collier Street United Church members by Profession of Faith and Transfer.

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus that **Azam Esmati, Margaret Dew, Murray Maxwell, Richard Moffat, George Rogan, and Jessica Wenzel**, by Profession of Faith, **and Mike and Heather Madigan**, by Transfer, become a full member of Collier Street United Church, to be celebrated in a worship ceremony in March 2024.

*Rev. Richard Moffat is a retired minister of the UCC; as per the Manual, ministers not serving in a pastoral charge by call or appointment can apply for membership.*

### Finance Update

Laurie Crosson, the Treasurer, spoke to the Breakfast program and the new coalition that had been formed. A memorandum of understanding will be coming to the Board shortly for review and approval. The \$200,000 grant from Simcoe County started December 1, 2023, to support the Breakfast program.

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus that Collier Street United Church continues to engage the breakfast program through MOU and other areas or means necessary for the full execution of the program.

The Finance Task Force report and statements were distributed before the meeting. The Treasurer outlined some minor changes to the 2024 budget. This would be reviewed at the congregational meeting.

**DECISION:** Agreed by consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of January 31, 2024 (Income of \$24,487.83 and Expenditures of \$33,506.11) be accepted.

c) **Anti-Racism Statement and Action Plan Update**

The board had an honest discussion around Black History Month and the need for us to do more within the walls of our own Church to continue to make compassion and justice come alive for Black people.

D) **AGM (February 25) & 2023 UCC statistical Form and Report Submissions**

The board talked about the upcoming AGM. Board members were asked to come and help set up the Church Hall after 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The AGM agenda and how the proceedings would unfold on Sunday were also highlighted.

Rev. Hewitt explained that the 2023 UCC Statistical Report will be due soon. The office is completing the document. The document will be uploaded to the UCC ChurchHub portal before the deadline.

Lianne was thanked for hosting the Board for supper and meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:05 p.m.

**Sending Prayer** – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

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Chair, Lianne Patterson

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Secretary, Steve Harding