



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – Collier Boardroom and via Zoom

Call to Order: Former Chair Lianne Patterson joined the meeting virtually, with others gathered in the Board room at Collier Street at 6:32 p.m. Lianne welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Church Board structure. A special welcome to new Board Members Bruce Armstrong and Lorne Hassard. The Board did the land acknowledgment together.

Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the centering prayer.

Present: Bruce Armstrong, Laurie Crosson, Lorne Hassard, Debbie Guyader, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, and Lianne Patterson.

Regrets: None

Corresponding Members: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

DECISION: Agreed by consensus, that the agenda be approved for our March 26, 2024 meeting.

Correspondence/Correspondence Follow-up – None

Appointments

Nominations Committee Co-Chair Deb Tyler, joined the Board meeting to present the Board Co-Chair and Task Force Co-Chair nominations, as follows:

a) **Appointment of Board Co-Chairs**

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that Debbie Guyader and Lorne Hassard be appointed Co-Chairs of the Church Board for a two-year period, with signing officer's authority.

b) **Appointment of Co-Chairs for Task Forces**

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the following individuals be appointed Co-Chairs of their respective Task Force for a two-year period:

- i. **Transition Task Force** – Laurie Crosson and Lianne Patterson
- ii. **Time, Treasure & Talents [Finance, Social Action & Property]**
Laurie Crosson – Finance
Steve Harding and John Fisher – Social Action
Murray Maxwell – Property
- iii. **Worship, Connecting & Community** – Sharon Crossley (Connecting) and Anne Snell (Worship Life)

Debbie Guyader assumed the position of Chair for the balance of the meeting.

Consideration/Approval of Minutes and Receive the AGM Minutes

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of February 20, 2024, be approved; and that the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held February 25, 2024, be accepted and recommended to the congregation for approval.

Group Exercise – Consensus Model

The Board watched 3 short videos describing the consensus model and fully discussed best practices for effective consensus decision-making.

AGM and Worship Feedback

The Board discussed the recent Annual General Meeting and provided the following feedback:

- Went well – was well attended – people were engaged
- Really liked the Finance presentation – questions and answers helped walk people through the report details
- Appreciate the work that goes into it – AV/tech stuff – set-up
- Combined worship and AGM is effective – reminds us that we are a church family
- Meeting went smoothly – only a few questions which shows the presentations were well structured
- Grateful to UCW for providing lunch
- Excellent January Congregational Meeting on Re-Imagining spilled over into the AGM. Annual Report was one of the best representations of Collier's life – an intentional telling of our story. Board was involved in making the day happen in an effective and engaging way.
- Doing communion at the end, after the lunch break, was the last thing that led each of us back into our week which provided a strong message.

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports For Discussion and Decision

c) Task Force Meetings – May 13 to 24, 2024

Task Forces are to schedule a meeting of their members between May 13 to 24, 2024.

d) Finance Task Force Update – Laurie

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of February 29, 2024 (Income of \$68,649.13 and Expenditures of \$74,096.21), be accepted.

e) Memorial Bench – Sign Update Request for Lois Turney from Mark Turney

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Memorial Bench Sign be updated to include a memorial for Lois Turney as per the request of Mark Turney.

f) Re-Imagining Update

Shining Waters Region has approved Collier proceeding with Phase 2 of Re-Imagining with Trinity Centres Foundation, subject to the following:

- The Collier-TCF contract receives a legal review on Collier's behalf.

- Further information on the congregation's viability and sustainability (ongoing worship and program life and financial capacity) will be required at a later date to continue to be a strong, vital ministry through the development phase.
- The Region has stipulated that Collier's land cannot be sold.

The reviewed contract to be recommended to the Region for approval is expected to be sent to the Board for an electronic vote before the May Board meeting. Phase 2 includes interviewing potential developers. Opinions from congregation members have been sought, which will guide our conversations with developers, but they are not prerequisites.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Transition Task Force will seek legal review of the Collier-TCF Contract when received, prior to presenting to the Board.

g) **Anti-Racism – Next Steps – Video & Discussion** – Debbie

The Board watched a short video on Anti-Racism and discussed the differences between Non-Racist and Anti-Racist. We strive to be actively anti-racist partners with racialized people rather than solely being allies.

h) **May Board Meeting Date**

The next Board meetings will be held at 2:30 p.m. on May 23, 2024, and July 24, 2024. Meeting dates for September and November will be scheduled at the May meeting.

Adjourned by Consensus at 8:33 p.m.

Sending Prayer – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23/2024, at 2:30 p.m. at Collier Street United Church.

Co-Chair, Debbie Guyader

Minute Taker, Lianne Patterson