



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 23, 2024 – Collier Boardroom

Call to Order: The board gathered in the Board room at Collier Street at 2:29 p.m., and Co-Chair Debbie Guyader welcomed everyone. The Board then 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 May 23, 2024 meeting.

Correspondence/Correspondence Follow-up – None

Consideration/Approval of Minutes

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of March 26, 2024, be approved.

Board Electronic Vote—On April 15, 2024, the board received the legally reviewed contract between Collier Street United Church (CSUC) and Trinity Centres Foundation (TCF). The Shining Waters Regional Council, through the Communities of Faith Commission, asked CSUC to seek a legal review of the contract before re-submitting it to the Council. Alex Cockburn of Barriston Law reviewed the contract on behalf of CSUC. The Transition Task Force discussed the suggestions with TCF. A revised contract was presented to the Board.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Contract between Collier Street United Church and Trinity Centres Foundation for the Phase 2 Re-Imagining work be accepted and recommended to the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Region for approval.

Group Exercise – Team Work

The Board watched a video on teamwork. Discussion included ensuring we have the information required to make decisions and how we work together as a new board.

Information, Discussion and Decision

a) **Finance Task Force Update – Laurie**

The financials to date and the Finance Task Force report were presented to the board ahead of the meeting.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of April 30, 2024 (Income of \$156,742.99 and Expenditures of \$162,689.26) be accepted.

b) Worship, Connecting and Community – Hewitt

1. Collier Street United Church received two requests for membership.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that Joan and Greg Gimpoli become full members of CSUC by transfer of membership, to be celebrated in a worship service in June/July.

2. Two families need the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for their children.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that Andrew Jolliffe and Hunter Barron will be given the Sacrament of Baptism in a worship service at CSUC in June/July.

3. Summer Worship – July and August 2024.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that there will be joint worship services between CSUC and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for July and August 2024.

c) Re-Imagining Update – Lianne

- The legal review of the contract was completed and submitted to Shining Waters Region for the Communities of Faith Commission's (CFC) April meeting. The CFC sent our contract to Kindred Works for review. The Region received a legal review of the contract. The contract was returned to us with suggestions. The Transition Task Force has been busy managing the suggestions from the Region, TCF and our Legal team. TCF has been very flexible and accepted all changes.
- The updated contract has been re-submitted to the Communities of Faith Commission (CFC) with the majority of Region changes and the changes of the CSUC legal representative. The CFC met on May 15. We are waiting to hear from the CFC. When approved, the contract with TCF can be signed.
- Laurie Crosson and Lianne Patterson will represent CSUC at the TCF conference in Montreal on May 28, 2024. They will present the CSUC approach with TCF for phase 1.

d) Anti-Racism – Next Steps – Video & Discussion – Debbie

The Board watched a short video on Anti-Asian Racism and continued with our anti-racist discussions and ongoing work as a community of faith.

The meeting was adjourned by Consensus at 4:23 p.m.

Sending Prayer – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at Collier Street United Church.
Thursday, September 26 at 2:30 pm, location TBD
Thursday, November 28 at 2:30 pm, location TBD

Co-Chair, Debbie Guyader

Minute Taker, Laurie Crosson