



**COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH**  
**CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
 Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:06 p.m. and lead the board through the Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands. Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the opening prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

**Present:** Sharon Crossley, Laurie Crosson, Sandra Dowds, Steve Harding, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Christy Manuel, Rob Murdock, Terry Oram, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Susan Storing, Terry Tizzard and Marg Valad.

**Regrets:** None

**Corresponding Members:** none

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** none

**Consideration/Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Anne Snell that the agenda be approved.  
**Carried**

**Correspondence:** We had one letter from a member of our Congregation asking questions around financial reporting and procedures. Matter was addressed in writing and is now considered closed.

**Consideration/Approval of Minutes – Official Board dated October 27th, 2020**

**Motion:** Moved by Steve Harding, seconded by Robert Murdock, that the draft minutes of the Official Board meeting of November 24th, 2020 be approved and the draft minutes of the December 15th, 2020 Emergency Board meeting be approved. **Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes and Reports**

**For Discussion and Decision**

a) Leadership, Mentorship and Growth

Board members participated in a round table discussion focusing on direction for this team. Below is a list of thoughts and ideas that came out of the Boards discussion.

Leadership	Mentorship	Growth
~integrity ~Inclusion	~Encourage mentoring for board members. ~Pass on your knowledge as a form of training.	~ Increase our membership/families – more community events.

<p>~New model should be inclusive, welcoming thoughts and ideas from the Congregation and Board.  ~Servant leadership putting others before ourselves.  ~initiating action – Ignite the spark within. How do we move the congregation forward?  ~Enthusiasm of leaders will help generate excitement.  ~Spirit moving in different ways. Lead by doing something. Board needs to create action.  ~Set goals and build on success.  ~Incorporate faces of our community into our congregation. We are an inner- city Church yet our congregation does not reflect these people.</p>	<p>~Support and welcome new ideas.  ~Be open to look at change.  ~Take advantage of others’ expertise. Be empowered to pass on the knowledge.  ~Engagement and support will be needed in a specific area.  ~Tools to succeed are needed.  ~Develop talent when you connect with people. Interchange of information can be powerful for mentor and mentee.  ~Allow people to make mistakes. That is how they learn.</p>	<p>~Set clear goals, timelines, and expectations.  ~What we do with our building and other downtown communities – connecting with them – what we have from a physical, personal, and emotional perspective.  ~Establish growth within our community showing who we are and what we have to offer.  ~Grow small groups, ask the congregation about what courses they want to see.  ~Physical and emotional growth with our Collier family.  ~Ask your neighbors why they don’t go to church. Their feedback could prove helpful.  ~Church is conservative – not representative of ideals of some individuals.</p>
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**b) City of Barrie Request to List Collier as a Historical Site**

Collier Street United Church has been presented with an opportunity from the City of Barrie. The city would like to designate Collier Street United Church as a Heritage site. A Heritage site can be offered as a listing or as a designation. Sarah MacKinnon, from the City of Barrie joined our board meeting and provided a brief overview outlining both options. (See attached Brief presentation). The board had the opportunity to ask questions of Sarah during our meeting. The Heritage listing option offers additional benefits re: Collier’s profile within the community, as well as having access to grant opportunities.

**Motion:** Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Marg Valad, that the Collier Board will move forward with the Heritage Site listing option as presented. **Carried**

**c) Emergency Task Force Transition**

Collier Street remains in Phase one of our reopening plan. This means that worship and worship leadership will be offered on-line until further notice. The Emergency Task force has not met since our last meeting.

**d) 2019 Auditors Review & 2020 Year To Date Financials**

Paul Morrison from Morrison CPA provided a recap of the 2019 audit report. Morrison CPA has signed off on the audit report unqualified. This means Colliers financial practices were found to meet accounting standards.

Laurie Crosson provided financials as of December 2020. At this time Laurie also reviewed the 2020 balance sheet with the Board.

**Motion:** Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Terry Tizzard, that the 2019 Auditors Report presented by Morrison CPA be received and recommended to the congregation. **Carried**

**Motion:** Moved by Laurie Crosson Seconded by Marg Valad, that the Balance sheet as of December 2020 presented be received and recommended to the congregation. **Carried**

**Motion:** Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Sandra Dowds, that the Finance Committee Report and the Financial Reports as of December 31, 2020 (Income of \$314,226.14 and Expenditures of \$335,342.88) be accepted as presented. **Carried**

### **Board Team Meetings February 21-27<sup>th</sup>**

New Board Teams are now in place. First meetings are scheduled for the first quarter of this calendar year. Team Co-Chairs will create agendas for the upcoming meetings in conjunction with our minister, Hewitt .

#### **e) Nominations Team Update**

Still looking to fill the following two positions.

~Two Co-Chairs are needed for Leadership, Mentorship and Growth team

~Board Chair Elect role is still vacant.

#### **f) 2021 AGM Booklet: worship & meeting format/booklet for February 8th, 2021.**

~Reports are coming in for the Annual meeting.

~Finance numbers will be inputted shortly;

~Booklet is coming along nicely. Very Colourful

~March 7<sup>th</sup> online congregational meeting

~Printed Copies will also be available

~The Annual meeting will be integrated into the worship service.

Motion to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. by Laurie Crosson

**Closing Blessing** – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm – location to be determined

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Chair, Lianne Patterson

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Recorder, Steve Harding