



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH  
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:01 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:* Agreed by consensus, that the agenda be approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Consideration/Approval of Minutes – Church Board dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Motion:* Moved by Steve Harding, seconded by Susan Storing, that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be approved. **Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes and Reports**

**For Discussion and Decision**

a) **How to Be Collier in a Post Pandemic Reality**

**Leadership, Mentorship and Growth**

- ~Church is just not just an event that happens on Sunday
- ~Touching the community in a different way
- ~Measure the reasons to come to church not the numbers
- ~Move Zoom technology forward after the pandemic
- ~Look at Technology as a tool to drive us forward and touch more people.
- ~ Use the 12 characteristics of a healthy church as a benchmark. (See attached slide)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelism</li> <li>• Discipleship</li> <li>• Membership</li> <li>• Leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship</li> <li>• Fellowship</li> <li>• Prayer</li> <li>• Accountability &amp; Discipline</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preaching &amp; Teaching</li> <li>• Ordinances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving</li> <li>• Mission</li> </ul>
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- ~Churches with strong core values and good sense of mission attract new members. These churches have had less negative impact from the Covid pandemic.
- ~Focus on meaningful work not busy work.
- ~Goal setting meaningful work needs to be a focus. Outcome base activities.

**Connecting and Community**

- ~Reconnect and reenergize our congregation.
- ~UCW found they depend on each other. Stories of the old days working together.
- ~Staying in touch before we rebuild. Find our strengths and what people want.
- ~Don't take things for granted. Build on togetherness.

**b) What Should Collier Focus on now and when we reopen?**

Below are the results of our brain storming session on this topic.

**Worship, Connecting and Community:**

- ~ Collier's experience should be expanded outside of Sunday.
- ~ Potluck suppers, chat groups, podcasts should be scheduled
- ~ Use best practices that you used to connect with others during the pandemic.
- ~Coffee and Connection after service using different Zoom chat rooms
- ~Speakers of different faith series was very enlightening
- ~Developing skill sets, prayer, meditation

**Time, Treasures and Talents:**

- ~Identify workshop categories that people are interested in. Need a balance between free workshops and fundraisers for the church.
- ~Workshops allow people to share their time, treasures and talent
- ~How do we raise money?
- ~Let's not become too busy.
- ~We are in this together
- ~Treasure is not in the steeple but its in the people. This is where mission takes place.
- ~ Ask what people are looking for and how we connect to our mission.
- ~Walking groups with mentors

**c) Emergency Transition Task Force**

The ERTF task force met February 18<sup>th</sup>. recommended that Collier Street United Church remain in phase one lockdown at this time. Task force will monitor the situation during the month of March. Communication to the congregation is critical during this time.

**d) Barrie Supervised Consumption Website**

The request has been made for Collier to place its logo on the website supporting the Barrie Supervised Consumption Site. The Board decided to do further research around posting the Collier logo on the Supervised Consumption Website and have further discussion at our next meeting to make a final decision. Board was interested in this opportunity, yet further investigation was needed.

**e) Finance Task Force (Financial Statements and 2021 Budget Update)**

It was noted that an adjustment was made to the 2021 budget. Summer Student Grant income and expense lines now balance.

**Motion:** Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Anne Snell, that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of January 31, 2021 (Income of \$20,083.67 and Expenditures of \$27,192.80), as recommended by the Time, Treasures and Talents, be accepted as presented. **Carried**

f) **City Of Barrie Heritage Listing Update**

Application process is well underway for the heritage listing. Upon further discussions with the UCC, further investigation with the City of Barrie around the heritage listing will be undertaken. It was noted that these discussions could lead to a recommendation to withdraw filing the heritage listing application. Further discussions will be had at our March meeting.

g) **Church Improvement Task Force Update**

- i. Parking Lot upgrade has been put on hold due to COVID19.
- ii. Electronic sign for the outside of the building is in the permit stage. An additional quote for electrical is needed to complete this phase of the process.
- iii. Speakers for under the balcony in the Sanctuary – the Task Force recommended the completion of the Audio system project for the sanctuary with quote as presented.

**Motion:** Moved by Terry Tizzard, seconded by Steve Harding, that the Board approves the additional spend of \$3,903.79 for installation of new speakers underneath the sanctuary balcony by Music Pro, with funding from the Capital Campaign. **Carried**

**Expression of Thanks**

*Chair Lianne Patterson extended thanks and acknowledged the contributions our past-Chair Christy Manuel has made to Collier Street United Church and the Board, as this is Christy's last meeting as a Board Member. Christy's leadership and dedication to Collier has made a difference. Lianne personally thanked Christy for her help in preparing Lianne for the Chair position that she currently holds.*

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Sandra Dowds

**Closing Blessing** – Rev. Hewitt Holmes with special prayer for the gifts that Christy brought to the Board over the years.

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 pm – location to be determined

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Chair, Lianne Patterson

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Recorder, Steve Harding