



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 22, 2021 via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:03 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, Rob Murdock, Terry Oram, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Terry Tizzard and Marg Valad.

Regrets: Susan Storing

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

Motion: Moved by Steve Harding, seconded by Terry Tizzard, that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of February 23rd, 2021 be approved and that the minutes of the 2020 AGM held March 7th be received and recommended to the congregation. **Carried**

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

For Discussion and Decision

a) **AGM Debrief**

Board received very positive feedback from the congregation regarding the March 7th AGM. We had over 70 participants registered and attended the meeting. Combining the Worship Service and the Meeting was well received. It was recommended that we continue to offer the meeting on-line as an option moving forward. The Finance portion of the meeting was laid out very well for all to understand. Laurie Crosson and Terry Cheaney did an outstanding job.

Thanks to all the staff and Board members for helping put this Worship Service and AGM together. It was noted that our Chair: Lianne Patterson did a great job with the AGM portion of the meeting. Our Chair responded to a couple of challenging questions that came through Zoom chat regarding how Collier's mission donations were being distributed to racialized groups. Overall, the Board was very pleased with the results of the AGM.

b) **2021 Priorities**

Representatives from Worship, Connecting and Community and Leadership Mentorship and Growth presented ideas that the teams came up with at their last couple of meetings. See below charts outlining ideas from both groups. It was agreed that each group would create a prioritized spreadsheet of actions that they have come up with. We would then assign timelines and people to the priority actions.

Chair Lianne Patterson asked the question how much has the community missed us? Board felt that the internal community missed Collier Street United Church a lot. However, it was agreed that we have more work to do in & with the community to elevate our presence.

Worship, Connecting and Community	Leadership, Mentorship and Growth
Host and outdoor gathering	Create an environment for the congregation to feel safe.
Create a decorating task force	Reconnect with congregation
Recognize special occasions	Return to Face to Face community with food
Men’s Group	Keep on-line connection with congregation
Visitation task force	Paradigm shift short term goals vs long term projects
Breakfast program	Relate all projects back to our vision
Create a binder with family names and pictures for visitation	Purchase a welcome banner for the lobby of the church
Restart Jesus Walk program	
Small Group programs	

c) **Emergency Transition Task Force**

- Emergency Transition Task Force meeting was held March 16th. From this meeting a recommendation was made to stay in phase one. Task force is meeting monthly monitoring the Covid situation.

Motion: Moved by Anne Snell seconded by Sandra Dowds, that designated number of people be allowed into the sanctuary to record music for the Good Friday & Easter Services in keeping with our reopening protocols. **Carried.**

d) **Barrie Supervised Consumption Website**

Christine Nayler, provided the Board with an overview of the Barrie Supervised Consumption website. She spoke to why four of these sites are needed in the city of Barrie. Christine provided ways that Collier Street United could help assist in getting this program up and running. She also talked about Barrie City council being the first step and then needing to get final approval from the Ontario government. These sites will save lives, reduce municipal costs, and keep others safe. At the same time provide a safe place for people to start down a path of sobriety.

Motion: Moved By Laurie Crosson seconded by Terry Tizzard, that the logo be added to the Barrie Supervised Consumption Website and posting signage on our property and on the Collier website. **Carried**

e) **Time, Treasure and Talents - Finance Task Force (Financial Statements and 2021 Budget Update)**

Our Treasurer Laurie Crosson made the Board aware that the Finance Task Force in consultation with the Trustees will access our line of credit by transferring \$20,000.00 to the operating account. This will help cushion some of our day to day operational expenses. For the month of February revenue is lower than budget by 6,269.24 and expenses are lower than budget by \$4, 188.89. Resulting in a net loss of \$1,786.31.

Laurie, thanked everyone who responded to the appeal to support the 2021 budget with an extra \$100.00 donation.

Motion: Moved by Laurie Crosson seconded by Rob Murdock that interest and dividends earned on restricted funds be unrestricted and used at the Board's discretion. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Laurie, seconded by Steve Harding that all interest and dividends earned from the Mission Possible fund be unrestricted and used at the Board's Discretion and to amend the MOU accordingly. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Anne Snell, that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of February 28th, 2021 (Income of \$38,081.40 and Expenditures of \$62,339.83), be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Time, Treasure and Talents – Church Improvements Task Force - Terry Tizzard asked the Board to review the Memorial Gift & Legacies draft policy. Terry will field questions on this document at our next Board meeting April 27th.

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

Steve Harding did not have an update for this meeting. Application process is still in progress.

g) **Board of Trustee's Update**

Marg updated on the Trustee's meeting held March 16th. Below are two agreed actions that came from this meeting:

~ \$38,850.07 be the cap for the Mission Possible Trust Fund as indicated in previously sent spreadsheet.

~recommends that the Church Board amends the Memorandum to use the interest and dividends as needed from the Mission Possible fund (see decision above).

Motion to adjourn at Sharon Crossley at 9:51pm

Closing Blessing – Rev. Hewitt Holmes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 27th, 2021 at 7:00 pm – location to be determined.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding