



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 27th, 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, Susan Storning Rob Murdock, Terry Oram, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, 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

Sharon commented on a change for page # 2

Laurie mentioned a change for page # 3

Motion: Moved by Steve Harding, seconded by Robert Murdock, that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of March 22nd, 2021 be approved as amended. ***Carried***

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

For Discussion and Decision

a) **Anti Racism Statement next steps**

With the safe space created by the Chair, the Board had an open and a very frank discussion around our Anti Racism statement. A lot of the discussion was wrapped around the “Black Lives Matter” and “Indigenous Lives Matter” signs that were posted on the lawn of the Church. Board agreed that the signs reflected our Anti Racism statement.

There were questions and comments around education opportunity & communication strategy. Some Board members were disappointed in the discussion and felt that we are not doing enough. As it seemed as if we were taking one step forward and two back. It was agreed to keep this item on the Church Board agenda each month.

Susan Storing wasn't able to stay for the rest of the meeting.

b) Emergency Transition Task Force

The Emergency Transition Task Force met April 22nd. At this meeting it was agreed that we would continue to stay in phase one until further notice. Team also discussed moving into phase two in September. This would depend on government regulations as it pertained to Covid 19.

Motion: Moved by Steve Harding, seconded by Sandra Dowds, that designated members of the Silent Auction Committee be allowed into the Church to execute and complete the silent auction activities keeping with our reopening protocols. **Carried.**

c) Memorial Gift and Legacy Policy

Memorial Gift and Legacy Policy was discussed, and questions were answered around the presented policy. The wording under procedures and disposition were to be adjusted by the Church Improvements Task Force. The Church Board liked the direction of the policy and will receive the updated version.

Motion: Moved by Terry Tizzard, seconded by Laurie Crosson, that the Memorial Gift and Legacies Policy be approved with amendments. **Carried**

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

Finance Task Force reported the following for the month of March.

~Local envelope over budget amount by 45%, YTD very close to budget

~Salary recovery reflects 2 months

~Revenue is \$14,142.25 higher than budget

~Expenses lower than budget

~Net ordinary loss is just under \$20,000 lower than budget

Finance Task force asked the Church Board to approve a "Gifts In-Kind Policy as presented.

Motion: Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Terry Oram, that the Gift In-Kind policy be approved by the Board. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Anne Snell, that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of March 31st, 2021 (Income of \$78,842.47 and Expenditures of \$91,180.86), be accepted. **Carried**

Worship, Connecting and Community

Motion: Moved by Anne Snell, seconded by Marg Valad, that the recommendation by the Worship, Connecting and Community Team suspending Sunday worship services from August 1st through 22nd 2021, be approved by the Board. **Carried**

e) Ministry & Personnel Update

~In appreciation for the work that Collier Street United Church non ministry staff has done during Covid 19, M&P has approved an additional one week vacation with pay to be taken in July/August of this year, 2021. Please note this has been granted for this calendar year only.

~A Job posting for a Community Outreach Administrator will be posted soon. Grant for 20 hours a week for two-three months has been approved.

~M&P has reported that Rev Hewitt Holmes will be applying for a sabbatical in 2022. Hewitt plans to be away for at least 5 months, that is, 3 months sabbatical, 1 month vacation & 3 weeks Con. Education.

f) City of Barrie Heritage Listing Update

Steve Harding informed the Board the Heritage Listing application for Collier United Church has been formally submitted to the City of Barrie for review and approval.

Motion to adjourn at Laurie Crosson 9:17pm

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