



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 25th, 2021 via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:02 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 Storrington Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell and Marg Valad, Terry Tizzard.

Regrets: Terry Oram

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 Rob Murdock, that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of April 27th, 2021 be approved as amended. **Carried**

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

For Discussion and Decision

a) 2021 Priorities – Next Steps re: Individual Team Brainstorming

Three teams connected to the Board presented objectives for this year. Objectives were distributed to the board in advance of the meeting for review.

~ **Worship Connecting and Community**

~ **Leadership Mentorship and Growth**

~ **Time Treasure and Talents**

Team objectives included persons responsible for the task, resources, and timelines where applicable. Board had an opportunity to ask questions and help team leads prioritize goals and objectives. This process of goal sharing helps the Board get a sense of the broader picture for Collier, which is positive. It was noted that racialized non church members who bring special skills can be brought onto the Board.

b) Emergency Transition Task Force

ERTT recommends moving to Phase 2 in September 2021, as per government guidelines. Approving this now will allow the required pieces to be put into place to support initiating in-person worship in September, adhering to government protocols.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Storing , Seconded by Sharon Crossley, that the Board approves movement to Phase 2 of our re-opening plan in September 2021, as per government guidelines and protocols. **Carried**

ERTT recommends Collier rent space to Brain Power Studio Inc. in late-May/early-June, as per government guidelines and protocols. Collier received written confirmation from Brain Power that renting to the film studio ensures Collier's adherence to current Ontario Government COVID protocols (which are different for film operations).

MOTION: Moved by Marg Valad, Seconded by Sandra Dowds, that the Board approves rental to Brain Power Studio Inc. in late-May/early-June, as per government guidelines and protocols. **Carried**

The vote on the motion above was not unanimous. Concerns were raised around allowing Brain Power Studios ability to rent space at Collier while our members have been unable to use Collier Street United Church for funerals and other activities during the lockdown period. Clear communication to the Congregation is important and will be completed to outline the application of different government protocols. The Board values the diverse experiences and views shared by each Board Member as we make determinations and decisions such as this.

c) **Time Treasure and Talent (Financial Statements)**

Treasurer reported that finances are up to date, income is 5% higher than budgeted. Overall net loss is 60% less than budgeted. All staff are working with regular compensation packages. Year end review has been submitted to Morrison CPA.

Motion: Moved by Laurie Crosson, seconded by Anne Snell, that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of April 30st, 2021 (Income of \$108,479.62 and Expenditures of \$121,031.77), be accepted. **Carried**

Church Improvement Task Force presented a proposal for the modernization of the elevator at Collier Street United Church. Three different quotes and pricing models were presented for review and discussion.

Motion: Moved by Terry Tizzard, seconded by Laurie Crosson, that the Church Board accept the Quote and contract from Elevator One at \$119,830.00 plus taxes based on the recommendation of the Church Improvement Task Force. Project will be financed by, capital campaign, Trustees, and other sources. **Carried**

Simultaneously the monitored parking project will also be completed.

*The Board would like to extend a big **Thank You** to the members of the Church Improvement Task Force for all their time and efforts, especially for the elevator modernization project. The Board truly*

appreciates the size and scope of this project and the diligence of the Church Improvement Task Force to ensure we have the right firm in place to look after this project.

Motion: Moved by Terry Tizzard, seconded by Marg Valad, that the parking lot renovation quote from Simcoe Sealer at a cost of \$3,205.00 plus taxes be accepted by the Board. Project will be financed by the capital campaign and a portion of the cost will be shared with Collier Place. **Carried**

Agreed by consensus to extend the meeting.

d) Ministry and Personnel

Motion: Moved by Sandra Dowds, seconded by Laurie Crosson, that the Church Board moves in camera for this matter. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Anne Snell, seconded by Sharon Crossley, that the Church Board moves out of camera, having completed the discussion. **Carried**

M&P informed the Board of a matter that they are dealing with. There is nothing further to report at this time. The Board is supportive of steps taken by M&P in this matter.

e) Trustee's Report

Trustee's report was received for information, with thanks.

f) Anti Racism – Next Steps

Lianne outlined the active steps Collier has taken so far and asked Board members to consider other ways Collier could continue to be actively anti-racist. Wider United Church has a Fall layout of ways to be actively anti racist that we will review.

Motion to adjourn by Susan Storing at 9: 53 p.m.

Closing Blessing – Rev. Hewitt Holmes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 22nd, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for a social time with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. – location to be determined. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu will be with us during Hewitt's vacation.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding