



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 22, 2021, via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:04 p.m., welcomed Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu, and lead the Board through the Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands. Rev. Dr Japhet Ndhlovu offered the opening prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

Present: Laurie Crosson, Sandra Dowds, Steve Harding, Rev. Dr Japhet Ndhlovu, Susan Storning, Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Marg Valad, and Terry Tizzard. Terry Oram.

Regrets: Sharon Crossley, & Rev. Hewitt Holmes.

Corresponding Members: none

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Agreed by consensus, that the agenda be approved. *Carried*

Correspondence: None

Consideration/Approval of Minutes

Motion: Agreed by consensus that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of May 25th, 2021, be approved as adjusted. *Carried*

Electronic Vote re Brian Power Studios Rental

On June 15th we received a request for Brain Power Studios Inc., to extend their rental agreement for June 21 and July 1st, 2021. Board Chair asked to proceed via Consensus using online voting. Votes were due back by June 17th.

Motion: Agreed by consensus that Brain Power Studios' rental agreement be extended for two additional days for June 21st and July 1st 2021, as per government guidelines and protocols. *Carried*

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

For Discussion and Decision

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

~ Worship, Connecting and Community

~Team suggested that at the end of the summer we have congregational members send in pictures of special events that happened over the summer months with their family. These pictures could be arranged on a poster for all to see and enjoy. There may be an opportunity to display several of them on the electronic sign. It was noted that we would need to get special permission for this.

~There is a plan to have an outdoor service in September; Covid protocols would need to be followed for this type of an event.

~Last Worship Service in August will potentially be a hymn sing.

Leadership, Mentorship and Growth

~Need to focus on educational sessions for the fall. UCC should have educational pieces available for us to use.

~Key focus will be to add racialized members to the Board who bring special talents

Time, Treasure and Talents

~Social action task force on schedule

~Indigenous speaker last week was very well received

~Property projects approved

~May need Board approval on a couple of small projects over the summer.

b) Time Treasure and Talent (Financial Statements)

Local envelope is 66% of budget. Silent auction and gala dinner revenues are being redirected to appropriate accounts. Fundraising was lower than budgeted. No cost recoveries in May as 2021 April revenue was higher than 2020 April revenue. Revenue is 58% of budget for May, expenses are 81% of budget for May, therefore higher than budgeted net loss.

Motion: Board Agreed by Consensus, that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of May 31, 2021 (Income of \$142,369.41 and Expenditures of \$149,168.55), be accepted. **Carried**

Social Action Task Force

Tiny Pantry

Tiny Pantry overview was provided to Board Members in advance of the meeting. It was suggested that high school students or shops could help build additional Tiny Pantries, which could provide students with community volunteer hours. Board was supportive of the Tiny Pantry program.

Motion: Board agreed by Consensus to adopt the Tiny Pantry Program; the target launch date will be end of July. **Carried**

Collier's Table

July 9th is the proposed date for the next Collier's table event. The carry-out meal will be picked up by our guests and consumed off premises.

Motion: Board agreed by Consensus to allow CT volunteers to prepare and hand out the meals in adherence with Covid protocols. **Carried**

c) **Ministry and Personnel**

~Mark Sporage hired June 15th as the Community Outreach Administrator. Mark's contract will finish the end of August 2021.

~Two summer students will be hired filling the roles of Assistant Office Administrator and Assistant Caretaker.

~ The film company Brain Power has enjoyed using the Collier facility. During this time, we have not had any inquiries from the congregation regarding the rental agreement.

~From our last in camera session we have had no inquires about this matter.

Membership Report

Received for information that Collier has 341 current active members.

Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu was unable to stay for the rest of the meeting.

d) **Anti Racism – Next Steps**

Church Board watched a video on Racism. Open discussion period was held afterwards.

Motion to adjourn by Laurie Crosson at 9:15 p.m.

Closing Blessing: Rob Murdock

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 28th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding