



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 26th, 2021 via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:02p.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, Steve Harding, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Susan Storning, Terry Tizzard and Marg Valad.

Regrets: None

Corresponding Members: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

Motion: moved by consensus, that the agenda be approved for our meeting of October 26th 2021. **Carried**

Correspondence: None

Minutes from the Previous meeting:

Motion: Agreed by consensus that the draft minutes of the September 28th Church Board meeting be approved. **Carried**

For Discussion and Decision

a) **2021 Team Updates**

~ **Worship Connecting and Community Team**

Anne Snell, Co-Chair mentioned that in-person services are going well. Worship resumed from the sanctuary in October. There is online worship as well. The Communion Sunday was well received. It was touchless with persons receiving the elements before entering the sanctuary. Hewitt gave instructions for the package during the Communion section of the service. There was a general comment that it is wonderful to see people interacting again and getting to know each other before and after the worship.

The Team meeting went well last week. It was noted that the Covid 19 protocols that are in place are working well. There is still an opening for a person to join in the Connecting area on the Board and on the team. It was noted that Ushers are also needed to help on Sundays at the in-person worship service.

~ **Cooking of Food for UCW Social in the Building**

Motion: By consensus, that the team of Steve and Lianne be allowed to prepare and cook the Amicae UCW group Christmas dinner on December 1st adhering to all covid 19 protocols.
Carried.

~ Rainbows update

Susan Storrying informed the Church Board that the Rainbows program at Collier United Church was coming to an end. Susan mentioned that Rainbows Leadership is aware that there is space available at Collier Street United Church if someone else wants to take the program over in the future.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair Lianne extended a big Thank You to Susan Storrying for all the work and leadership she has provided to the Rainbows program over the years.

~ Leadership Mentorship and Growth

Team outlined the "Terms of Reference" (TOR) document that the Church Board received for review prior to the October 26th meeting. The goal of this document is to ensure that the Church Board is inclusive and well rounded. The focus will be to invite individuals with special skill sets including those who are racialized.

Board had an open discussion around this document and a motion was tabled.

Motion: By consensus, that the Terms of Reference (TOR) document be approved and forwarded to the Shining Waters Regional Council for review and approval effective November 2021. **Carried**

b) Emergency Transition Task Force re-opening plan update.

There is no update currently. Team is following Government updates closely to ensure all protocols are in place and being adhered to. Next meeting is scheduled for November 2021 where a recommendation to the Church Board will be considered.

c) Finance Task Force Report

~ Financial Statements

After receiving the statements in advance and reviewing them at the meeting, the Treasurer asked for approval of the September YTD.

Motion: Moved by Consensus, that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of September 30,2021 (Income of \$228,962 and Expenditures of \$288,411), be accepted.
Carried

~ 2022 Budget (FYI)

The Treasurer, Laurie, reviewed the draft 2022 budget with the Church Board. She noted the 2023 estimates as well. She asked for any suggestions for the budget, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

d) Property Church Improvements

~ Boiler Upgrade for Building

Repair and replacement of boilers is required as two are down and one is currently working to full capacity. The Property Team will determine the recommended contractor, utilizing available parts from the older boiler as may be feasible.

Motion: Moved by Consensus, that the repair and replacement of boilers project be managed by the Property Team and completed to a maximum of \$16,000.00 plus HST with resources coming from the Trustees. **Carried**

e) ***Anti Racism Next Steps***

Chair talked about the series put on by the United Church of Canada (UCC), “40 days of engagement on Anti-Racism”. This series is delving deeper into anti-racism with a 40-day timeline of learning, reflection, and advocacy. Anne Snell shared with the group a couple of books that she is reading on the subject of Anti-Racism, which will be shared with the Board.

f) ***Silent Auction Committee***

Silent Auction Committee will be hosting the Fall Food Feast November 5th. This event is designed to launch the Silent Auction in the Spring of 2022. Committee was looking for Church Board’s permission to use the Kitchen the week of November 1, 2021.

Motion: moved by consensus, that the Silent Auction Committee use the Church Kitchen the week of November 1st as they prepare the Fall Food Feast takeout meal, following all Covid 19 protocols that are in place. **Carried**

g) ***Church Calendar of Events 2022 (FYI)***

Hewitt outlined the church calendar of events for 2022. Persons are invited to send any dates and events to the Church office asap. Steve Harding to send e-mail the draft to the Board.

Motion: By consensus to adjourn at 8:56p.m. **Carried**

Closing Blessing – Rev. Hewitt Holmes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 23rd 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – location to be determined.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding