



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022, via Zoom

Call to Order & Check-In: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the virtual meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a brief check-in, after which she led the Board through the Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands. Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the centering prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

Present: Sharon Crossley, Laurie Crosson, Steve Harding, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, and Marg Valad.

Regrets: Terry Tizzard and Susan Storrington.

Corresponding Members: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Agreed by consensus that the agenda be approved for our meeting of February 22nd, 2022. **Carried**

Correspondence: None.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Motion: Agreed by consensus that the amended draft meeting minutes of the January 25th, 2022, Church Board meeting be approved. **Carried.**

For Discussion and Decision

a) **Anti- Racism focus for Black History month “Being Black in Canada, Our Minister Shares.”**
Rev Hewitt Holmes shared his Canadian experience as a Black Man and Minister. The sharing by Hewitt provided the Church Board with friendly and not-so-good adventures of living and working in Canada. The great insights highlighted his daily challenges and the necessary ongoing anti-racism work at Collier. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions before the close of the discussion.

b) **Emergency Transition Task Force Update and Motion**

The Emergency Task Force met in February to discuss the Church reopening plan. From the meeting, the recommendation was to move into Phase Two effective March 13th. Since that meeting, the government has changed the Covid protocols and guidance. Some of these changes include lifting vaccine passports and the complete opening of restaurants, gyms, and sports and entertainment venues. Based on these Government changes, the Church Board had an open discussion on pursuing a modified Phase three reopening. This approach would still have

restrictions on eating food in groups within the Church. The checking of vaccine passports would continue. This would allow the Church to lift capacity limits in the building. Congregational singing would be permitted as masks would still be worn. In-person Choir rehearsals would be allowed with the use of masks.

Motion: Agreed by consensus to implement a Modified Phase Three re-opening as of March 13th, 2022, including proof of vaccination passports, allowing congregational/, choir singing and choir rehearsals to take place in the building, adhering to all government protocols; Item 3.7 of the Re-opening Plan would not be implemented at this time. **Carried**

c) **Time, Treasure, and Talents**

-Finance Task Force Update

Finance Taskforce Chair reviewed the financial statements sent to the Church Board before the meeting. An open discussion was had around the financials.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financials as of January 31, 2022 (Income of \$10,168.03 and Expenditures of \$23,605.21) be accepted. **Carried**

-Church Improvements

The church Improvement Task Force provided the Church Board with a proposal to design and install a Remembrance Tree. In this proposal, two quotes were provided to create and install this tree. The cost for a leaf would be \$150.00, with the possibility of a tax receipt for a portion of the amount. It was noted that if we moved forward with the Remembrance Tree, the Memorial Policy would be updated accordingly.

Motion: Agreed by consensus, the CITF project moved forward with the Remembrance Memorial tree using Mason Metal Creations for \$10,000.00 funded by the Trustees. **Carried**

-City Of Barrie Elevator Grant

Finance Task Force Chair informed the Church Board that Collier Street United Church was approved for a \$25,000.00 grant from the City of Barrie for the new Elevator.

The chair also informs the Church Board that there is an opportunity to submit the Shining Waters Region Pulpit Supply Grant of \$3500, for the period of Sabbatical, September-December 2022.

Motion: Agreed by consensus that the sabbatical grant application is made to the Shining Waters Regional Council by the Finance Task Force. **Carried**

We agreed by consensus to extend the meeting.

-AGM Update: In light of the recent upgrades to the sound and zoom connections, allowing us to carry zoom sounds into the sanctuary, Hewitt suggested that the AGM be hosted from Collier. Participants would join online. Voting would be via the Zoom Poll. A dry run of the many moving parts would take place in the sanctuary on February 27th, 2022, at 11:30. Therefore, those involved in the implementation of the AGM were invited to attend. The AGM will close with Communion.

Motion: By consensus to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. **Carried**

Sending Prayer – Rev. Hewitt Holmes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. – location to be determined.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding