



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, @ Collier, M5 and via Zoom

Call to Order:

Chair Lianne Patterson, at 7:05 pm, opened the hybrid meeting with persons in the building at Collier and others joining online. Everyone was warmly welcomed. Lianne did a quick check-in with everyone, then led the Board through the Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands. Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the centering prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

Present:

Donald Carty, Sharon Crossley, Laurie Crosson, Sandra Dowds, Steve Harding, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Susan Storing, 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 for our meeting on April 26th, 2022. **Carried**

Correspondence:

Shining Waters Regional Council correspondence was received. Shining Waters Region recommends an additional week's vacation for Ministry personnel during these covid times. Correspondence will be turned over to M&P for review and action.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Motion: Agreed by consensus that the meeting minutes of the March 22, 2022, Church Board meeting be approved. **Carried.**

a) Emergency Task Force Transition

Emergency Transition Task Force met April 21 to review the Reopening Plan of Action, Modified Phase 3. The Taskforce presented two options to the Board for discussion and action, noting how we could move forward related to COVID19 reopening protocols.

Option one: Full vaccination protocols would remain for people entering the Church. Masking would become optional in the church other than in the sanctuary or in performances held in another space in the building, where masks would be mandatory.

Performers, such as singers or scripture readers, may unmask during their performance. Worship service preregistration would be discontinued.

Option two: Full vaccination protocols would no longer be required in the Church. Masking would become optional in the church other than in the sanctuary or in performances held in another space in the building, where masks would be mandatory. Performers, such as singers or scripture readers, may unmask during their performance. Worship service preregistration would be discontinued.

It was noted that both options would take effect on May 1, 2022. The Board discussed both options, taking a couple of breaks from the topic, and noted that social distancing would continue with either choice.

Food in the building

Beginning June 1, consider safely resuming food events. A coffee hour would resume after worship on June 5th, 12th, and 19th. It was noted that coffee hours would be on hold during July and August. The capital campaign celebration will be held on June 26th. The Worship, Connecting, and Community would coordinate the coffee after church. As part of this celebration, lunch will be served.

Motion: Agreed by consensus that **option one** be done effective May 1, 2022. Effective June 1, 2022, food events would be encouraged safely within the building. **Carried**

b) **New Constitution – Key Learnings – How It’s Going?**

This agenda item was tabled to the May meeting.

c) **Finance Task Force Update**

The finance Chair provided an update. The Operating Account is at a low level and will be monitored regarding the need to access the line of credit.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the YTD Financials as of March 31st, 2022 (Income of \$72,645.91 and Expenditures of \$102,811.13) be accepted. **Carried**

d) **Board Of Trustee’s Update**

Trustee Representative Marg Valad provided a comprehensive update regarding the state of our investments. Notably, the UCW funds were transferred from Scotia to RBC. The Investments Markets in 2022 continue to be challenging. We are looking forward to a better second half of 2022.

e) **Anti Racism Next Steps**

Chair Lianne Patterson spoke about a Seminar on Anti-Racism she participated in recently - 40 days of lent series focused on Anti-Racism. Board had an engaging discussion about how to help Racialized groups and individuals use our building. Ideas included sharing food from other cultures, reviewing our hiring processes, providing unconscious bias training, and considering special rates for room rentals for racialized groups.

Motion: By consensus to adjourn at 9:33 pm. **Carried**

Sending Prayer – Rev. Hewitt Holmes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. – location to be determined.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding

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