



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 25th, 2022 – In Person

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Lianne checked in on the Church Board to see how members were fairing.

Lianne lead the Board through the Acknowledgement of Indigenous Lands.

Rev. Kirsty Hunter offered the centering prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

Present: Donald Carty, Sharon Crossley, Laurie Crosson, Sandra Dowds, Steve Harding, Rev. Kirsty Hunter, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Susan Storing, Terry Tizzard, and Marg Valad.

Regrets: Rob Murdock

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

DECISION: Agreed by consensus, that the agenda be approved for our meeting of October 25th, 2022.

Consideration/Approval of Minutes

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting of September 27 2022, be approved.

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

a) **Board Workshop “Transforming Power, Privilege and Prejudice” (Feedback and Next Steps)**

Board had an open discussion around the workshop “Transforming Power, Privilege and Justice” held in August 2022 over two evenings.

Overall the Board felt the session was very impactful. It was noted having more racialized people at the table enlightened all who sat around the table. Key learning for the Board were wrapped around a couple of statements:

~To stop the harm and support those being harmed.

~Fear that separates us from moving forward.

Actions Discussed

~Print key definitions in the Church Newsletter

~Incorporate Personal stories in the November 20th Service

~Use the Themes Belonging and Grace in the November 20th Board Lead Service

~Form a committee to help shape and develop the November 20th service

b) **Re-Imagining Collier**

Church Board had an in-depth discussion around how Collier Street United Church can support the downtown community utilizing the Church facility and at the same time driving additional income from community activities. Outside help may be needed to truly understand the full potential of our community reach wrapped in caring and grace.

This brain storming session allowed the Church Board to explore many options and possibilities. It was agreed that the Board needs to take time in the new year and further explore some of the ideas that came out of this session.

C) **Property/ Church Improvement Task Force**

~Elevator project is moving forward. Further updates to follow.

~Outdoor lighting quotes are being accepted.

Finance Task Force Report – Laurie Crosson

Laurie Crosson walked the Board through the 2023 Budget allowing for clarifying questions. Finance Task Force will wait for year end numbers prior to preparing the finalized budget in the new year.

Board also had open discussion around the current year to date numbers as presented by the Finance Task Force.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financials as of October 31, 2022 (Income of \$ 233,081.46 and Expenditures of \$308,993.58) be accepted. **Carried**

Social Action Task Force would like to bring their Wednesday Breakfast program indoors on December 21, 2022. Guest would be invited to enjoy a sit down hot breakfast in the Church Hall. Task force will evaluate the event and decide if it makes sense to continue this type of event moving forward.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the Social Action Task Force will pilot an indoor breakfast program on December 21, 2022; evaluation and feedback of this event will be returned to the Church Board for consideration of future indoor events. **Carried**

Adjourned by Consensus at 9:39 p.m.

Closing Blessing – Rev. Kirsty Hunter

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for in-person meeting.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding