



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday November 22, 2022 – In Person / Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Lianne checked in on the Church Board to see how members were fairing.

Lianne led 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, Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Susan Storing, Terry Tizzard, and Marg Valad.

Regrets:

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

DECISION: Agreed by consensus, that the agenda be approved for our meeting of November 22nd, 2022. Agenda updated; team’s strategic goals moved to January 2023 meeting.

Consideration/Approval of Minutes

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the amendments to the minutes of the September 27th Church Board meeting and the draft minutes of the Church Board meeting held October 25th, be approved.

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

a) **Emergency Transition Task Force**

No changes at this point. Masking is still optional.

b) **Re-Imagining Collier**

Board had further discussions around re-imagining Collier Street United Church. Laurie Crosson brought to the Board’s attention an Ontario Trillium grant focusing on projects that will better serve the community. Based on Laurie’s research partnering with other churches in the downtown community would widen the scope of the project potentially increasing the opportunity of receiving grant funding.

As a follow up to our last meeting Laurie and Lianne reached out to Edge Consulting to better understand what their business could add to this re-imagining project. The Edge program offers coaching and facilitation to help develop case studies for projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. More info will be needed before any decisions are to be made.

It was also noted that our Leader Hewitt needs to be brought into the loop on these discussions prior to moving forward.

Board wanted to say a Big Thank You to Laurie Crosson for all the work she has done on this project in order to meet the December 7th application deadline. Laurie's dedication and energy are very much appreciated by the Board.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that Collier moves forward with the Trillium grant application partnering with two other downtown Churches being St Andrews, and Trinity Anglican understanding there are no costs to preparing the grant that is due December 7th. **Carried**

c) Finance Task Force Report – Laurie Crosson

Laurie reviewed the Finance Task Force report with the Board, including year to-date results as compared to budget.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financials as of October 31, 2022 (Income of \$ 257,592.62 and Expenditures of \$354,755.18) be accepted. **Carried**

d) Rental Policy

The Board reviewed the annual increase to the Collier Rental Fee Schedule consistent with the approved United Church of Canada cost of living increase as outlined in the Rental Policy. The rental fee schedule was last increased effective January 1, 2020 due to Covid.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that effective January 1, 2023, the Collier rental fee schedule will be increased by the UCC cost of living increase value of 3.4% . **Carried**

e) Policy Review Task Force

Policy Review Task Force will meet in January 2023.

f) Property

Elevator received inspection approval. Will be ready for use this week.

g) Worship

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the worship service on January 1st, 2023 will be online. **Carried**

Membership update was received for information.

Thank you to Rev. Kirsty Hunter for filling the role of Pastoral Charge Supervisor during Hewitt's sabbatical. We have enjoyed working with Kirsty, have learned from her experiences and appreciated her approach. Our interactions were enriching for all.

Adjourn by Consensus at 9:08 p.m.

Closing Blessing – Rev. Kirsty Hunter

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 24th 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for in-person meeting.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding