



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – In Person / Zoom

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Prior to the meeting the Board hosted a new members reception.

Lianne led the Board through the Acknowledgement of Indigenous land, which continues to highlight that the people of Collier are treaty people seeking to live in reconciliation and good relations with all peoples.

Rev. Hewitt Holmes offered the centring 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:

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the agenda be approved for our meeting on February 28th, 2023.

Consideration/Approval of Minutes

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the minutes of the January 24th, 2023, Church Board meeting be approved.

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

a) **Re- Imagining our building and Usage.**

The Board had further discussions around re-imagining Collier Street United Church. The re-imagining process started back in June of 2022. Board was given a summary of leg work that has been completed to date on this project. Board discussion was filled with excitement and caution moving forward. Based on the summary of information the Board was curious about what the Trinity Centres Foundation could offer the church moving forward. Kendra Fry joined the meeting via Zoom and responded to questions from Board members. The Board was updated on the application made to the Ontario Government. We should receive status on the grant application by March 23rd. If successful, this grant will help offset initial costs of this project with Trinity Centres Foundation.

Motion: That Trinity Centres Foundation proposal be approved and the project fee of \$15,000.00 be resourced by congregational donations and the Board of Trustees. **Carried**

Motion: The Emergency Transition Task Force be appointed to support the implementation of this proposal/project. **Carried**

Sharon Crossley and Sandra Dowds were unable to stay for the balance of the meeting.

b) Update from Board Teams- Goals for 2023

Worship Connecting and Community

Anne Snell provided a brief update to the Board. The Next Worship Connecting and Community meeting will be held March 7th, 2023.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the names of those who have died and transferred be placed on the Historical Roll ending December 31st 2022. **Carried**

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that new members by transfer be placed on our Roll with a Worship Service on March 19th 2023. **Carried**

Leadership Mentorship and Growth

Donald Carty provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Leadership, Mentorship, and Growth Team. The team will meet next on March 15th 2023.

Time Treasures and Talents

Laurie reviewed the Finance Task Force report for January 2023. Laurie noted the UCW provided a generous donation to the church.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financials as of January 31, 2023 (Income of \$26,538.80 and Expenditures of \$29,968.61) be accepted. **Carried.**

Social Action Task Force

Social Action Task Force will be hosting an In-Person Breakfast on April 5th. This is an opportunity for our community, who are struggling, to come in out of the cold for a hot sit-down breakfast. This will be a time of fellowship with our community at the same time nourishing their bodies.

The Board affirmed the ongoing community outreach events approved by the Social Action Task Force.

Property Task Force Update

Rental Policy update

Board was provided with the updated rental policy prior to the meeting for review. It was noted that the present policy did not cover long term rentals and storage, which are presently happening in our building. The updated policy would accommodate these appropriately. The Board had a great discussion.

Motion: Agreed by Consensus that the updated rental policy be accepted. **Carried**

c) Anti-Racism

Board watched a video from the United Church of Canada on Anti-Racism. "Your Generosity Matters '23: A Deeper Look: Fighting Racism at Home and Abroad" was the video. The Board agreed that we need to continue this journey.

Chair, Lianne Patterson noted that Susan Storrington will be leaving the Board after this meeting, having completed her appointment as UCW representative. Lianne extended a heart felt thanks to Susan for her contribution to the Board. The Board was grateful for the cards that Susan shared with each Board member.

Adjourned by Consensus at 9:41 p.m.

Sending Prayer – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 28th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for an in-person meeting.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding