



COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – In Person

Call to Order: Chair, Lianne Patterson, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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 centering prayer. The Board recited together the Covenant.

Present: Donald Carty, Sharon Crossley, Laurie Crosson, Sandra Dowds, Debbie Guyader, Steve Harding, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Rob Murdock, Lianne Patterson, Anne Snell, Terry Tizzard and Marg Valad

Regrets: None.

Consideration/Approval of Agenda:

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the agenda be approved for our meeting on April 25th, 2023.

Consideration/Approval of Minutes

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the minutes of the March 28th, 2023, Church Board meeting and the March 12th AGM be approved.

Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

a. Feedback and Update - Sunday Debrief (Hope and inspiration)

Church Board was thrilled with their turnout for the “Hope and Inspiration” session held Sunday, April 23rd. The communication session was used to outline the possibilities of the future for Collier Street United Church. Those gathered were a mix of Collier and the community members who were interested in the future of the building and the faith community.

The Church Board shared on what went well and what aspects of the meeting could change. Discussions were also had around a plan for moving forward and how to keep the Church community engaged in the project.

b. Review of Communication Policy

Prior to the meeting, the Board was given a revised Communication Policy to review. A suggestion was given to tightening the wording around the audience it was meant for. The audience was everyone. No other changes were suggested.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Communication Policy be accepted as discussed.

c. Time, Treasures, and Talents

1. Finance

Finance Chair Laurie Crosson provided an overview of our current finances based on the Finance Task Force’s report that was sent out prior to the meeting.

DECISION: Agreed by consensus that the Finance Task Force Report and the Financial Reports as of March 31, 2023 (Income of \$95,900.21 and Expenditures of \$101,855.67) be accepted.

2. Social Action Task Force

Laurie Crosson talked about the Social Action Task Force’s work with the Busby Centre. Once per month, Collier United Church will provide the Busby Centre with a packed meal for 100 people. This meal will be distributed to those in need that same evening. The average cost of this meal is estimated at \$200.00 per month. Laurie will let the congregation know about this new program to garner financial support.

We will investigate what is required to have our kitchen upgraded to a commercial kitchen designation.

Adjourn by Consensus at 8:01 p.m.

Sending Prayer – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for an in-person meeting.

Chair, Lianne Patterson

Secretary, Steve Harding