

Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Westminster United Church

Those present (Zoom Meeting): Katherine Abra, Ted Barnett, Marnie Boland, Judy Hill, Brandon Johnston, Annette Kletke, Dawn Beirnes (representing Congregational Care), Carol Latter (Chair), Sherri McConnell (Minister), Ron Miller

Absent: John Mort

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carol Latter at 6:57 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Katherine Abra/Annette Kletke **Carried**
3. Approval of May,2021 Minutes: Marnie Bolland/Ted Barnett **Carried**
4. Remarks from the Chair: None
5. Staff Time: Thoughts from the Alban Institute Weekly Blog:
We will all be newcomers – this is what those who reflect on emerging church issues are telling us as we imagine our way into returning to our sanctuaries as life opens up again post-covid. We will all be newcomers. Everything that was familiar has now changed. We have all changed. And not all of us will be there in our sanctuary as we gather....
What is our first next step ... and “what is the step after that?” ... But, as Christians, we have a long view. ...Scripture reminds us over and over and over again of God’s promise and hopes for the future of love and abundance and justice and grace.
Over the summer I invite us all to reflect on “what is the first next-step for your committee? For Westminster?”
6. Business Arising from the Minutes: The Moneris Credit Card System is not at present being used and there is a cost involved. John Mort has put it on pause. It will renew automatically in the Fall so we will have to review this.
7. **Committees**
 - a) Finance: No report.
 - b) Inner and Outer Connections: Annette Kletke (chair) reported that due to Kaitlyn’s move to Calgary, Katherine Abra will be parent on site for September, while Katelyn provides virtual **Sunday** School. It will be looked at again in September and M&P will be involved if necessary.
 - c) Property: Brandon Johnston (Chair) reported that:
Two homicide detectives were at the church today and requested access to the video recordings from the back lane. Need to figure out who knows how to operate this system. They will contact Melissa to arrange access.
The roof repair that was damaged in Sept. 2020 has resulted in us having to go ahead with a new roofer at a cost of about \$1000. The previous roofer gave a quote of approximately \$10,000 but has decided he doesn’t want to do it for various reasons.
The daycare reopened again today after their covid case from a few weeks ago.

Sherri and Brandon will be meeting with UPRC tomorrow to discuss their findings concerning the SVN report we obtained a few years ago. This information will be shared with the board as it becomes available.

- d) Trustees: No report
- e) Congregational Care: No report
- f) Ministry and Personnel: Marnie Boland (chair) brought forth a motion from the committee-
 - a. **Motion:** "That we pay Nathan a one time amount of \$1500 in recognition of his dedication and the exceptional work done in the recording and production of our worship services during the pandemic". Marnie Bolland/Dawn Beirnes **Carried**
- g) Worship: Sherri reviewed the 2021 Summer Worship Schedule and Contacts for the board. Each of the four churches and the Spirit Path congregation will share the host church responsibilities for two services. All the parts of each service have been distributed and Melissa will share the worship link each Friday.
- h) Nominating: No report
- i) Reopening: Carol Latter (chair) reported that they will be meeting with Melissa to review and implement the various rental procedures. The committee will meet again following that.

8. New Business:

Motion: that the Executive be empowered to act on behalf of the Board until the first meeting of the Board in September, 2021.

Annette Kletke/Marnie Bolland **Carried**

9. Closing Prayer: Rev. Sherri McConnell

Next Board Meeting: September 21, 2021