

Westminster United Church

**General Board Meeting
Minutes: April 17, 2018**

Attendance:	Representing:
Carol Latter	Chair, Presbytery Representative
Mary Scott	Secretary
Helen LaRue	Membership, Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee
Fred Aoki	Ministry and Personnel Committee
Richard Scott	Ministry and Personnel Committee
Marnie Bollard	Ministry and Personnel Committee
Brandon Johnston	Property
Cheryl Drachuk	Budget and Management
Rebecca McIntosh	Stewardship
Wayne Arnould	Trustees
Ted Barnett	Past Chair, Presbytery Representative, Worship Committee
Rev. Mary Best	Winnipeg Presbytery Representative

Regrets:	
Rita Menzies	Communications
Pat Miles	Inner and Outer Committee
Boyd Rausch	Presbytery Representative
John Mort	Treasurer

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

1. Carol Latter called the meeting to order.
2. Carol Latter offered the Opening Reflection, "Acknowledging the Territory in Worship".
3. Approval of the Agenda
Motion: F.Aoki/R. Scott
That the agenda for the meeting of April 17, 2018 be approved as circulated. **Carried**
4. Approval of the Minutes
Motion: F. Aoki/R. Scott
That the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2018 be approved as circulated. **Carried**
5. Correspondence
 - News Magazine from the Winnipeg Foundation received.
6. Remarks from the Chair
 - Carol Latter gave an update on the investigation and feasibility of solar panels for Westminster Church, led by Brandon Johnson, including meeting with the Westminster Foundation.
 - The e-mail list used by Roy Halstead has been transferred to the church office.

Committee Reports

9. Budget and Management
 - Profit and Loss information for January through March 2018 was presented and discussed.
Motion: C. Drachuk/T. Burnett
That the February/March financial results be accepted for information purposes.
10. Communications
 - No report this month
11. Inner and Outer Connections
 - Note: Niigaan Sinclair evening on May 2nd.
12. Property
 - Brandon Johnston gave an update on plans for the installation of solar panels on the roof of Westminster Church. The impetus is to take advantage of a one time offer by Manitoba Hydro by the deadline of April 30, 2018.
 - The Westminster Foundation has approved the project, pending a review and approval by outside counsel, which has taken place and the contract amended accordingly. All concerns of Manitoba Heritage have been met. The installation will take approximately 2 weeks, with completion by the end of August, 2018.
 - Carol Latter and Brandon Johnston to report to the Congregation on Sunday, April 22nd re the Solar Panel Project. There will be no public announcement until the structural engineer has confirmed the roof will withstand the weight.
 - Repairs to the front steps, and repairs and maintenance of the stained glass windows will be required this year.
 - Heating: There are 4 pumps total and 3 have already been updated in 2017. The final pump's replacement is underway and will end up paying for itself in energy savings.
 - Vestry repairs from water damage are almost complete.
13. Stewardship
 - Rebecca McIntosh reported that statements have gone out to members.
14. Presbytery
 - We were referred to the written report, and Mary Best updated on the expected changes to the hiring process for new ministers.
15. Trustees
 - The Insurance will need to be updated with the details of the Solar Panels, along with information on the method of attaching them to the roofing structure.
16. Membership, Fellowship and Pastoral Care
 - Helen LaRue asked for ideas for entertainment and fundraising for the October 20th Westminster dinner.
 - It was recommended that coffee service be continued after the Sunday Church service in June.

Carried

- Gwen Hewitt is transferring her membership to Transcona Memorial United Church.

17. Ministry and Personnel

- Marnie Bollard reported on the training workshop offered by Presbytery for Ministry and Personnel Committee members on April 7. Three members of Westminster's M&P committee attended.

18. Worship

Motion: T. Barnett/C. Drachuk

That the Worship Committee recommends to the Board of Westminster United Church that Danika Rose Suttie be baptised on Sunday June 10th.

Carried

- Ted Barnett, Chair, spoke to his written report, with the update that Rev. Don McIntyre will be leading the Sunday service in July and the first Sunday in August.

21. Closing Prayer, Rev. Mary Best.

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2018

Subsequently: June 19.