

Westminster United Church

General Board Meeting

Minutes: September 18, 2018

Attendance:	Representing:
Ted Barnett	Chair, Past Chair, Presbytery Representative, Worship Committee
John Mort	Treasurer
Mary Scott	Secretary
Dawn Beirnes	Membership, Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee
Fred Aoki	Ministry and Personnel Committee
Rebecca McIntosh	Stewardship
Brandon Johnston	Property
Pat Miles	Inner and Outer Connections
Rebecca McIntosh	Stewardship
Boyd Rausch	Presbytery Representative
Wayne Arnould	Trustee
Meaghan Pauls	Bell Tower Community Cafe
Rev. Sherri McConnell	Ministry Staff

Regrets:	
Carol Latter	Chair
Rita Menzies	Communications
Cheryl Drachuk	Budget and Management

Call to order: 7:00 pm

1. Ted Barnett, Chair, called the meeting to order. The Chair welcomed Dawn Beirnes, representing Helen LaRue and the Membership, Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee.
2. Ted Barnett offered an opening reflection.
3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: (F. Aoki/J. Mort)

That the agenda for the meeting of September 18, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of the June 19, 2018 Board Minutes.
 - On page 71, point 16 add "with changes". To read:

That the Schematic indicating reporting lines for Westminster Church staff be accepted with changes.

Motion: (F. Aoki, B. Johnston)

That the Board Meeting minutes of June 19, 2018 be approved as amended.

Carried

5. Approval of July 14, 2018 Executive Minutes

Motion: (B. Rausch/W. Arnould)

That the Executive Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried

6. Approval of August 22, 2018 Board Minutes

Motion: (F. Aoki/B. Johnston)

That the Board Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Meaghan Pauls provided the Board with an update of activities of the Bell Tower Community Café. Note: Fund Raising Dinner planned for October 10th at DeLuca's. Tickets \$80.00 with a \$40 charitable receipt. Also, Brunch celebrating 5th Anniversary of the Bell Tower Community Café, planned for November 3rd.
8. Correspondence
 - Letter received from Harold Neufeld and Dorothy Berg Neufeld, with concerns re the Carillon Bells, particularly the twice daily playing, at Westminster Church. Response to be prepared by the Board Chair, outlining that the Church is within the City of Winnipeg Bylaws, but we will shorten the time to 5 to 6 minutes.
9. Remarks from the Chair
 - Prepare for a busy year!
10. Business Arising
 - Before Service Coffee. There was discussion re different options and Brandon Johnson agreed to discuss the preparing of coffee with the Sunday caretaker.
 - Strategic Direction Report (Vision, Mission, Values). There will be 2 opportunities for after church discussion with the congregation, October 21, and November 4.
11. Committee Reports
 - Westminster Foundation. The Board was given the opportunity to sign the Petition to the Manitoba Legislature to change the wording regarding the distribution of funds held by the Westminster Foundation if the Church is no longer functioning. Currently it states the Funds would go to Winnipeg Presbytery. As Winnipeg Presbytery will shortly no longer exist, funds will go to a designated charity.
 - Budget and Management. John Mort presented the Financial Statements to August 31, 2018.

Motion: (J. Mort/B. Rausch)

That the financial results to August 31, 2018 be accepted for information purposes.

Carried

- Communications. Rebecca McIntosh, on behalf of Rita Menzies, referred to the written report.

- Inner and Outer Connections. Pat Miles referred to the written report. The Committee is considering inviting Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck to speak. See podcast here: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/tapestry/not-doing-religion-by-the-book-1.4547318/jesus-christ-is-my-chief-druid-meet-the-anglican-priest-who-is-also-a-pagan-1.4549100>
- Property. Brandon Johnson referred to the written report.

Motion: (B. Johnston/W. Arnould)

That Westminster Church proceed with the replacement of two missing shingles on the south side of the church, one over the sanctuary and one over the concert hall, for a total cost of \$6,850 plus GST. That the Church repair some roof areas of the south tower, with a total cost of between \$750 and \$1,350 plus GST.

Carried

Following discussion regarding flooring in the Westminster Child Care Center space located in the lower level of Westminster Church

Motion: (W. Arnould/B. Johnston)

That Westminster Church repair the existing flooring in the Westminster Child Care Center space located in the lower level and provide a carpet to cover where the seams are to a total \$1,100 plus GST with plans to replace flooring in 2020.

Carried

Motion: (F. Aoki/B. Rausch)

That the rental for space for Westminster Child Care Center be increased by 1.9% effective January 1, 2019.

Carried

Motion: (B. Johnston/B. Rausch)

That Westminster Church proceed with the Dual Projection System with funds from the Winnipeg Foundation, a private donation, and funds from the Hetland Fund.

Carried

Motion: (B. Johnston/W. Arnould)

That Ricky Ramos, who is taking over the Saturday portion of the weekend position in addition to the evening caretaker duties continue to be paid a wage of \$14/hr. Jasson Kamala who will be working the Sunday portion of the weekend position as well as any casual work that may be available be paid \$14/hr as well.

Carried

Brandon Johnston presented the proposal for an Air Leakage Test for Westminster Church. This could be considered for the 2019 Budget.

- Stewardship. No report.
- Presbytery. Boyd Rausch referred to the written report.
- Trustees. No Report.

- Membership, Fellowship and Pastoral Care. Dawn Beirnes referred to the written report.

Motion: (D. Beirnes/B. Rausch)

That the Membership, Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee obtain a one-time liquor license to offer wine at the Fall Supper (October 20, 2018) for cash purchase.

Carried

It was agreed the pot luck lunch will be December 23rd.

- Ministry and Personnel. Fred Aoki presented the following motion.

Motion: (F. Aoki/B. Rausch)

That Ms. Kaetlyn McIntyre be hired as the Children's Table Facilitator from September 9, 2018 to June 30, 2019, at a rate of \$20/hour for two hours each Sunday.

Carried

- Worship. Ted Burnett referred to the written report.

Motion: (B. Rausch/J. Mort)

That the Communion offering received on October 7 (Thanksgiving Sunday) be designated to Morberg House, a place for the homeless in St. Boniface.

Carried

It was noted that Rebecca McIntosh left the room.

Motion: (B. Rausch/W. Arnould)

That Rebecca McIntosh be hired as the Church soloist with a yearly salary of \$2,721 or \$272.15 per month over 10 months and that this position may be renewed yearly.

Carried

It was noted that Rebecca McIntosh returned to the room.

- Nominating. Ted Barnett stated Nominating will be asking committees for their requirements for 2019 very soon.

12. New Business

Motion: (B. Rausch/J. Mort)

That Brandon Johnston, Rebecca McIntosh, Cheryl Drachuk and Grace Aoki be appointed to the JNAC Committee

Carried

The Chair commented on the excellent concert on Sunday, September 16, although only 43 in attendance.

The board appreciated the refreshments served by Boyd Rausch.

13. The Closing Prayer was given by Reverend Sherri McConnell

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next meetings: October 16, November 20, December 18, if required. 2019: January 15, February 19, March 26, April 16, May 21, June 18