

Westminster United Church
General Board Meeting
Minutes: February 19th, 2019

In Attendance:

Carol Latter	Chair
Ted Barnett	Past Chair; Worship Committee; Nominating Committee
Mary Scott	Secretary
Pat Miles	Inner and Outer Connections
Dawn Beirnes	Congregational Care (Membership, Fellowship, Pastoral Care)
Fred Aoki	Ministry and Personnel
Brandon Johnston	Property
Rebecca McIntosh	Stewardship
Meaghan Pauls	Bell Tower Community Café
Sherri McConnell	Ministry Staff

Regrets

John Mort	Treasurer
Rita Menzies	Communications
Cheryl Drachuk	Budget and Management

Call to order: 7:00 pm

1. Carol Latter, Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. Carol Latter offered an opening reflection, with the focus on “The giving that changes us”.
3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: (T. Barnett/F. Aoki)

That the agenda for the Board Meeting of February 19th, 2019 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Meaghan Pauls gave an update about recent activities at Bell Tower Community Cafe. Agape Karagi, who has been assisting Meaghan, will be moving to Australia for further education in Public Health. The board agreed Bell Tower could take over a billboard for their materials. Meaghan will get back to Carol Latter regarding Bell Tower and Good Friday. There are a number of options.

5. Approval of January 19, 2019 Board Minutes

Note: Spelling of Rebecca McIntosh, and Fred Aoki

Motion: (F. Aoki/B. McIntosh)

That the minutes of January 19, 2019 be accepted as corrected.

Carried

6. There was no correspondence noted.
7. Remarks from the Chair

Motion: (T. Burnett/F. Aoki)

That up to \$2,500 be drawn from the Harrison Segregated Fund for Experimentation in Worship.

Carried

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Strategic Directions Report was reviewed with some suggested changes for updating and clarification.

9. Committee Reports

- Budget and Management

Motion: (B. Johnston/F. Aoki)

That the financial results for January 31, 2019 be accepted for information purposes.

Carried

- Budget for 2019

Motion: (F. Aoki/B. Johnston)

That the 2019 draft Budget proposed for Westminster Church be accepted.

Carried

- **Communications**

No report. It was noted that discussions will be occurring regarding moving some of communications responsibilities into the office.

- **Inner and Outer Connections**

Pat Miles referred to the written report.

- **Property Committee**

Brandon Johnston referred to the written report. The City is reviewing the front steps and handrail project. The removal and work on the Rose Window will commence the last week of June.

Motion: (B. Johnston/F. Aoki)

That Westminster Church proceed with the SvN proposal, with the costs to be born by Westminster Church.

Carried

The dual projector system is now installed. However, training will be required.

A number of items relating to the lease agreement between Westminster Children's Care Centre and Westminster United Church were discussed.

- **Stewardship**

No Report.

- **Congregational Care.**

Dawn Beirnes referred to the written report.

- **Ministry and Personnel**

Fred Aoki distributed a detailed report on the events, both community and church related, for the last two years. Prepared by M. McKay, Events Coordinator, it was noted the details will be very useful for the work of SvN in analyzing the financial viability of events held at Westminster.

- **Worship**

Ted Barnett referred to the written report.

Motion: (T. Barnett/R. McIntosh)

That the Baptism of Alice Victoria Holtmann take place on Sunday, March 10th, 2019, during the morning worship service.

Carried

Pews 97, 143, and 99 to be removed to improve accessibility in the church sanctuary.
Congregation to be given notice

Motion: (T. Barnett/P. Miles) That Wedding fees be increased to \$1,000, effective immediately for future bookings.

Carried

- **Nominating**

Ted Barnett gave a report on behalf of Nominating.

10. New Business

Motion: (T. Barnett/R. McIntosh) That the Board meet 4 times per year for the remainder of 2019, March, September, and November, with future board meetings to be decided in 2020.

Carried

Motion: (T. Barnett/R. McIntosh) That Past Chairs be invited to each take one Board Meeting in turn.

Carried

11. Rev. Sherri McConnell gave the closing prayer.

Note: Next meetings – March 26, May 21, September - TBA and November - TBA