

WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

General Board Meeting

May 19th, 2020 7pm

Via conference call

In Attendance: Ted Barnett, Sherri McConnell, Carol Latter, Rebecca MacIntosh; Helen LaRue, Brandon Johnston, Marnie Bolland; Pat Miles

Regrets: Loretta Basiuk, John Mort, Boyd Rausch

1. **Call to Order** 7:02
2. **Welcome**
3. **Reflection/Opening** – Hymn 510 – We Have This Ministry, v1
4. **Approval of the May 19th 2020 Agenda**
 - Agenda approved as circulated
5. **Review May 5th, 2020 meeting minutes**
 - Motion: that the minutes of the May 5th meeting be approved as circulated
 - M. Bolland/P. Miles Carried
6. **Blue Sky letter from John Myers estimated cost of collections sent out earlier**
7. **Update 75% Wage Subsidy Funding (Federal Gov't) CEWS** – We are in receipt of 2 payments for 2 4-week periods
8. **\$10,000 loan available from the United Church.** John has the necessary information to apply
9. **M&P**
 - Motion: that in light of the government assistance with staff wages at this time we put our plan to terminate the office staff and amalgamate their positions on hold and revisit it at the Board's discretion
 - M. Bolland/B. Johnston Carried
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10. **Katelyn's honorarium** – Sept 6th to end of June 2021 four hours each week @ \$20 an hour
 - MOTION: that Katelyn McIntyre's position of Children's Ministry Coordinator be renewed from September 6th, 2020 to June 30th 2021 at four hours per week at \$20/hour
 - M/ Bolland/P Miles Carried
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11. **Church Closure** - Recording of Church Services -July and August
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 - MOTION: that Worship is suspended for July through to the 1st Sunday in August while our minister is on vacation and redirect people to other services.
 - M. Bolland/C. Latter Carried

Recorded services in August will be arranged by M&P and Worship if resources can be obtained

Request received to open the church office for staff

3-Region Conference call attended by Ted, Carol and Sherri

Engagemb.ca gives criteria for opening

- MOTION: that Brandon and the Property Committee proceed with a work plan for the caretakers to accomplish work tasks during the closure
 - M. Bolland/B. Johnston

Carried

12. Summer weddings updates

There is one remaining wedding that is booked for July and one for November. Carol will be in touch with the office staff to request they offer to rebook the July wedding, and that the November couple be encouraged to reflect on the potential of continued restrictions on their wedding.

13. Start up concerns – task force to review criteria for resuming activities in the church. Executive plus Brandon, with Fred Aoki to be consulted as a resource.

14. Proposed Budget 2020 Executive to deal with this.

15. New Business

- Motion: that the Executive be empowered to act on behalf of the Board to the first Board meeting in September
 - C. Latter/H. LaRue

A congregational email to advise “where things are at”, and to give reassurance that all is well, to be prepared and sent from Sherri and Ted.

Closing Prayer – Sherri - The Road Ahead

Adjourned: 8:28

Next meeting at the Call of the Chair