

# Westminster United Church

## General Board Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2018

Attendance:	Representing:
Carol Latter	Chair
Ted Barnett	Past Chair, Presbytery Representative, Worship Committee
Rebecca McIntosh	Stewardship
Cheryl Drachuk	Budget and Management
Rita Menzies	Communications
Helen LaRue	Membership, Fellowship & Pastoral Care Committee
Fred Aoki	Ministry and Personnel Committee
Brandon Johnston	Property
Pat Miles	Inner and Outer Connections
Wayne Arnould	Trustees
Sherri McConnell	Ministry Staff
Mary Scott	Secretary

Regrets:	
Boyd Rausch	Presbytery Representative
John Mort	Budget and Management

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

1. Carol Latter called the meeting to order
2. Brandon Johnston introduced Randy Horel, the Access Store, and Ralph Guy, High Road Property Services, Inc. There was a presentation on possible options for the installation of an accessible lift system for Westminster Church, and 120 Maryland. Material, including drawings and estimated costs, were distributed. Following the presentation, the board toured the Westminster Church premises to look at the proposed site, including the main floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and the basement. Brandon Johnston invited the board members to send questions and comments to him, to be followed up with further discussion with Randy Horel and Ralph Guy.

3. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion: F. Aoki/C. Drachuk**

**That the agenda for the meeting of January 16, 2018 be approved as circulated.**

**Carried**

4. Approval of the Minutes

**Motion: F. Aoki/R. Menzies**

**That the minutes for the meeting of November 21, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**Carried**

5. Correspondence
  - Appeal 1Just City
  - Appreciation and Information re Observer, from Jordan Cantwell, Moderator, United Church of Canada
  - Appeal, West Broadway Community Services, Inc.
  - Winnipeg Presbytery, letter stating no increase to Presbytery assessments for 2018.
  - Christmas Cheer Board, thank you and receipt \$200.
6. Remarks from the Chair
  - Carol Latter provided an update about the work on the new Music Library renovations, and the Library. Work should be complete within 2 weeks. The Little Lambs room is now cleaned up and can be used by Bell Tower.
  - Coffee now being served in the Narthex before the service. Volunteers needed to help with providing coffee.
  - Issue of mice in the church, and urging all to be particularly careful with not leaving any food in the open.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - There was no business arising from the November 21, 2017 board meeting noted.
8. Staff Time
  - Sherri spoke about Watchfulness - Watchfulness is a good word for the church as a constant way of coming and being. Watchfulness is possibly a better word for leadership than vision as it allows us to see where the light shines in right now.

### **Committee Reports**

9. Budget and Management
  - Cheryl Drachuk submitted a financial report showing a bank balance as of December 31, 2017 of \$37,702.
  - Year end financial results show a net deficit of \$19,101.
  - The draft 2018 Budget was submitted for discussion. It was suggested something be put in the budget for MPS.

**Motion: C. Drachuk/T. Barnett**

**That the financial results to December 31, 2017 be accepted for information purposes.**

**Carried**

10. Communications
  - Rita Menzies submitted a written report and reminded Board Members that the deadline for Committee Reports for the 2017 Annual Meeting is January 31, 2018.
11. Inner and Outer Connections
  - Pat Miles referred the Board to her written report. Note: An introduction to Centering Prayer being offered Saturdays, March 3, and March 24. Indigenous Awareness: Truth and Reconciliation with Dr. Niigaan Sinclair, May 2, 7:00 pm.

12. Property

- Brandon Johnston referred the Board to his written report. James Fisher has been hired for week end caretaking duties.

13. Stewardship

- Rebecca McIntosh referred the Board to her written report.

14. Presbytery

- No report. There was no Presbytery meeting in December

15. Trustees

- No report.

16. Membership, Fellowship, and Pastoral Care

- A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is planned for February 13, in the Church.

17. Ministry and Personnel

- Fred Aoki referred the Board to his circulated report, regarding salaries. Note, those with a possible conflict of interest left the room. Following discussion, they returned.

**Motion: F. Aoki/T. Barnett**

**That the 2018 salaries for staff and volunteer, as recommended by the Ministry and Personnel Committee, be approved, indicating 1.4% adjustment.**

**Carried**

- A presentation to staff and the congregation by the Winnipeg Police Services will be organized by the M and P committee. To be held following a Sunday worship service.

18. Worship Committee

- Ted Barnett referred the Board to his written report.

**Motion: T. Barnett/W. Arnould**

**That Vann Frederick William Gerrits be baptised on February 18, 2018**

**Carried**

19. Nominating

- The Committee is working on board and committee nominations.

20. New Business

- The Board discussed the two reports, the WOW Committee Report, prepared January 18, 2011, and the Strategic Directions Report, prepared by Strategic Philanthropy with an Ad Hoc Committee of Westminster Church.
- The Wow report was part of a JNAC process that resulted in the appointment of Rev. Greg Glatz. The Strategic Plan was submitted to the Board, December 16, 2014 for consideration but due to other circumstances, there was never a motion to accept this document.

- The priorities of the Wow report were integrated into the Strategic Plan, and so the Wow report is considered completed.
- The focus of discussion is now on the Strategic Plan recommendations. Tonight's focus was primarily on the Mission, Vision and Values recommendations. Further discussion will take place at upcoming board meetings.

21. Closing Prayer, Sherri McConnell  
Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm

Next Meeting: February 27

**Future Meeting dates:**

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19