

B 16/17 - Meeting #5  
**Mill Woods United Church**  
**Council Minutes**

Date: December 13, 2016

Location: Church Lounge

Present: Brian Sampson (Chairperson), Francisco Rico (Ministry & Personnel), Rev. Ian Kellogg, Diane Nash Borynec (Member-at-Large), Laine Pickle (Member-At-Large), Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward), Andrew Janewski (Youth Representative)

Regrets: Randy Round (Finance Representative)

Guest: Tim Janewski

This constitutes a quorum.

Follow-up

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**OPENING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer by Ian.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion 16/17-11** : Moved by Laine, seconded by Francisco that the minutes of November 15, 2016 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**Thanks:**

Council extended thanks to:

- Paul Verdin for his years on the Sunday morning PowerPoint team.
- Cathy Bayly and Lindy Mair for all the work they put into the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on Sunday, November 20.
- Andrew Janewski for his leadership of the Youth Understanding Youth group.

Congratulations to Paula Kirman, our Marketing Coordinator, for receiving the Human Rights Champion Award at the John Humphrey Centre for Peace & Human Rights 10<sup>th</sup> annual awards presentation on December 11.

**Guest:** Tim presented a gift card sales fundraiser called FundScrip, which would be linked to the MWUC website. Council supports Nancy and Mary-Anne to proceed with this fundraiser.

**Correspondence:**

- Video license: Worship is proceeding with this.
  
- Social events: Rob and Jennifer McPhee are planning a variety of adult events for early 2017; Council appreciates these initiatives of the Social Committee.
  
- Power Point resignation: Paul has resigned from this responsibility.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Updates:**

- Community garden: The approximately \$2,000 of "soccer money" has been designated to updating the Community Gardens.
- Storage space: suggestions to address the appearance of the storage space adjacent to the sanctuary included curtains to cover this area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bev's Program Recommendations:

- Council felt it was important to meet with the Child/Youth/Family team of Renee Englot, Lesley Verdin and Audrey Round for input.
- Bev's proposed ideas were appreciated and will be taken under advisement.

Minutes on the web:

- the directive of the United Church of Canada to make Council minutes available on our website was discussed. Starting in January 2017, the Council meeting minutes will be posted on our website.

Treaty Plaque:

- Nancy Siever and Mary-Anne Janewski inquired about putting up a plaque on the outside of our building acknowledging that we are on treaty land. Council agreed in principal.

BreakForth Conference:

- Bev would like to attend this conference on Jan.27-29, 2017 in Edmonton. Council supports her attendance. This is the largest ecumenical church conference of Canada.

Financial Report:

- Randy's report was presented; if we make no changes, MWUC will be broke in 2019.
- The Annual Financial Meeting will be held on February 26, 2017.

Minister's report:

- 2 Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11 p.m.
- Longest Night service on December 21.
- Worship Committee has organized an evening of sharing on Thursday, January 19.
- Ian will hold another session on the UCC Remits in early 2017.
- One wedding was held in December and one more will be on December 30.

Youth Understanding Youth (YUY):

- Andrew will put the meetings of this group on hold, as the other leader is no longer able to continue with this commitment, and Andrew cannot lead this group on his own.

Other committee reports received from:

- Worship Committee
- Truth & Reconciliation Committee

**Next Meeting:**

January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 16/17-12:** Moved by Andrew that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Brian Sampson, Chairperson

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Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward