

**B 16/17 – Meeting #7**  
**Mill Woods United Church**  
**Council Minutes**

**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Location:** Church lounge

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

**Regrets:** Laine Pickle (Member-At-Large)

**This constitutes a quorum.**

**Follow-up**

**Opening:**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer by Ian.

Approval of Minutes to be posted on MWUC website:

**Motion 16/17-15:** Moved by Francisco, seconded by Randy that the minutes of January 10, 2017 be accepted as presented.

**Thanks:**

Council extended thanks to:

- to Renee Englot and Lesley Verdin for their long years of work on the Child, Youth and Family Team, which has now disbanded, and to other church members who have served on the CYF Team over the years
- to Bev Thompson for leading "Messy Church" at the February 5 service and to Nancy Siever, Mary-Anne Janewski for worship leadership on February 12 and to Michelle Nieviadomy of Inner City Pastoral Ministry for leading the congregation in "The Blanket Exercise" and the round dance during that service
- to Rob and Jennifer McPhee for organizing the "Almost the Oscars" movie outing on February 17 and for hosting a dessert party at their house after the screenings

**Correspondence:**

- Resume – Vivian Gietz, a ministry student looking for employment in this field.
- DIYalogue an invitation to a session "on engaging diverse populations in the community" on Feb.23. Andrew may be able to attend.
- Letter of support & Land Use: Brian Sampson sent a letter indicating support of our community garden for them to submit with their grant application.
- Oversight Visit Postponed: we advised Presbytery that we would like to reschedule.

**Business arising:**

Treaty plaque:

- The approximate cost is \$500; the wording is being finalized.

**New Business:**

Financial report for the Annual Financial Meeting (AFM) on Feb.26:

- Randy has prepared the financial documents and the PowerPoint presentation for this meeting; he reminded us to read the Our Path Forward document from last year done by Laine in preparation for the AFM; this is available on the church website.
- Randy will propose a motion to accept a deficit budget.
  - o We hope there will be a lot of discussion and brainstorming of ideas.
- Elfrieda will purchase snacks for the meeting.

Elfrieda

Minister's report:

- Worship Committee is meeting on Tuesday Feb.28<sup>th</sup> after the Pancake Supper
- Jennifer and Ian are doing the Presbytery visit to St. Andrews United Church.
- Ian will be away:
  - o May 1 - 8 at a conference
  - o Aug.28 – Sept.4 for a study leave
  - o Holidays: 1 week at the end of June or July, Sept.18 - Oct.2, and Nov.6 – 13
- Remits:
  - o Ian led a second review for the congregation on Jan.29
  - o Council needs to vote on the Remits, preferably at the next Council meeting;
    - Ian will send Council a review of the Remits before then.
- Leadership: new leaders for various positions in MWUC need to be found.

Ian

Child/Family/Youth worker:

- Brian, Francisco and Bev have met several times to discuss expectations and plans.

Building security:

- Brian will ask Janice to educate each tenant regarding building security.

Brian

Art installation 2: Nancy Siever and Mary-Anne Janewski will look after the logistics of this exhibit.

Apple trees: Young apple trees are available to us if we want to plant some on the church yard.

- Council approved of this idea: maintenance issues need to be considered.

Committee reports:

- Worship submitted the minutes of their meeting on Jan.17.

**Next Council meeting:**

March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 16/17-16:** Moved by Andrew that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Brian Sampson, Chairperson

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Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward