

## B 16/17 – Meeting #8 Mill Woods United Church Council Minutes

**Date:** March 14, 2017

**Location:** Church lounge

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

**Guest:** Bev Thompson

**This constitutes a quorum.**

**Follow-up**

**Opening:**

The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer by Ian.

**Bev's report:** Because of the lack of children, Bev recommended that we review the Child/Youth/Family position. She suggested considering weekday events for families or youth.

**Approval of Minutes** to be posted on MWUC website:

**Motion 16/17-17:** Moved by Randy, seconded by Andrew that the minutes of February 21, 2017 be accepted as presented.

**Thanks:**

Council extended thanks to:

- Paul Verdin, Brian Sampson and Randy Round for their work on the AFM.
- Dave Janzen for snow removal around the church.

**Correspondence:**

- **Tower upgrade proposal:** Freedom Mobile would like to modify the top of the cell tower and pay us an additional \$1000 increase in rent. Council approved. Brian will contact them. Brian
- **Budget ideas:** Randy shared comments he received after the Annual Financial Meeting.
- **Bryan LeGrow requested** to use the church for a concert on April 8 evening by his group. Ian will let him know that Council agrees to this request. Ian
- **Daycare request:** a nearby daycare experienced flooding in their basement this week and is in need of an alternate space for their before- and after-school program until their basement is useable again. Brian will talk to them about rental fees. Brian
- **Annual Report deadline:** Janice requested to have reports submitted to the office by Sunday, April 23.
- **Drag show:** Council approved of holding another drag show at MWUC. Brian will arrange a date for this with the requestor. Brian

**Business arising:**

- **Building security:** the church doors are sometimes locked and closed but not latched. Janice is asking all tenants to be sure the doors are completely shut when they leave.

**New Business:****Ask letter:**

- Brian has drafted a stewardship letter to be sent to members of MWUC asking for help with our finances. Council approved the letter, which will be sent out by April 1.

**Remits vote:** Four remits proposed by the United Church of Canada General Council, which were presented by Ian at two meetings open to the congregation in September 2016 and January 2017, were presented for approval by Mill Woods United Church.

These are:

1. Three Council Model;
2. Elimination of "Transfer and Settlement";
3. New "Office of Vocation";
4. Change in funding.

**Motion 16/17-18:** Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Cathy Bayly that these Remits be approved by Council on behalf of Mill Woods United Church. **Carried**

**Minister's report:**

- Worship Committee is meeting next week
- The Worship Committee is hosting another evening of sharing about hope on Thursday, April 6.
- Jennifer and Ian have done two Presbytery oversight visits to St. Andrew's United Church.
- Ian has joined a Bible study group of ministers in Edmonton Presbytery.

**Intercultural Report:**

- On June 11 Kirk United Church will be hosting an intercultural service on the anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada. All United Churches are encouraged to attend.
- Andrew proposed a pot-luck gathering of our congregation and the Zimbabwean Congregation for an opportunity to socialize.

**Financial report and Emergency congregational meeting:**

- The financial numbers are lower than projected, but most of our fundraisers happen in the latter part of the year.
- Council discussed revisions to the budget.
- Further review of the budget and of an emergency congregational meeting will be done at the Facing the Future meeting on March 28.
- A stewardship letter will be sent out by April 1 to past and present members of MWUC.
- Leadership vacancies are still a significant issue.

**Annual General Meeting:** May 28, 2017

**Next Council meeting:**

April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 16/17-19:** Moved by Cathy Bayly that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.