

B 16/17 – Meeting #9 Mill Woods United Church Council Minutes

Date: April 11, 2017

Location: Church lounge

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

Regrets: Andrew Janewski (Youth Representative)

Guest: Nancy Siever

This constitutes a quorum.

Follow-up

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer by Ian.

Welcome to Dave Elliot as Presbytery representative for MWUC.

Approval of Minutes to be posted on MWUC website:

Correction: the minutes of February 21, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Motion 16/17- 20: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Francisco Rico that the minutes of March 14, 2017 be accepted as amended.

Thanks:

Council extended thanks to:

- Rob and Jennifer McPhee for the Leprechaun Gold cards night.
- Ethel Ray for leading the Sharing Hope Circle on April 6.
- Nancy Siever for her work on the new plaque and on the community garden.

Correspondence:

Request to put the steeple lights on timer to be on at night:

Council agreed this is a good idea. Brian will ask Property Committee to install a timer. Brian

Request to pursue mounting a large screen television at the front of the sanctuary:

Laine will investigate this further. Laine

Meal on Wheels: as another site has been designated as a south-side depot, our church is not needed for this program at present.

Drag Show: the evening on June 17 has been suggested for this event, although this needs to be confirmed.

Thank You Letters were sent to the Bread run supporters.

Time & Talents Letter: this was put together by Ian and sent out to our email list to encourage people to become more involved in our church activities.

Intercultural Christmas Choirs event to be held on December 3 this year.

Rental by Down Syndrome Society of Edmonton: a performance on Saturday afternoon, May 6, is being arranged with Janice Martin. Council approves of this event.

Social Mixer for MWUC and the Zimbabwean congregation:

- A meeting will take place on April 30 to plan this event.

Traditional Arts & Regalia Program: space is requested for this program, which may conflict with present usage of the building. More information is required to assess this possibility.

- Brian will contact Mary-Anne Janewski about this request.

Brian

Business arising:

- GEA membership: MindAlive has offered to pay our membership fee, so that we can continue to participate in this organization.
- Rainbow Daycare – Dave Elliot has investigated the possibility of having a daycare rent space in MWUC. This will not happen now, but Council approved Dave to continue to pursue this possibility.
- Ask Letter response: some positive responses have already been noted.

New Business:

- **Facing The Future (FTF) Report / Emergency Meeting:**
 - o Laine reported on the issues discussed at the recent FTF meeting, which focused on improving our financial position. Issues included possibly reducing staff time and generating more funds.
 - o Bev Thompson's and Paula Kiernan's hours will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 28.
- **Financial report:** Randy presented the budget to date and included a revised 2017 Budget that included possible adjustments.
 - o Council decided that calling an emergency meeting before the AGM would not allow enough time to assess the effects of the Ask letter (i.e. increases in planned givings) and of Ian's recent Time & Talents letter and subsequent changes to the proposed budget.
- **Plaque:** Nancy Siever showed us the completed plaque acknowledging that we are on treaty land. Brian will contact the Property Committee to mount the plaque.

Brian

- **Garden update** : Nancy Siever explained the proposal of the Garden group regarding a major update to the garden, to be paid for mostly by grants for which they are applying. Council is supportive of this proposal.

- **Minister's report:**
 - o A stewardship campaign is planned for 5 Sundays in September and October
 - o Our MP Amarjeet Sohi is planning to come to our Easter service.
 - o Jennifer McPhee and Ian have completed their Oversight visit to St. Andrews United Church and have sent the information to Presbytery.
 - o On April 6 another sharing circle was held with good attendance.
 - o A wedding is scheduled for June 17.

Annual Report deadline: April 23, 2017

Annual General Meeting: May 28, 2017

Next Council meeting:

May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion 16/17-21: Moved by Laine Pickle that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Brian Sampson, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward