

B 17/18 – Meeting #1

Mill Woods United Church

Council Minutes

Date: June 13, 2017

Location: Church lounge

Present: Carla Janzen, Kathy Poechman, Lindy Mair (Chairpersons), Brian Sampson (Past Chair), Rev. Ian Kellogg, Randy Round (Finance), Francisco Rico (Ministry & Personnel), Laine Pickle (Member-At-Large), Cathy Bayly (Worship), Dave Elliot (Presbytery), Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward)

Guest: Andrew Janewski, Bev Thompson, Darlene Hayward (Membership)

Regrets: Diane Nash Borynec (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 17/18-01: Moved by Brian Sampson, seconded by Randy Round that the minutes of May 16, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Thanks:

Council extended thanks to:

- Rosanna Creelman for childcare at the May 28 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Olga Garcia for providing a light lunch for the AGM
- Cathy Bayly for spearheading the work of Heavenly Hospitality at the Celebration of Life (Dave Thornton) on May 24 and the Edmonton Presbytery retired ministers' lunch on June 7
- Andrew Janewski for organizing the joint service and potluck lunch with the Zimbabwean Congregation on June 4

Child/Youth/Family position:

Bev Thompson presented options for the best use of the 10 hours per week now available to her in this position.

- Bev has been in touch with about 10 youth who are very interested in forming a youth group, meeting on Sunday evenings for various activities.
- Bev would still have enough time to do preparations for Sunday mornings and to organize the schedule of people for the Children's Story on Sunday mornings.
- Council agreed that this would be the best use of her time, especially as our youth are very important to us and there are almost no children at the worship services.
- She will order Sunday School curriculum materials, which will be paid for by the Worship Committee; volunteers will be needed to work with any children who come on Sunday mornings.

Motion 17/18-02: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Kathy Poechman that Bev focus her 10 hours per week as the Child/Youth/Family worker on a youth group on Sunday evenings, do preparations for Sunday School on Sunday mornings, and coordinate the Sunday service story times. **Carried**

Correspondence:

- **Drag Show:** was planned for June 17 but has been postponed, possibly until the fall.
- **SouthEast Rec Network Gathering :** On June 1, Carla attended this meeting of businesses in South East Edmonton, including churches, community leagues, Library, Health Services.
- **New daycare inquiry:** A committee of Dave, Laine and Andrew Langstone is continuing to look into a request to rent space in the church basement for a before- and after-school daycare. As the daycare would like to start operating in September, Council will meet again on July 11 to decide whether or not to proceed with this.
- **Cell phone tower:** Dave is investigating possible insurance issues and the pay we receive from the cell phone tower company.

Dave, Laine,
Andrew Langstone

Dave

Business arising:

- **June 4 Joint service and lunch follow-up:** Andrew reported that this was very well attended and enjoyed by both congregations. The feedback he and others received was that joint services between MWUC and the Zimbabwean congregation could be held more often.
- **Intercultural Service at Kirk United:** This service on June 11 was well attended with many congregations being represented.
- **AGM follow-up:** The meeting was well attended with a lot of discussion. Facing the Future will continue to work on the ideas and concerns raised at the AGM.
- **Weight Watchers:** their contract has been renewed for another year.
- **Pride Parade:** Ian reported that on June 10 a small group from MWUC participated in the Pride Parade.

New Business:

- **Financial report:** Randy presented the finances to date. The large increase in the cost of heat and power raised a red flag, which he is investigating.
- **Minister's report:**
 - o Filling the vacant positions will be a key focus
 - o Bev has volunteered to make up the schedule of Food Bank volunteers
 - o Connections newsletter will go out next week
 - o Another book study is being planned for the fall
 - o The July 2 service will be taken on by Paul and Lesley Verdin
 - o Baptisms:
 - Baptized on June 11 (approved by Council via email in May) – Nicholas George de Jong, son of Brad de Jong and Simone de Jong
 - Probable July baptism – Morgan Kelsie Marie Hudson, daughter of Daniel Lee Hudson and Erika Marie White

Motion 17/18-03: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Dave Elliot that Council approves the baptism of Morgan Kelsie Marie Hudson, daughter of Daniel Lee Hudson and Erika Marie White this summer at a date to be determined. **Carried**

Special Council meeting (re day-care): July 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Fall Council meeting: September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion 17/18-04: Moved by Randy Round that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Carla Janzen, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward