

**B 17/18 – Meeting #5
Mill Woods United Church
Council Minutes**

Date: November 14, 2017

Location: Church lounge

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

Regrets: Lindy Mair, Diane Nash Borynec (Member-at-Large), Dave Elliot (Presbytery)

This constitutes a quorum.

Follow-up

Opening:

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

Approval of Minutes to be posted on MWUC website:

Motion 17/18-15: Moved by Brian Sampson, seconded by Randy Round that the minutes of October 10, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Thanks:

Council extended thanks to:

- Rob and Jennifer McPhee for the Whist night on Nov. 10
- MWUC choir for their amazing anthems
- Heavenly Hospitality for the lunch Nov.5
- Janice Martin for the amazing November Connections Newsletter
- Joanne Kobyłka for leading the service on Nov.12
- Kim Denis for filling in for Bryan LeGrow at the worship service on Nov.5
- Property Committee for their work, including putting a timer on the steeple light so that it is illuminated through the evening and night

Correspondence:

- **Drag Show:** on Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 pm.
- **Great Plains Concert:** on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Wine tasting** on December 1 is at full capacity of 30 people.

Business arising:

Daycare:

- Dave and Laine are continuing the process of planning for the possibility of renting to a daycare in fall of next year.

Property report:

- The retaining wall around the basement windows needs to be repaired, but does not need immediate attention.
- The steeple light is on a timer to be turned on from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Request from Janice re rental attendant position:

- Someone needs to be in the church when rental groups are here and Laura cannot be here. Several people have volunteered to help with this. Randy will talk to Janice regarding this duty and report at the next Council meeting.

Randy

Taoist Tai Chi rental agreement:

- This is coming up for renewal. Council discussed increasing the rate to reflect the church's significant increase in heating and power costs. Carla will inform Janice so she can respond to the Tai Chi group.

Carla

New Business:

Financial report:

- Randy presented the finances to date, with a focus on presenting these at the Annual Financial Meeting.

Stewardship:

- Darlene, Nancy and Ian met to discuss the Stewardship campaign and plan for next year.
- Ian will be sending out a Thank You to everyone who submitted Stewardship forms.

Facing The Future report:

- Laine Pickle presented the agenda for the Annual Financial Meeting.

Annual Financial Meeting on November 19, 2017:

- Lunch will be provided before the meeting by Heavenly Hospitality.
- Rob McPhee will chair the meeting.

Fees for weddings and funerals:

- Ian distributed a schedule of rates to be discussed at the next meeting.

Minister's report:

- Bible Study and Hot Topics sessions continue.
- November 19 will be a joint service with the Zimbabwean Congregation
- Funeral was held for Bruce Wenshlaw, Lesley Verdin's father, on October 27.
- Pastoral Ministry Oversight process has begun, with the Presbytery visit to be scheduled early in the new year.

- Baptism: **Motion 17/18-16:** Moved by Kathy Poechman, seconded by Carla Janzen that Council approves the baptism of Hazel Grace Langstone. **Carried**

Membership Committee:

- The committee reviewed the membership list and discussed ways of keeping in touch.
- Ian is sending cards on the first anniversary of baptisms, weddings, etc.

Next Council meeting: December 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

Kathy Poechman, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward