

B 17/18 – Meeting #6 Mill Woods United Church Council Minutes

Date: December 12, 2017

Location: Church lounge

Present: Lindy Mair, Kathy Poechman, Carla Janzen (Chairpersons), Rev. Ian Kellogg, Cathy Bayly (Worship), Brian Sampson (Past Chair), Dave Elliot (Presbytery), Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward), Francisco Rico (Ministry & Personnel)

Regrets: Diane Nash Borynec (Member-at-Large), Randy Round (Finance), Laine Pickle (Member-At-Large), Darlene Hayward (Membership)

Guest: Rob McPhee

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 17/18-18: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Brian Sampson that the minutes of November 14, 2017 be accepted as presented. Carried

Thanks: Council extended thanks to:

- A.J. Janewski for organizing the "Church Chat" drag show on November 18
- Rob and Jennifer McPhee for organizing the wine-tasting fundraiser on December 1
- Celia Conway for organizing the "Great Plains" fundraising concert on December 7
- Heavenly Hospitality for the lunch at the AFM on November 19
- the Property Committee and Laura Webster for spreading gravel on the icy parking lots and sidewalks

Correspondence:

- **Resource Fair:** The Honorable Christina Gray has invited us to set up a table at this fair on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Mill Woods Senior Center.
- Ian and Dave Elliot will staff this table.

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.

Rental Attendant position:

- Someone needs to be in the church when rental groups are here; six people have volunteered to help with this when Laura cannot be here: John Mair, Lindy Mair, Kathy Poechman, Rob McPhee, Carla Janzen and Randy Round.
- A list of duties for this position has been drawn up.

Pastoral Charge Oversight Visit:

- 20 questionnaires have been sent in. On January 25, Rev. Heather Wright and Carol Loewen from United on Whyte will come out to interview various people of our congregation.

Sound system:

- Dave Siever will consult with Bryan LeGrow about relocating the new sound system.

Janice's Retirement:

- As Janice is planning to retire as of March 1, 2018, a celebration in appreciation of her many years of work as Church Administrator will be planned for the end of February.

New Business:**Annual Financial Meeting follow-up:**

- A list of the suggestions made by the attendees of the AFM were distributed for Council's review, to be discussed at the January Council meeting.

Fees for weddings and funerals:

- The schedule of rates distributed by Ian was discussed.
 - o **Motion 17/18-19: Moved by Brian Sampson, seconded by Francisco Rico that there be no fees for funerals at Mill Woods United Church effective immediately.**
Carried
 - o **Motion 17/18-20: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Cathy Bayly that the proposed fee schedule for weddings be accepted, to be effective as of January 1, 2018.**
Carried

Minister's report:

- Longest Night service on December 21.
- Two services on December 24.
- Thursday Bible Study will continue in January.
- The next Hot Topics sessions will be on January 18.
- Pastoral Ministry Oversight visit is scheduled for January 25, 2018.
- Memorial service for Jean Parks, mother of Robin Lane and Sandy Ponich, will be held on December 15 at 3 p.m.

On January 2 Ian will have been at MWUC for 4 years.

- On January 7 a soup & buns lunch will be offered after the service to celebrate.

Proposed staffing plans for 2018:

- On behalf of Ministry & Personnel, Rob presented possible staffing scenarios.
Motion 17/18-21: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Brian Sampson to accept the Proposed Staffing Plan Report and to recommend Staffing Scenario Six. Carried
- On January 14 this information will be shared with the congregation during the service.

Next Council meeting: January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion 17/18-22: Moved by Francisco Rico that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Lindy Mair, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward