

**B 17/18 – Meeting #7
Mill Woods United Church
Council Minutes**

Date: January 9, 2018

Location: Church lounge

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

Regrets: Lindy Mair, Brian Sampson (Past Chair), Diane Nash Borynec (Member-at-Large)

Guest: Nancy Siever

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:

Amendment: under the Rental Attendant position the names of the volunteers were added: John Mair, Lindy Mair, Kathy Poechman, Rob McPhee, Randy Round, Carla Janzen.

MOTION 17/18-23: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Kathy Poechman that the minutes of December 12, 2017 be accepted as amended. Carried

Thanks: Council extended thanks to:

- Cathy Bayly, Kathy Poechman and Heavenly Hospitality for the lunch after the service on Jan.7
- Heavenly Hospitality for catering Jean Park’s funeral
- Carla Janzen, Audrey Round and Ethel Ray for looking after the children on Sunday morning
- Len Penner for playing his guitar at most services
- Cathy Bayly and Joanne Kobyłka for the Longest Night Service on December 21
- Mary Ann Janewski for the December Sobey’s fundraiser
- Morris Oldham and Ken Tovell for their years on the Property Committee
- Rob and Jennifer for the Carols & Cookies event on December 22
- Ministry & Personnel Committee for all the work they have done on the 2018 staffing plan
- The Clothing Bank ladies for taking down the Christmas decorations

Correspondence:

Shrove Tuesday & Fundscrip:

Nancy Siever said that the Collective Kitchen group has offered to prepare and serve the Shrove Tuesday dinner on February 13; this was gratefully accepted. Heavenly Hospitality will consult with them and assist as needed.

Nancy also informed us that about \$600 had been earned through Fundscrip to date.

Staffing Plan by Ministry & Personnel:

Francisco presented the information package that will be shared with the congregation on January 14.

Concern re basement temperature:

Janice received a complaint from Weight Watchers that the basement was too cold. Carla will contact WW to let them know to keep the basement door closed to help keep out the cold, and because fire regulations state that this fire door needs to be kept closed.

Carla

Council agreed that it is not the Administrator’s responsibility to deal with complaints but to pass them on to Council. A complaint/Concerns form template will be developed. Carla will pass this information on to Janice.

Business arising:

Comfort Zone discussion ideas from AFM:

Council reviewed these ideas. Facing the Future will also discuss them at their next meeting.

Pastoral Charge Oversight Visit:

A schedule has been set for 3 – 8 p.m. on January 25 for various groups to meet with Rev. Heather Wright and Carol Loewen from United on Whyte.

Sound system:

Carla is bringing a small stand to hold the sound system. She, Bryan LeGrow and Dave Siever are looking at purchasing new microphones.

Janice’s Retirement:

A drop-in event with cake and coffee is planned for approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28 as a farewell to Janice and in appreciation of her many years of work as Church Administrator at MWUC. It will also be an opportunity to welcome our new Administrator. Kathy will provide the cake and Heavenly Hospitality will take care of organizing the rest.

Kathy

New Business:

Financial report:

Randy presented the draft financial report to date.

MOTION 17/18-24: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Dave Elliot that the Special offerings from Easter and Thanksgiving 2017 be designated to the Bissell Center.
Carried

MOTION 17/18-25: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Dave Elliot that the Special offerings from Christmas 2017 be designated to No Room at the Inn/Canadian Mental Health Association.
Carried

Minister’s report:

- Attended Paul Verdin’s mother’s funeral on Jan.9 at Robertson Wesley
- Memorial for Jean Parks on December 15 at MWUC
- Adult education continues with Hot Topics and with weekly Bible studies
- Worship meeting next Tuesday
- Final meeting of Alberta and Northwest Conference will be held in Sherwood Park from May 10-13. It will be preceded by a two-day event for ANWC ministers called "Ministers ReCall" at Robertson Wesley UC (May 8-9)

Next Council meeting: February 13, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. after the Shrove Tuesday dinner.

Adjournment:

MOTION 17/18-26: Moved by Cathy Bayly that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carla Janzen, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward