

B 17/18 – Meeting #8 Mill Woods United Church Council Minutes

Date: February 13, 2018

Location: Church lounge

Present: Lindy Mair, Carla Janzen, Kathy Poechman (Chairpersons), Rev. Ian Kellogg, Ethel Ray (Worship), Dave Elliot (Presbytery), Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward), Francisco Rico (Ministry & Personnel), Randy Round (Finance), Laine Pickle (Member-At-Large), Brian Sampson (Past Chair), Diane Nash Borynec (Member-at-Large), Darlene Hayward (Stewardship)

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 17/18-27: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Carla Janzen that the minutes of January 9, 2018 be accepted as presented. Carried

Thanks: Council extended thanks to:

- Members of the Collective Kitchen who helped to prepare and serve the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 13
- Rob McPhee for preparing and leading the service on January 14 when Ian was in Toronto attending the funeral service for his mother
- Rob and Jennifer McPhee for organizing and hosting the movie night on January 20.
- Dave Elliot and Ian Kellogg for staffing an information table about the church at a January 27 Community Resource Fair at the Mill Woods Seniors Centre
- Brian Sampson for his years on Council as Chairperson (2015 and 2016) and Past Chairperson (2017)

Business arising:

Pastoral Charge Oversight Visit review: this report has not yet been received.

Nomination Committee Report: Lindy presented the list of nominated Council members and a few Non-Council positions, to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on March 11:

Council

Co-Chairs:	Carla Janzen, Rob McPhee
Chair Elect:	vacant
Stewardship:	Ian Kellogg, Darlene Hayward, Nancy Siever
Finance:	Randy Round
Members-at-Large:	Diane Nash, Laine Pickle, Bill McGregor
Minister:	Ian Kellogg
Ministry & Personnel:	Francisco Rico
Past Chairs:	Kathy Poechman, Lindy Mair
Presbytery Rep.:	Dave Elliot
Recording Steward:	Elfrieda Penner
Worship Chairs:	Cathy Bayly, Ethel Ray

Non-Council positions

Property Chair: Len Penner
 Grants: Carol Hickmann
 Trustees: Wendy Edey, Donna Skoreiko, Karl Kropf, Carol Hickmann

MOTION 17/18-28: Moved by Brian Sampson, seconded by Lindy Mair that the Church Administrator attend Council meetings. Carried

Francisco will speak with Liliana about attending these meetings.

Francisco

Long-term Rental Coordinator / WW rent increase: Lindy Mair has taken on this position.

MOTION 17/18-29: Moved by Carla Janzen, seconded by Brian Sampson to authorize the Long-Term Rental Coordinator to negotiate renewal of the rental contract of Weight Watchers, as the current contract ends in May 2018. Carried

Lindy

Zimbabwe Congregation’s use of the lounge on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 for a Bible study group. Lindy will contact Tazvi that they are welcome to use the lounge then.

Lindy

Ministry & Personnel staffing update:

- Francisco informed us that Liliana Angel has been hired as our new Church Administrator.
MOTION 17/18-30: Moved by Francisco Rico, seconded by Kathy Poechman that Council approve the hiring of Liliana Angel as Church Administrator effective February 12, 2018. Carried
- Francisco also said that the Pastoral Oversight team mentioned that all adults dealing with at-risk vulnerable persons in our church must have a Police Record Check. When we receive their report, this can be verified.

Banking authority motion:

As Janice is retiring at the end of February the following motion was made:

MOTION 17/18-31: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Lindy Mair that Janice Martin be removed as an authorized signing authority for Servus Credit Union accounts effective March 1, 2018. Carried

Daycare License:

Dave Elliot said that the couple that is interested in opening a daycare at MWUC is in the process of applying for its daycare license with Social Services and needs a letter of support from the MWUC Council to proceed with this.

MOTION 17/18-32: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Brian Sampson that the Mill Woods United Church Council support the application for a daycare license by Anthony and Celine Panicker.

After a lengthy discussion, Council decided to table this motion. Dave will draft a letter to bring to the next Council meeting.

Dave

MOTION 17/18-33: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Lindy Mair to table this motion to the next Council meeting. Carried

Facing the Future: Laine informed us that FTF will be meeting on Thursday, Feb.15.

New Business:**Annual General Meeting:**

- The AGM will take place after the service on Sunday, March 11.
- Tim Janewski has agreed to chair the AGM.
- Heavenly Hospitality will provide food for the meeting

Financial report: Randy presented the 2017 Financial Statements, which will be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting on March 11, 2018.

MOTION 2017/18-34: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Carla Janzen that Council approves the 2017 Financial Statements as presented. Carried

Property – Heating:

- Carla is looking into the increased heating costs
- Gary Boswell is working on adjustments to the front doors

Minister's report: Ian

- The Worship Committee meets next Tuesday evening, February 20 – Lent/Easter planning is underway
- This is a General Council year, so there will be a Conference meeting (the final one!) of Alberta and Northwest Conference, May 10-13. I will also attend a "Minister's Re-Call" event at Robertson-Wesley United (which is open to all ministers in the Conference) on May 8-9 * Since I will be in Sherwood Park on Sunday May 13, I have suggested to the Worship Committee that they consider inviting everyone at Mill Woods United to worship that morning at Millennium Place at 10 am. Called "The Celebration of Ministries" service, it will include a guest preacher, the ordination of new ministers, communion, and a large pick-up choir. Probably 500 people will be in attendance
- The fourth "Hot Topics" discussion will happen on Thursday evening February 22. So far, about six people are attending
- I participated in a Webinar training session called "Boundary Issues for Church Leaders" on January 17. This was a supplement to a training session I took in 2013. All UCC ministers are required to take this course every five years
- Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals: A Celebration of Life for John Skoreiko was held here on January 20
- The Nominations Committee met on Feb 4

Janice's retirement - open house:

An informal farewell and thank you celebration is planned for Janice's last day on Wednesday, February 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. This will also be an opportunity to welcome our new Administrator.

Next Council meeting: March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION 17/18-35: Moved by Lindy Mair that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Lindy Mair, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward