

B 18/19 – Meeting #1

Mill Woods United Church

Council Minutes

Date: March 13, 2018

Location: Church lounge

Present: Carla Janzen, Rob McPhee (Chairpersons), Kathy Poechman (Past Chair), Rev. Ian Kellogg, Cathy Bayly (Worship), Dave Elliot (Presbytery), Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward), Francisco Rico (Ministry & Personnel), Randy Round (Finance), Diane Nash Borynec (Member-at-Large), Darlene Hayward (Stewardship), Bill McGregor (Member-At-Large), Liliana Angel (Administrator)

Absent: Lindy Mair (Past Chair), Laine Pickle (Member-At-Large)

Guest: Nancy Siever

This constitutes a quorum.

Follow-up

Opening & Welcome:

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by Carla & Rob. Ian led us in a prayer.

Approval of Minutes to be posted on MWUC website:

MOTION 18/19-01: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Kathy Poechman that the minutes of February 13, 2018 be accepted as presented. Carried

Thanks: Council extended thanks to the following:

- Gary Boswell for working diligently to fix the front door on Feb.12 and to refurbish and fix the church furnaces
- Kathy Poechman and Heavenly Hospitality for organizing and hosting the farewell open house for Janice Martin and the welcome to Liliana Angel, our new Office Administrator, on February 28
- To all those who contributed to making the March 11 Annual General Meeting a success: Rob McPhee for chairing, Elfrieda Penner for taking minutes, Randy Round for the financial information, Kathy Poechman and Carla Janzen for their presentations, Brian Sampson for managing the technology, Heavenly Hospitality for providing refreshments, and all 40 people who attended.
- Bryan LeGrow and Carla Janzen for enhancements to the sanctuary sound system (new microphones, stands for speakers, etc.)

Correspondence:

MWUC social media:

- Liliana asked for assistance in managing what is posted on our social media. As only Ian, Brian Sampson, Mary-Anne Janewski and Liliana post anything, they will try to meet every two weeks to discuss what is posted.
- Liliana also asked about technical support when problems with her computer arise (e.g. virus). Carla will ask Brian Sampson for suggestions of whom she can ask.

Carla

Clarification of Liliana's duties:

- Randy said that Liliana does not have any finance-related duties; these are being carried out by his finance team.
- Rob said that Liliana is also not involved in planning for the summer services. He will meet with the Worship committee and others who have volunteered to help to plan these services. He will report on this at the April Council meeting.

Rob

MWUC Manual:

- Rob will work on updating this manual.

Rob

Business arising:

Pastoral Charge Oversight Visit:

- A draft has been received and is being reviewed by Ian and Carla.

Sound System: Carla reported that the new sound system is in place and is working well.

Staff Communications:

- To ensure that staff members are aware of what has been discussed and decided at Council meetings, Carla or Rob will meet with all the staff on the day following these meetings. They will remind them that they are welcome to attend Council meetings.
- Carla or Rob will also post a summary of each Council meeting in the next What’s the Buzz.

Rob, Carla

Property:

- **Furnaces:** Gary has worked hard on the furnaces, so that they are now working well again.
- **Keys:** Ian, Laura Webster, Rob, Nancy Siever and the Property Chair (Gary Boswell – interim) each have a key to the front door of the church.
 - o If the front door will not open after the correct code has been entered, one of the above people with a key needs to be called for assistance.
 - o Carla will let Lindy know that our renters need to be informed about who has these keys.

Carla, Lindy

New Business:

Annual General Meeting (review):

- Kathy said that she heard many positive comments about the presentations. The meeting felt very upbeat. It was encouraging that the Nominations slate was completely filled.

Making a Difference:

- Rob said that he is looking forward to co-chairing Council with Carla and to working with Council.
- Rob suggested that our foundational statements need updating, as they were written many years ago and our circumstances have changed. He distributed a proposal to involve the congregation in this process by providing copies (courtesy of the authors) of the book Making a Difference: By Doing it Differently by Claire Woodbury and Joyce Madsen, and having discussions based on this book on five Monday evenings: April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7 (see attachment).

MOTION 19/19-02: Moved by Rob McPhee, seconded by Diane Nash that Rob and Carla have the support of Council to proceed with the Making a Difference plan. Carried

Daycare:

- Dave, Darlene, and Nancy Siever presented a possible plan for the basement to accommodate both Weight Watchers and a daycare (attached).
- The couple proposing to have a daycare here are meeting with a bank manager to obtain an official letter verifying that they have the financial means to proceed with the daycare.

- An information meeting will happen on Sunday, March 25 after the service for the congregation to hear about the daycare plans and to have the opportunity for questions and discussion before Council fully commits to a daycare in the church.
- Dave, Darlene and Nancy will prepare an informational handout to be made available to the congregation on Sunday, March 18.

Dave, Nancy,
Darlene

Basement Cleanup:

- Nancy and Darlene recommended that the church basement be thoroughly gone through to evaluate what needs to be kept and how it is stored, and what can be discarded or recycled.

MOTION 18/19-03: Moved by Carla Janzen, seconded by Cathy Bayly that Nancy Siever and Darlene Hayward be authorized to coordinate a basement clean-up/recycle process. Carried

Minister's report: Ian said that two adults have requested to be confirmed.

MOTION 18/19-03: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Carla Janzen that Council approves the confirmation of David Rickard and Diana Rickard on March 18. Carried

Meeting dates for the next few months are:

April 10

May 15

June 19

Next Council meeting: April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION 18/19-04 : Moved by Diane Nash that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Rob McPhee, Chairperson

Elfrieda Penner, Recording Steward

Attachments with paper copy in office:

1. Making a Difference
2. A rough proposed plan of the church basement to accommodate both Weight Watchers and a daycare.