

B 18/19 – Meeting #8
Mill Woods United Church
Council Minutes

Join In – Reach Out – Make a Difference

Date: December 11, 2018

Location: Church lounge

Present: Carla Janzen (Chair), Rob (Chair), Cathy Bayly (Worship), Kathy Poechman (Past Chair), Randy Round (Finance), Laine Pickle (Member-at-Large), Darlene Hayward (Membership), Rev. Ian Kellogg, Bill McGregor (Member-at-Large), Francisco Rico (Ministry & Personnel), Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward)

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

1 Gathering time

- 1.1 Welcome – Carla welcomed us with an excerpt from *George Henry Hubbard*
- 1.2 Prayer – Ian Kellogg

2 Housekeeping

2.1 Changes to agenda: none

2.2 Approval of minutes of November 13, 2018 to include on website

Motion 18/19-53: that the minutes of November 13, 2018 be accepted as presented.

- **Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Kathy Poechman**
- **Carried**

2.3 Showing our gratitude:

- Everyone who volunteered in any way for the November 24 Craft Fair!
- Randy Round, Nancy Siever, Rob McPhee, Carla Janzen for presentations at the November 18 Annual Financial Meeting
- Heavenly Hospitality for the retired ministers' lunch on December 5
- Worship Committee members and other volunteers who put up the Tree and Christmas Decorations on November 23
- Kathy Poechman for putting up the tree at church entrance
- Gary & Liliana for arranging snow removal
- Rob McPhee for the Wine Tasting Event on December 7
- Don Grabinsky for taking the White Gifts to the Bissell Centre on December 9
- Christina Gray for the gift of Poinsettia bouquet
- Mary-Anne Janewski and Nancy Siever for their TRC story and presentation during the Sunday Service on December 9
- Mary-Anne Janewski and Nancy Siever for the Movie night screening of Indian Horse on December 9

3 Correspondence

- **Habitat for Humanity:**
 - Ian will put the information into What's the Buzz so individuals can sign up for Habitat for Humanity projects of their choice.

4 Business Arising

4.1 Updates and actions from previous meetings: none

4.2 Minister's Sabbatical: Ian

Motion 18/19-54: to approve a 3-month Sabbatical as presented by Ian and approved by the Ministry & Personnel Committee for May 1 – July 31, 2019.

- **Moved by Francisco, seconded by Darlene Hayward**
- **Carried**
- Any changes will be arranged with M & P and then reported to Council.

4.3 Sunday morning ministry during Ian's Sabbatical and vacation time:

- Worship Committee will take the lead with help from M & P
- Money is in the budget to pay for pulpit supply for three months
- One month will be led by volunteer lay people

4.4 Mill Woods Resource Fair:

- January 12, 2019, 11:00 – 2:00 pm at the Mill Woods Senior Centre
- Ian has staffed a table there for the past several years with information and displays on MWUC
- Carla will join him there this year

4.5 Property update:

- The elevator now has a new motor at a cost of approximately \$1,200, but it still needs more work at further cost
- The shed was broken into and the snow-blower was stolen
- Computer in the office needs a new CPU
- Consideration is being given to hiring a company to respond to church alarms
- The snow removal company started on Dec. 1; their contract includes salting and sanding of the sidewalks
- Property put up lights on the tree at the front of the church

4.6 Church clean up and maintenance:

- Rob thanked M & P, Property and Liliana for sorting out who is responsible for the many duties in and around the church building, and for putting together a Cleaning & Maintenance Schedule **(see attachment #1)**

4.7 Social Events for 2019 **(see attachment #2)**

- Friday, December 21: Family Christmas Singsong and Trivia Evening
- Saturday, January 19: Screenshots
- Friday, February 8: Small Villages of France and a Stans' Adventure
- Saturday, March 16: That's Amore
- Friday, April 12: Fun, Fun, Fun ... Car Rally
- Saturday, May 25: Great Western Barbecue
- Sunday, June 23: An Old-Time Family Picnic after Church

4.8 Moving Forward (follow-up to the Council retreat) – Baby-Steps Committee report:

- Lindy, Ian, Rob and Carla met on November 30 and plan to meet monthly – next meeting on January 11
- Lord’s Prayer: a different one is being used every Sunday in Advent
- A second reading not from the Bible has been added to Sunday services
- The tables at the back of the church have been rearranged
- Music: Bryan LeGrow, Ian Kellogg and Jan Hodge are meeting in January to look at music selections
- The format of the Time of Response to the sermon is being varied
- This is Us: on January 6 and 20 ideas from the Unbelievable book study will be discussed and on January 13 Rob will talk about a congregational workshop to be held on January 14 to do further work on our vision statement as follow-up to the Council retreat
- Monday discussion nights on Feb. 4, 11, 25 led by Joyce Madsen and Claire Woodbury based on three books

4.9 Ministry & Personnel Committee update:

- Francisco informed us that Liliana is now totally responsible for supervision Laura
- Report from the doctor indicated that Laura has completely recovered from her injury

4.10 Overview of MWUC for New Church Development Committee

- **see attachment #3**

4.11 Intercultural Ministry proposal (**see attachment #4**)

- This is in regard to a request by Edmonton Presbytery for Mill Woods United Church to provide office space and the payroll processing required to continue the Intercultural Ministry that is presently provided by Edmonton Presbytery, beginning in January 2019, as recorded in the Council minutes of November 13, 2018.
- The information in this attachment was sent to Edmonton Presbytery and the new Northern Spirit Region and is awaiting their response.

5 New Business

5.1 Minister's report: Ian

- A second, non-biblical reading and different translations of “The Lord’s Prayer” are added to the Sunday morning gatherings for Advent
- Council’s “Baby Steps” group, along with Worship Committee, should be a good resource for further innovations in 2019
- My first worship service at the new Mill Woods seniors’ residence, Sakaw Terrace, will be on December 13

5.2 Special Christmas offering: (**attachment #5**)

Motion 18/19-55: that the following will be communicated regarding the Christmas offering: This year the council of Mill Woods United Church has decided not to designate any one group or charity for our Christmas special offering. If you are in a position to give a special financial gift at this time, we would like to suggest the following:

- **Make a gift to a charity of your choice which you feel is doing good work and you want to support.**
- **Consider giving an additional gift to Mill Woods United Church's local operating fund. This is the fund that allows our congregation to support the many, many outreach projects we are involved in within our community.**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the good work being done in our community.

- **Moved by Rob McPhee, seconded by Bill McGregor**
- **Carried**

5.3 Staff wage increases:

Motion 18/19-56: to approve staff wage increases of 1.6% as of 2019, as recommended by the United Church of Canada.

- **Moved by Francisco Rico, seconded by Bill McGregor**
- **Carried**

5.4 February council meeting:

- moved to February 26th to accommodate Ian.

5.5 Financial update:

- Offerings for the first two weeks of December have been healthy.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Following meeting: February 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment at 9:25 pm:

- **Motion 18/19-57: that the meeting be adjourned.**
 - **Moved by Laine Pickle**

Carla Janzen (Chair)

Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward)

Attachments are filed with a paper copy of these minutes in the office:

1. Cleaning & Maintenance Schedule
2. Social activities for 2018-2019
3. Overview of Mill Woods United Church
4. Intercultural Ministry and Mill Woods United Church
5. Special offerings