

Wesley United Church

Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 2018

7:00 – Call to Order

Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

Minutes

Present:

	Name	Position on Council
	Stephanie Dove	President
	David Kyle	Past President
	Dan Holbrow	Vice-President
R	Valerie Stimpson	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division - Coordinator
	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division - Coordinator
	Cindy Bourgeois	Minister
	Linda Gunningham	Presbytery Representative
	June Blau	Presbytery Representative
R	vacant	Presbytery Representative
	Al Goudie	Secretary
	Sheila Roske	Worship Division - Coordinator
R	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division - Coordinator
	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
R	Glenn Schmuland	Accounting Convener

R = Regrets P = Partial

1. Call to order – Stephanie welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Opening reflection: Jim Chernick
3. Approval of agenda
Additions under New Business: Pastoral oversight visit; Wesley 60th Anniversary; Stewardship report.
Motion 2018-31: That the agenda be approved as amended. M/S Al Goudie/Dan Holbrow - carried.
4. Approval of minutes
Motion 2018-32: That the minutes of the meeting of June 20 2018 be adopted as amended, the amendment being: Motion 2018-29 becomes 2018-30.
M/S June Blau/Sheila Roske – carried.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - Financial statements
 - President & Minister’s reports
 - Correspondence
 - o Email from CGIT
 - o Email from UCC: Office of Vocation Ministers Appointed
 - Committee reports
 - o Worship - **removed from consent agenda.** Sheila reported Worship Committee met in August. She was approached by Whitmore Park about various things including banner and organ – we don’t need any banners; Sarah and Alison looked at the organ and concluded our organ was better than Whitmore Park’s. The committee looked at the bulletins, decided not to order any more bulletins and to print fewer per Sunday. We want people to use the power point screens and use less paper. Sheila asked Council members to encourage attendees to use the screens. The intent is to eliminate the bulletins except for those who need large print. Planning for Cindy’s sabbatical is well in hand.
 - o Christian Education – no report.
 - o Administration and Finance
 - o Ministry and Personnel - **removed from consent agenda.** Tessa reported on payment for pulpit supply – several churches pay the full

ministerial amount of \$209 regardless of designation. **Motion 2018-33: That In the case of pulpit supply for the remainder of 2018, non-ministerial personnel should be paid \$209 per provision of a whole worship service.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Sheila Roske - carried

- o Treasurer – no report
- o Pastoral Care – no report
- o Social Justice – no report
- o Presbytery – no report
- Update from the staff – no report

Motion 2018-34: That the consent agenda and the reports of the Worship Committee and Ministry and Personnel Committee which were removed from the consent agenda be approved. M/S Linda Gunningham/Frances Goudie – carried.

6. Business arising from past meetings

6.1 Refugee update: Stephanie read Kathy Blais' report, which will be circulated with the minutes. Good progress is being made with the family.

6.2 Affirming celebration: September 23 at Sunday service. Members of the committee will serve communion. Lynn Caldwell will give the message. Lunch to follow.

6.3 CGIT update: An email was received that CGIT will be meeting at Knox Met.

6.4 Admin and Finance report: Jim has a template for budget preparation, which he will email to the coordinators of the relevant committees. Committees need to submit budgets by November 15. The range hood in the kitchen collects moisture which drips when in use. This is both a safety and health hazard.

Motion 2018-35: To approve an expenditure of approximately \$3,600 to upgrade the range hood fan in the kitchen. M/S June Blau/Sheila Roske – carried.

6.5 Parking Lot update: June reported that City bylaws do not permit us to rent parking lot spaces. Admin & Finance recommends refunding the 3 who paid for rent and letting them park for free for the year – agreed.

7. New Business

- 7.1 Living our Mission and Vision statements: let it guide us. Cindy reminds us that we need to be leaders and let our Mission and Vision statements guide us.
- 7.2 Create partnerships with organizations that we have been donating to: David Kyle spoke about doing business differently. Rather than simply giving money to various worthy charities we should create relationships with recipients. David will discuss this concept with the Divisions (CE, Social Justice, Pastoral Care) so they will be guided in the preparation of their budgets.
- 7.3 Pastoral Oversight Visit: Cam Fraser and Sue Briesch have requested a visit with Council at our October meeting – agreed.
- 7.4 Wesley 60th Anniversary: June and Linda G reported that this milestone will be celebrated on October 21 at Sunday worship.
- 7.5 Stewardship: Linda G reported that the committee is planning a phone blitz Monday October 1, some in the afternoon and some in the evening and asked for volunteers.
8. Past President and Vice-President’s report – no report
9. Next meeting (Oct 24, 2018); need volunteer for reflection – Frances volunteered.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Stephanie at 8:38.

Stephanie Dove, President

Al Goudie, Secretary

Refugee Report from Kathy Blais

Hi Stephanie, here is the latest update I have:

Ahmad is taking English classes at Sask Polytechnic. They moved him up a level because his English is excellent. He sometimes volunteers at the Huda (Muslim) school where his brother- and sister-in-law work. He is also studying the Driver's Handbook so that he can pass his driver's test. He has an international driver's license that he is currently using, and his brother-in-law has given him a car to use. He drives the two younger kids to the Huda school each day.

Mona is taking English classes at the College Avenue campus. The middle daughter, Tasneem, is in the same class. They can walk from their townhouse to the campus.

The eldest daughter, Sana, is taking English classes at Sask Polytechnic. She has purchased a monthly student bus pass, although sometimes she goes with her dad in the car. Sana's English is very good - she has a business degree from Istanbul.

The youngest daughter, Sedra, completed high school with excellent marks in Turkey, but she needs to upgrade her English so she is currently enrolled at the Huda school along with her younger brother, Abdulkarim.

The family is very eager to improve their English and find employment or further their education. They are very friendly and sociable, and extremely grateful for the support that Wesley and Sunset have provided for them.