

**Wesley United Church**  
 Council Meeting – Tuesday March 15, 2017  
 7:30 pm – Kitchen Lounge

*Wesley United Church is a community of Jesus Christ,  
 nurturing spiritual growth, pursuing social action,  
 loving and caring for ourselves and others.*

**Minutes**

Present:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position on Council</b>
	Phil Seigny	President
	Kent Stewart	Past President
	David Kyle	Vice-President
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division - Coordinator
	Cindy Bourgeois	Minister
	Linda Gunningham	Presbytery Representative
	June Blau	Presbytery Representative
	Gordon Beck	Secretary
	Jim Chernick	Admin & Finance Division - Coordinator
	Cintra Kanhai	Treasurer
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
R	Vacant	Worship Division - Coordinator
	Valerie Stimpson	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
R	Francis Goudie	Christian Education Division - Coordinator

R = Regrets

Call to order - Phil called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

1. Opening reflection: Kent Stewart provided a prayer about retirement
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. **Motion 2017-12** Moved by Linda G, Seconded by June B - That agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Remove sentence beginning "It was recognized .... before Wesley would have to close/amalgamate."
  - b. **Motion 2017-13** Moved by Kent, seconded by Linda G that the minutes be adopted with the above correction. **CARRIED**
4. Correspondence
  - a. Letter from Leslie Beck on behalf of the Regina Ski Club and Cross Country Saskatchewan thanking Wesley for the rental of the Wesley Space for their banquet. Many compliments were received on the space and the accessible

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washrooms for the paranordic athletes.

5. Business arising from past meetings
  - a. Spiritual Path Project Updates - Progressing well with positive comments. Convergence Summit Meeting on April 30.
  - b. Remits - There will be time for congregation Q and A at the Annual Program Meeting in June.
  - c. Volunteer Recruitment - Kent agreed to give a Wesley Minute on volunteering on March 19.
  - d. Expense Approvals - Phil emphasized that expense authorizations must be signed and processed in a timely manner.
  
6. New Business
  - a. Social Media - discussion re: number of hits (15,000) on the Wesley Facebook Page. David Kyle agreed to write up a “one pager” potential communications strategy.
  
7. Committee Updates
  - a. Minister – Cindy Bourgeois
    - i. Two baptisms soon.
    - ii. Wesley Word coming along and will be published soon.
    - iii. Cindy will speak in Cuba in May and will be away for 2 Sundays.
  - b. Worship Committee – Sarah Stubbe is practicing with the organ and getting ready to take lessons.
  - c. Christian Education - Annual Program Meeting will be June 11 and the Sunday School wrap up Program on June 4.
  - d. Ministry and Personnel
    - i. Cindy going to Cuba and M & P recommends this trip. Council gives their support. Trip will be funded by Mission & Service with support from Presbytery.
  - e. Administration and Finance
    - i. Working on Parking Policy
    - ii. Got first two donations via Canada Helps. You can donate using a Credit Card and therefore get Air Miles using Canada Helps. Wesley pays a small percentage to Canada Helps for their services and they issue the charitable donation receipt.

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- f. Treasurer - Cintra provided letter from the Auditor. The letter indicated Wesley Accounting procedures were good. Auditor comment re: capitalized items will be discussed at the admin & Finance meeting. The auditor's letter is attached as Appendix A.
    - i. **Motion: 2017-14:** Moved by Cintra, Seconded by Linda P that the financial reports for both January and February be approved. **CARRIED**
  - g. Pastoral Care
    - i. Wesley Curling will be on Mar 25 and WP and Sunset are to be on Mar 25.
    - ii. Barb is pleased with Clare Parker House.
    - iii. Planning a newcomers' luncheon.
    - iv. Norma Quinn is doing a good job with Women's Group.
    - v. Next Meeting is April 23.
  - h. Presbytery
    - i. Presbytery Executive had a meeting at Wesley last week and agreed to support Cindy's trip to Cuba.
    - ii. Next meeting at East Side in April.
  - i. Past President - nothing to report
  - j. Vice-President - visited Edmonton and attended a church where 4 congregations just joined together.
  - k. President - talk of a social justice potluck in the spring because last fall's event was very good.
8. **Motion 2017-15:** Moved by Kent, Seconded by Linda G that we accept the above division reports. **CARRIED**
9. Next Meeting - April 19, 2017
- a. Reflection - June B
10. Adjournment - Phil adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

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Phil Sevigny, President

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Gordon Beck, Secretary

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**Appendix A - Letter from the Wesley Auditor**

To the Council of Wesley United Church:

I have completed my review of the year end financial information for Wesley United Church as at December 31, 2016 and the year then ending. I found a couple of errors, which I will discuss below, but they are not material to the financial records of the organization, just to the financial reporting to the congregation. I will also provide a few recommendations I have based on what I saw.

**Findings**

No significant findings to report.

**Recommendations**

As in prior years, there still seems to be no policy around a threshold amount for additions to capital assets, but you may want to consider setting an internal policy such as anything over \$1,000, as there were amounts less than \$600 included as capital additions in the year.

Yours truly,

Craig Van Eyck, CA